

**PITTSFIELD TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES(DRAFT)
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.

Pledge: Led by Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing-Supervisor:Present
AJ Digsby-Councilman: Present
Liam Keyes-Councilman: Present

Kelly York-Councilwoman:Absent
Jeff Galley-Councilman: Present

Others Present: Sandy Clapperton (Town Clerk), James Wing (Highway Superintendent), Charles Koop, Jerry Madsen, Justin Weidman, Kaylee Weidman, Cindy Taren, Becky Ritchey.

Community member concerns and/or statements.

It was brought up that the Historical Quilt has not been placed back on the wall. This is a public concern.

Cindy Taren asked if there was any movement regarding the speed study on County Route 13. Jim Wing had contacted Rich, and he hadn't heard back from him. Jim will reach out to Rich on Wednesday. There have been a lot of complaints regarding the County Route 13 and County Route 18 intersection. Cindy has volunteered to help with obtaining signatures if needed.

Assessor – Sherri Falcone
The revaluation is happening.

Ambulance

We received their proposed budget which they are proposing an increase from \$7500 to \$7650 for a 6-month contract beginning January 1, 2024 through June1, 2024.

Resolution #38- Accept and sign a 6-month contract in the amount of \$7650 for ambulance service from New Berlin ambulance.

Motion: Jeff Galley **Seconded:** Liam Keyes **Carried:** 4/0/1

Fire Department – Chief Tim Lidell

Received his report. We are still waiting for their proposed budget

Justice – Hon. Gary Carson

It was previously discussed about the quilt. He has possessions that are still being stored in the public area.

Grants and Comprehensive Plan – Liam Keyes

Shelby received information that a grant is available for pedestrian trails.

Planning Board – Jim Austin

- Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Jim Austin, Paul Stein, Larry Keeneberg and Tom Golden.

The board members reviewed Christopher Simkins' application documents and found no issues or unresolved matters. A public hearing was scheduled for the Simkins subdivision during their next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

-Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2023

Members present were Jim Austin and Tom Golden

Chairman Austin opened the public hearing for the Simkins subdivision. No members of the public attended, and the hearing was closed.

Not having sufficient members to conduct business, Austin told Simkins he would have to come back in October. Simkins stated he may want to reconfigure the plot map and would be meeting with his surveyor and return on October 17th.

The board then spoke with Mark Davis who is interested in subdividing property.

The mother and children of the late Andrew Boss attended the meeting to discuss subdividing their property.

Robin and Ron Wyman wish to subdivide a property and they were given the information to start the process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Transfer Station- Jeff Galley

White goods day was on September 30th. Some community members stated that they were not aware of this. It has been in the Town meeting minutes since January and was posted on our website.

County Rep – Jerry Madsen

- Pittsfield currently has 3 properties from last year that are up for foreclosure with the county. They have not been sold yet.

- The county has opted out regarding taxes on the Solar farms on October 4th, 2023. This only covers the county tax levy, not the towns. It gives them the right to negotiate.

- Jerry wants to remind everyone about strategic planning. Please respond to the questionnaire on the County website.

- Otsego County has road maps available for \$2.00.

Town Clerk – Sandra Clapperton

To date 34 hunting licenses have been sold. Becky Ritchey was introduced to the Board as the new Deputy Town Clerk. She will be starting in January 2024.

Financials

A workshop was held on October 5th, 2023 at the Town office building to discuss the preliminary budget. The preliminary budget will be posted on our website, posted on the board outside, and there will be copies at the town clerk's office for your review. This is just an overview for the community. The taxes are not going up, they are actually going down this year. There was a significant increase last year in taxes, so the Board worked very hard to not increase the taxes for 2024.

Resolution# 39 - Hold a public hearing for the preliminary budget on November 14, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Town office building.

Motion: Jeff Galley **Seconded:** AJ Digsby **Carried:** 4/0/1

Other Business

Our NYCLASS is doing well. We are at 5.26%. It's held high, which is great for us. We've made close to \$60,000 in interest so far this year.

2023 election is on November 7th, 2023. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. On the ballot for Pittsfield – 2 Council positions, Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, Town Judge, County Representative, and Town Clerk. Election Day information will be placed on our website.

Approval of vouchers for September 2023

Highway - \$219,290.02

General - \$1978.80

Transfer Station - \$2,182.00

Motion to approve vouchers and pay bills

Motion: Liam Keyes **Seconded:** AJ Digsby **Carried:** 4/0/1

Approval of Board meeting minutes from September 2023

Motion: Liam Keyes **Seconded:** AJ Digsby **Carried:** 4/0/1

Request for Executive Session to discuss personnel after this Board meeting

Motion: Jeff Galley **Seconded:** AJ Digsby **Carried:** 4/0/1

Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:03 p.m.

Motion: AJ Digsby **Seconded:** Liam Keyes **Carried:** 4/0/1

Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting were taken and typed by Sandra Clapperton, Town Clerk.