

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Mark Goodwin; Councilman Richard Musso; Councilman Michael Yastremski; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Attorney Jennifer Prossick; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Town Clerk Erica Giambra; and Bookkeeper Rebecca Kirch.

Bill Weber took a moment of reflection to speak of the recent passing of 2 Pulteney residents, Richard Liebe and James Hallahan. Richard received his PHD in Geology and taught at Binghamton for 34 years. During the local hydrofracking craze, Richard was an incredible help for his knowledge and clarity of the situation. In the summer he resided at Roff point. James was a remarkable man who had a wide range of friends from young to old. He served as a mentor to many. He had a love for jeeps, Newfoundland's, and sailing. James enjoyed being the Commodore of the Keuka Yacht Club- Coffee Club. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. and a retired electrician. Both will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2016 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig asked the Board if they had any questions/comments regarding the profit and loss statements and/or balance sheet. With no questions/comments, Supervisor Illig noted there were no transfers this month.

Councilman Goodwin made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to pay General Bills in the amount of \$5,402.51 being voucher No. 16-236 and vouchers No. 16-237 to No. 16-257. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig commented there was nothing noteworthy or atypical for General expenses this month with the exception of a cemetery sale (from the 90's) refund.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$154,435.20 being voucher No. 16-199 and vouchers No. 16-200 to No. 16-231. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig noted the main expense this month for Highway was a payment for \$120,000.00 for the new Highway truck.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$5,339.10 being vouchers No. 16-104 to No. 16-105 and vouchers No. 16-106 to No. 16-118. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expense for Water this month was the repair to the chlorine analyzer.

Regarding reports, Clerk Giambra noted as a reminder, Friday is Veteran's Day and thanked all those who have and continue to serve. Clerk Giambra asked Election Inspector Nancy Cole to report on the totals from yesterday, Election Day. In Pulteney, we have approx. 900 registered voters, in which 675 came out to vote, therefore it was an outstanding turnout overall. The Library vote passed with 546 yes and 93 no votes. Councilman Yastremski (1 year term) and Town Justice Mary Hope Benedict (4 year

term) were elected/re-elected. Nancy stated it was a wonderful community atmosphere and great effort on behalf of everyone involved.

The Highway Department, Municipal Services, Water Department, DCO, and Justice reports were all available to review.

Aside from his report, Municipal Services Manager Lauren Welch stated he hasn't heard back from the State regarding the required testing he underwent last month, but is assuming all is well. He also commented he has been busy reviewing and issuing building permits.

Water Operator Chuck Dluzak commented, along with his report, the Water Dept. added a new battery backup system in master meter with better electrical surge protection. The backup system is thru Empire. We have had recent surge issues in Branchport tripping the previous backup and causing the internet to drop. This new system should prevent any further issues regarding this matter.

Highway Supt. Gibson provided his monthly report, adding they have finished grading roads, hauled in sand (winter) and stone (next year's projects), and have been getting snow equipment ready. The scheduled paving project with Blades, out of Hornell, was supposed to occur last week and did not, so far hasn't this week, and if it doesn't happen next week, the project will have to go into next spring as the most important factor in paving is weather. The project consists of a portion of County Route 74 to the intersection at Gloades Corners Road to the intersection at Stone Road. They also will be putting down binder on CR74 and Thomas Road to the Amish schoolhouse. As long as we have a light winter and can save budgeted funds on overtime, diesel fuel, salt, etc. the department can use those funds to connect the dots in between. Highway Supt. Gibson provided an equipment replacement plan to the Board. Among 17 pieces of equipment, it was determined they have an estimated total value of \$918,000.00. This is quite an impressive number and we are fortunate to have this equipment to work with.

Supervisor Illig reported he recently spoke with Historian Ray Emery. It is difficult for Ray to work in the "Historian area" at the Town Hall, so Supervisor Illig stated he will be attempting to make the space more assessable for Ray. Although he did not provide a monthly report, Ray has been posting portions of a journal on Facebook that is being well received.

For the Supervisor report, Supervisor Illig wanted to extend his congratulations and thanks to both Councilman Yastremski and Justice Benedict regarding the election results.

Regarding the Council report, Councilman Burns acknowledged there is a restricted account used for the donations honoring Barb Welles, however she stated Steuben Senior Services, a non for profit agency, has also collected funds to honor Barb and her love of gardening and the Pulteney Community Garden. Councilman Burns is requesting, if possible, that we combine the accounts to do a more significant job in honoring Barb through a bench or gazebo. Senior Services are willing to write the Town a check to add to our previously established restricted account. Attorney Prossick stated this is completely acceptable, as long as the Board passes a Resolution accepting the donation. The Board will follow up with this matter at the December meeting.

Supervisor Illig commented he spoke with our webmaster regarding the outdated (10 years or older) website. He is going to redesign the website so Clerk Giambra is able to directly post the agenda, approved minutes, and other important information so it can

be viewed in a timely manner and be updated on a regular basis. Supervisor Illig has a call in checking on the progress, which as of tonight's meeting, he had not heard back. We are hoping around the end of November to have the system updated.

Highway Supt./Planning Board Chairman Gibson noted there are 2 subdivision applications up for review at the November 14th Planning Board meeting. Clerk Giambra will make copies of the State Solar Model Law to further discuss solar power and accepted procedures. A representative from Steuben County Planning and Development was to attend the November meeting, however has since rescheduled to December.

Supervisor Illig reported the Zoning Board has 1 hearing scheduled for November 15th. This meeting/hearing is coinciding with the monthly library meeting, therefore the library meeting will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church starting at 6pm.

At 7:30pm Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to recess the regular meeting and enter into a scheduled public hearing regarding the 2017 Town Preliminary Budget. All in favor. Carried.

The Preliminary budget was made available for the public, in which Supervisor Illig asked if there were any public comments, questions, and/or suggestions. Bill Weber commented he wanted to applaud Supervisor Illig and Bookkeeper Kirch for doing a great job with the budget and what they had to work with regarding the difficult State standards/tax cap. Supervisor Illig (as stated in October) recommended a 4% increase to all employees with the exception of Justice, Supervisor, Town Board, Attorney (\$1,280.00 increase accounted for), and Assessor. For the Highway budget, Supervisor Illig proposed a 4% increase, for 2017, as well to all employees. Councilman Musso had Bookkeeper Kirch review and explain various reallocations within the General budget. Councilman Musso requested the Board enter into an executive session. Supervisor Illig asked the public if they had any further comments or questions, in which there were none. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to recess the regular meeting and enter into an executive session prior to voting on the adoption of the preliminary budget. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adopt the 2017 Preliminary budget as presented. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out this budget does not address the situation of the tennis courts, as previously mentioned at the last several meetings. The first of the year the Board will seriously look into and work on a solution to the issue at hand of making sure the courts are safe.

Under old business, regarding the Highway Committee update, Councilman Musso stated the Board has 3 maps available to them drawn up by Councilman Yastremski that lays out which roads are black top, oil & stone, and gravel. It has been determined ideally 11.2 miles need to be sealed. Now its just a matter of how we will fund this project whether it be thru grants or what other funding is available. Clerk Giambra sent the maps to Steuben County Commissioner of Public Works, Vince Spagnoletti. He will combine all 3 to make a larger scale map. Councilman Musso

stated the County is behind us 100% in supporting this project and they have grant writers available. Councilman Musso has been working directly with County Legislator Mike Hanna. Grants become available in the spring, therefore Councilman Musso recommends we table the topic till early spring. In the meantime, he will look into workshops and information regarding which grants will become available. It is up to Highway Supt. Gibson and the Dept. which roads out of the 11.2 miles will be done first. Stay tuned.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig reported Councilman Goodwin, himself and our 3 union Highway workers met to discuss the union contract and negotiations for the next 3 years as the current contract expires at the end of 2016. Supervisor Illig noted he should have specifically invited Highway Supt. Gibson to join as well in the negotiations. The meeting involved a phone conference with the union representative. The negotiations proposed a raise increase of 4% in 2017, 2% in 2018, and 2% in 2019. Also due to clothing cost increase, is an increase of \$50.00 (from \$150 to \$200) for safety shoes. The Board will review the proposed union contract and will act on at the December 14th meeting.

Supervisor Illig announced there was a recent issue with a water leak and he potentially overstepped his authority regarding a customers water bill. He explained from time to time customers in our water district have leaks and it is the Town policy that if a leak does occur it is the customers responsibility to pay for the leak. Water Operator Dluzak described this particular situation in which this was a seasonal residence and the customer nor the Town detected there was an issue with a leak. It was on the customer side of the meter. The customer usually has a minimal water charge, which when he received a much higher than usual bill led to the discovery of the leak. The customer hired a contractor to repair the leak and reached out to Water Operator Dluzak to see if the Town could do anything regarding this higher bill amount. Supervisor Illig instructed W.O. Dluzak to disregard the higher bill and charge the normal quarterly charge. Supervisor Illig stated there are a small amount of exceptions where we should act as what we are a government service, not a business. W.O. Dluzak noted customers have leaks all the time so how do we draw the line and differentiate for some and not others. Even with all the normal leaks, this is a rare situation with this being the first bill dispute at least in 2 years. Supervisor Illig stated in the future if there is a grievance, he along with W.O. Dluzak and Municipal Services Manager Welch will talk with the individual involved, collect all pertinent data, and bring the grievance to the Board and will act accordingly from there.

Clerk Giambra reported she emailed Debbie Muller and the Glen View survey should be completed before Thanksgiving. Once finished a report of the survey will be given.

Supervisor Illig announced the 2nd annual Town Christmas luncheon will be December 15th at noon at the Town Hall. JB's Bar and Grill will be catering the luncheon and Clerk Giambra will send out a reminder email and RSVP prior to the event.

Speaking of holidays, Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Supervisor Illig to celebrate a holiday in the Town the same day as the actual holiday. It was noted on Facebook that individuals were not happy that the Town held Halloween Trick or Treat on a Saturday rather than on the actual holiday, which was Monday as

most other Towns did. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig had Clerk Giambra read the following:

A Resolution to Honor Alise Irwin

Whereas, Alise Irwin has been a long time resident of the Town of Pulteney and;

Whereas, Alise has led a life of service to our community and;

Whereas, Alise has been an example to all who know her and;

Whereas, Alise has made the decision to relocate to Penn Yan, NY,

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED by action of the Pulteney Town Board at the November 9, 2016 meeting that forever and always Alise Irwin is hereby a honorary member of the Town of Pulteney and is entitled to all rights and privileges as a honorary resident of the Town; Be it further RESOLVED that Alise Irwin shall be a honored guest at the 2nd Annual Town of Pulteney Christmas Luncheon in December.

Signed _____

Mark Illig, Supervisor, Town of Pulteney, NY

Signed _____

Mark Goodwin, Town Board Member

Signed _____

Richard Musso, Town Board Member

Signed _____

Michael Yastremski, Town Board Member

Signed _____

Kathleen Burns, Town Board Member

Dated: November 9, 2016

One of the honors Supervisor Illig stated he receives in his position is the great pleasure of meeting the "real" people of Pulteney, in which he and the Board believe Alise Irwin is in fact one of those honorable giving people. Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to adopt this Resolution, have the Board sign and present to Alise. All in favor. Carried.

Under public comments, Nancy Cole mentioned how community members on Election Day stated how nice and professional the Town Hall looks since the revamp. It seemed everyone was sincerely pleased. With nothing further from the public, and no need to re-enter into an executive session, Supervisor Illig wanted to thank all those for attending and their welcomed comments. He announced the Board will be conducting their quarterly audit/review in which all who desire can stay.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Town Clerk