

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 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; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Jennifer Prossick; Bookkeeper Rebecca Kirch; and Town Clerk Erica Giambra.

Bill Weber took a moment to honor and recognize the recent passing of Warner Horton one of Pulteney's vanishing true farmers. Warner was a Veteran of the Armed Services and resided near the corner of Brown and Town Line Rd. Bill remembered that it was Warner that actually gave the Town an easement so they could place a Welcome to Pulteney sign. He will be fondly remembered and missed by many. Bill also gave an update on Dr. Al Wahlig, who has been in Strong Memorial Hospital for the last month, that he is doing a little better and should be able to move from the ICU to another facility soon.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2017 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

The balance sheets and profit/loss statements were made available to review. Supervisor Illig asked if there were any questions or concerns in which there were none.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to pay General Bills in the amount of \$13,318.57 being vouchers No. 17-49 to No. 17-69. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out the main expensive vouchers this month in General were for the annual KWIK and KLOC dues. Supervisor Illig explained KWIK, which oversees the septic systems on Keuka lake, recently was able to cut their budget in half by hiring Yates County Soil and Water vs. paying employees hourly to maintain. Usually the KWIC budget is approved around August allowing each Town to allocate into their own budget. Each Town pays the same dues. KLOC, which manages the outlet in Penn Yan, assesses each Town lake frontage to formulate their dues. Councilman Musso requested a copy of the KWIC and KLOC budgets. Supervisor Illig stated he will provide the Board via email.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$11,759.15 being vouchers No. 17-41 to No. 17-57. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$25,416.57 being vouchers No. 17-25 to No. 17-35. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expense in the Water District is the scheduled payments to the Town of Jerusalem and the Village of Penn Yan for the expense of water and delivery.

Supervisor Illig stated there are no transfers this month.

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

Clerk Giambra reported as of today, she has collected a little over 2 ½ million dollars within 1,437 tax bills, 268 tax bills remain to be paid. For March, there is now a

2% penalty with March 31st being the last day of collection. All payments after March 31st must be paid to Steuben County.

Municipal Services Manager Welch commented along with his report, the Dep't is very busy with several building applications.

Water Operator Dluzak stated the Water Dept. has been fairly quiet. He assisted the Highway Dept. in replacing the playground basketball backboards so they are ready for spring. He stated there has been interest from local kids to help paint the poles, which would be great. Chuck also commented that he is waiting to hear back from the DOT and shared services regarding possibly filling in the cracks on both the tennis and basketball courts, which again would be great and a huge help! Councilman Musso asked how safe the courts are at this time and if they pose a liability to the Town. It was agreed that the basketball court is safe and Supervisor Illig and Highway Supt. Gibson will assess the safety of the tennis courts and report back to the Board.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported finally the new truck is here and in service! Auctions International is coming to take pictures of the 1995 GMC to be placed for online bidding. There is an unexpected large culvert pipe on Town Line Rd. that needs replaced. Steuben County Soil and Water Dept. will assist with the project. It is a shared road with the Town of Prattsburgh so they will need to contribute a portion of the cost to replace the culvert. There is a gas pipe that runs across the culvert pipe so Highway Supt. Gibson has been in contact with a company out of Oklahoma to ensure it is ok to cut the pipe with no problems to repair the culvert pipe. Both Towns will need to change one of their planned projects for the year as this was not budgeted for. Highway Supt. Gibson is hoping around April 1st to get started with the replacement. The Dept. is still plowing and sanding with more expected in the next week.

In talking with Assessor Dave Oliver, Supervisor Illig reported there has been some difficulties with agriculture exemptions, in which the deadline was March 1st. Also, the STAR program has changed and is now controlled by the state rather than local Assessor offices, therefore individuals have had issues regarding that exemption as well.

Supervisor Illig commented we did not receive a monthly report from Historian Ray Emery, but he is maintaining his work with the Facebook page he started and everyone should check it out.

The new website is up and running. Supervisor Illig reported the upgrade and training has been completed. Clerk Giambra will now be able to post the monthly agenda, approved Board minutes, important current news and updates. Clerk Giambra mentioned the Board member phone numbers as requested are now up on the website. The Town Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law have also been updated. Supervisor Illig stated the invoice for the website upgrade was incredibly reasonable and we thank the webmaster profusely.

Under the council report, Councilman Musso announced he recently went to a training at the fire academy in Montour Falls and the NYS Fireman's Association is looking for assistance from local government bodies to endorse expanding cancer coverage to volunteer firefighters. As it is now, only on the job injuries such as burns are covered. It is presumptive in nature that if a firefighter is diagnosed with cancer, it came from their line of work. This of course is quite difficult to prove, which is why cancer is currently not covered. Councilman Musso requests the Board review the handout the NYS Fireman's Association provided and get their opinion at the April Board meeting in

regards to if they would be willing to support expanding the proposed coverage. The Board agreed and Supervisor Illig stated it will be placed on the agenda for April if the Town Board wants to offer an endorsement from the Town of Pulteney.

Supervisor Illig stated there is a Planning Board meeting Monday, March 13th at 7:30pm with 2 hearings scheduled. The Zoning Board of Appeals has not met this year and Manager Welch is not aware of anything in the future.

Under old business, Supervisor Illig reported there is a Town Health Officer vacancy. He is in the process of confirming potential candidates and will report back in April.

Regarding the Memorial Day celebration that Councilman Burns is heading, along with the assistance of Councilman Yastremski, there are no new updates as of today, other than she has a call into Dan Radigan to discuss having the celebration afterwards at the Fire Hall. She will report further in April.

Continuing with old business, as stated earlier the new Highway truck has been delivered and is in service. The Highway Dept. will dispose of the 1995 GMC truck through Auctions International.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig stated the Planning Board has approved a solar ordinance that was to be brought to the Town Board, however after speaking with Attorney Prossick, the Board must first add solar/wind reference to the Town Comprehensive Plan prior to adopting any recommendation of a solar ordinance. Again, after discussing with Attorney Prossick, Supervisor Illig proposes to the Board that under Natural Resources in the Town Comprehensive Plan they add, "Work with the Planning Board and Town Officials to regulate the installation of solar and wind power systems to ensure installations are consistent with our goal to maintain our unique scenic resources." Supervisor Illig stated he purposely wrote as a vague, generic statement due to the regulation will be thru the ordinance. Councilman Musso questioned if the term "goal" needs to be specifically stated. He stated it is proper to address scenic resources but not necessarily state as a "goal". From the public, Nancy Cole commented having a goal of scenic beauty is key because of the large booming solar industry coming into the area. Councilman Musso requests to look at the entire Comprehensive Plan as a whole, study, and return to discussion at the April meeting. Supervisor Illig stated that is a fair request and reported it will be placed on the agenda for next month.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig reported there has been confirmation by an expert from Cornell Cooperative Extension, of an aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort, in Keuka Lake. It is a plant that appears to look like algae with thick corn-like stalks and grows in shallow water. It has been confirmed in the Keuka Lake outlet, and near Sugar Creek. The concern is since it is in the canal, it will spread into the entire lake when boats launch out of the canal. The local Towns are working with KWIC to apply for a grant to allow for resources to combat this invasive species. Harvesting the species is going to be the best and only legitimate way to combat. The grant amount is for \$120,000 and with the support of KWIC and the surrounding Towns, KWIC will be awarded the grant for control and removal of starry stonewort.

Speaking of KWIC, Supervisor Illig stated the upcoming meeting is here at the Town Hall in Pulteney, March 27th at 7:00 PM. He encouraged all interested to come, especially since the meeting is here, but also in light of this invasive species and they will be opening bids for masonry work on the outlet damn going along with their 3-year plan.

The 21st Annual Regional Leadership Conference at Corning Community College is Thursday, April 6, 2017. The Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board is in charge of the conference. Supervisor Illig stated it is the Town's tradition to pay the \$40.00 registration fee to those Town Officials/Board Members that are interested in attending. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to again this year pay the registration fee to those interested. All in favor. Carried. Clerk Giambra stated the deadline will be March 17th to inform her if interested and planning on attending.

Clerk Giambra stated it is that time of year to plan for the Town annual rabies clinic. She stated she spoke with Eastview Veterinary Clinic and confirmed they are able to provide a Veterinarian on Saturday, May 6th, 2017 from 9 AM-11 AM. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to approve the rabies clinic to be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 9 AM-11 AM at the Pulteney Town Barn, advertise in The Shopper and Town website, and provide payment to Eastview for the Veterinarian services. All in favor. Carried.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig commented he will be out of Town for the birth of his Grandchild on the next Town Board meeting date, April 12th. He suggested to the Board they reschedule the April meeting date or continue to hold on the 12th with his absence and have Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Musso conduct the meeting accordingly. The Board was open to change the meeting due to the importance of the agenda for April, specifically regarding the Town Comprehensive Plan, and that Supervisor Illig should be in attendance. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to reschedule the April Board meeting to Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM, advertise in the Town legal paper The Corning Leader and the Town website. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig reported that Congressman Tom Reed will be conducting one of his ongoing Town Hall meetings at the Pulteney Fire Hall Saturday, March 11th from 3-4 PM. They originally contacted Clerk Giambra to hold in the Town Hall, however due to the limited occupancy it was suggested the Fire Hall would be a more suitable venue. Highway Supt. Gibson asked if there were going to be police officers present, or at the very least in the area, just in case. Supervisor Illig commented that is a good point and he will contact Congressman Reed's office, as well as the Sheriff's Dept., to ensure there is police presence available.

Supervisor Illig wanted to mention the intent of when the new library is built, is to install a geothermal heating system. The library has invited the Town Hall to join, in essence piggybacking off them. The library would do the drilling of the wells, which involves the most financial investment, however the Town would support the library in becoming a customer and purchase heating for the Town Hall from the library.

Supervisor Illig stated he is bringing to the Board's attention now, however realistically this project will be years away. The library plans to hopefully begin construction in 2019. At that time, is when Supervisor Illig recommends the topic be brought back to the Board in moving forward with installation of geothermal heating for the Town Hall. The Board will also have to undertake a study of the future of the Town office spaces, if the Town moves all offices into the Town Hall vs. having the separate Town offices in the Ambulance building. It was asked about the progress of the library and how funding was coming along. Nancy Cole stated they are at about shortly less than 20% at this point,

still spinning their wheels with funding. They have met with Senator O'Mara and are going around to local businesses seeking funding. The projected amount needed for the new library building construction alone without the inside design is \$900,000.

Highway Supt. Gibson mentioned to the Board he would like to attend a 4-day training conference in Ellicottville the 3rd week of September this year. He stated the conference will be approx. \$800.00. Supervisor Illig stated for Supt. Gibson to submit to the Board the actual paperwork for approval, however as of now the Board endorses his attendance.

With no public comments or concerns, there was no need for an executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Town Clerk