

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Supervisor Illig stated he spoke with Election Inspector Nance Cole who was able to provide an unofficial summary of the General Election results from yesterday. Supervisor Illig reported the following results: For County Legislator (5th District) Michael Hanna received 1,180 votes (99.83%), Pulteney Town Clerk Erica Giambra 392 votes (99.24%), Pulteney Town Councilman Michael Yastremski 336 votes (60.22%), Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson 233 votes (52.36%), and the Pulteney Free Library Town Proposition 327 Yes votes (74.15%). Pulteney Town Supervisor and the 2nd seat for Pulteney Town Councilman will be calculated starting November 15th due to being a write-in vote. Supervisor Illig thanked and congratulated the winning elected officials. A special thank you also to Nancy and the other election inspectors for a long day and their service.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2017 regular Board meeting and October 23, 2017 special budget workshop. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig stated there are no transfers for this month.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to pay General Bills in the amount of \$5,008.40 being vouchers No. 17-218 to No. 17-237. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig commented all vouchers were overall routine with the exception of a voucher to Keeler Services for furnace repair/maintenance and a voucher to Richard Peer for an extra mowing/cutting service past the contract date. Supervisor Illig asked the Board if they had any questions. All denied.

Councilman Goodwin made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$55,240.97 being vouchers No. 17-208 to No. 17-229. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out the voucher to Key Government Finance Inc. is 1 of 3 payments for the lease to buy 2017 Peterbilt Highway truck. In addition, there were vouchers for a new salt brine tank and a roller rental.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$16,970.42 being vouchers No. 17-117 to No. 17-127. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expenses in the Water Dept. this month were the replacement of a failed meter and as previously approved a new laptop, software, and training.

Regarding the Profit/Loss Statements and Balance Sheets, Supervisor Illig commented the projected fund balances are tracking nicely for end of the year. In December we will receive approx. \$134,000 in CHIPS reimbursement. As in previous

years, the Board will hold a special year end meeting late December to clean up all bills for 2017. No comments or questions heard.

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

As a reminder, Clerk Giambra mentioned Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th and thank you to all those who have and continue to serve our Country. Also, thank you to the all the Pulteney residents that voted on Tuesday.

Municipal Services Manager Welch mentioned along with his report, the Dep't continues to be extremely busy. Several new construction projects, including replacement houses and continuation of incoming Planning and Zoning Board applications.

Water Operator Dluzak was present and stated there have been and continue to be several curbstop repairs. He is fixing on a as need basis in hopes the need will lessen and eventually cease. Repairing is costly to the Water Dept. and replacing with stainless steel in the future is a reasonable option.

Supervisor Illig reported he had checked in with Assessor Dave Oliver and all is well in his Department.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported they have been mowing roadsides and have all the plow equipment mounted and ready to go in the event of snow. They have hauled in sand, stone, and have been ditching. Highway Supt. Gibson mentioned the grader would not start today so they had to order a fuel pump that is the size of a cap but is \$712.00. He also wanted to thank all the residents that helped him get re-elected.

Supervisor Illig stated the next Planning Board meeting is November 13th with currently (1) hearing scheduled and (3) possible applications to review.

The next Zoning Board meeting is November 21st with (1) hearing scheduled.

At 7:25pm Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to recess the regular meeting and enter into a scheduled public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 2 of the year 2017 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig explained, as stated at both the October Board meetings, by proposing to raise taxes 3% this will override the tax cap making it necessary for the Board to adopt this Local Law. Clerk Giambra appropriately published and advertised, therefore after due notice, Supervisor Illig asked the public if they had any questions. Bill Weber stated it was his opinion the Board did their best with this budget and due to State regulations inevitably forced the need to adopt this Local Law. Carolyn Kenjarski asked if this 3% increase is a single event or annual? Supervisor Illig stated due to the proposed budget adding a Highway employee in June, there is a need to raise taxes 3% this year (2018) and 3% in 2019 (keeping that everything stays the same from 2018 to 2019). By hiring a full-time employee, this will have an approx. 7% effect on the tax rate. Being an excellent question, Supervisor Illig asked if there were any further questions from the public and/or Board. None being heard, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to close the public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017 and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to adopt Local Law No. 2 of the year 2017 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c and have Clerk Giambra send to the Secretary of State to be filed and

take effect. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to recess the regular meeting and enter into a scheduled public hearing regarding the proposed 2018 Preliminary Pulteney Town Budget. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig stated at the special budget workshop on October 23rd the proposed tentative budget was unanimously approved by the Board to adopt as the 2018 Preliminary Town Budget as presented tonight. The Preliminary budget was made available for the public. Supervisor Illig asked the Board if they had any questions. All denied. Supervisor Illig asked if there were any questions from the public. Bill Weber wanted to congratulate the Board in the hard task of preparing and adopting a suitable budget. Again, due to State regulations, the Board gets placed in a tough position. Supervisor Illig agreed, commenting in his term as Councilman, with Bill Weber as Supervisor, the budget never exceeded the tax cap. That being said, there comes a time where it is impossible to meet all limits and restrictions and the Board must do as needed. Supervisor Illig wanted to thank Bill for his comments and the Board for their efforts. Supervisor Illig asked if the public had any further comments/questions. None being heard, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to close the public hearing on the proposed Preliminary budget and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to adopt the 2018 Town of Pulteney Preliminary Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig again thanked the Board as he believes it is a fair and equitable budget in which adopting such budget is the most important task a Board has.

Based on adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2017 and adoption of the 2018 Town budget, Attorney Prossick stated the Board must adopt a Resolution authorizing exceeding the tax cap.

RESOLUTION

Town of Pulteney Adoption of Local Law #2 of 2017 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

WHEREAS, the Town of Pulteney wishes to adopt Local Law #2 of the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pulteney has reviewed and after due notice held a public hearing at the November 8, 2017 regular meeting of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Law is to override the 2.0% New York State tax cap for 2018 enabling the Board to adopt a budget with a 3.0% tax cap for 2018 in the Town of Pulteney; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Pulteney hereby adopts Local Law #2 of 2017 Tax Cap Override Law a copy of which is attached hereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to send the Law to be filed with the New York State Secretary of State and go into effect once filed.

Adopted the eighth day of November, 2017, at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pulteney.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adopt such Resolution.

Roll call Vote:

Councilman Musso- Yes
Councilman Yastremski- Yes
Councilman Burns- Absent
Councilman Goodwin- Yes
Supervisor Illig- Yes

Carried.

Under old business, Clerk Giambra and Bookkeeper Kirch gave an update regarding the Five Star consolidation. The transition for Bookkeeper Kirch is almost complete in hopes the entire process will be finalized by the end of the year.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig mentioned he and Bookkeeper Kirch have recently met with agents for NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) and local Sprague Insurance Agency. After discussing all factors, Supervisor Illig is having the agent review the current Town policy and specifically look at deductibles and how to maintain at a flat rate. Supervisor Illig stated there has not been a claim made in several years in thanks to good drivers, no flood/fire, etc. He believes it is worth taking a look at to ensure we are receiving the best policy at an affordable rate.

Supervisor Illig and Clerk Giambra announced the 3rd annual Town of Pulteney Christmas Luncheon will be Thursday, December 14th at noon at the Town Hall. It has been well received in the past and is a nice way for Town officials/employees/volunteers to get together during the holiday season.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig had planned to ask the Board members to join him at the next Prattsburgh library Board meeting (December 6th at 7pm) to discuss the situation with the new Prattsburgh library tax via the Prattsburgh School bill previously discussed at the last few Board meetings. Today, he received a call from Prattsburgh library President Kathy Zajchenko, in response to a letter he sent requesting to meet to discuss possible proposals to make more favorable for Pulteney residents now having to pay this additional tax. He stated she was very nice and was willing to meet. Supervisor Illig will report back with an update.

Supervisor Illig asked if there were any public comments or concerns at this time. None being heard, he stated there is no need for an executive session, however the Board will perform a quarterly audit/review. All are welcome to stay.

Once the quarterly audit was reviewed and satisfactorily completed, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

_____ Town Clerk