

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bill Weber took a moment of reflection to speak of recent Town passing's. With Ella Mueller's passing, Bill is reminded of her husband Fred, who passed in 2016. They were such a joy to visit with, speaking of their agricultural living without being concerned with the lake or zoning issues. They lived a good simple life on their farm house on Shuart Road. Ella would comment to Bill in recent years of the increasing traffic pattern on her road and the changes she has seen living in Pulteney. She was both interested and amused with the changes.

Eleanor Joan Putnam, Bill did not know, but she was Highway Supt. Gibson's Aunt. To everyone that knew her, she was known as Joan. She was the Sister of Junior Gibson and was born in South Pulteney in the area known to Bill as "Gibsonville". Terry added she was 1 of 5 children and eventually moved to Prattsburgh where he would spend quite a bit of time in his childhood. She was an extremely nice woman. Councilman Musso agreed mentioning she was 1 of his "den mother's" when he was in Cub Scouts and was always so caring and nice.

Russell (Russ) Cutshall was a guidance counselor and high school principal when Bill's sons were going to school in Hammondsport. He retired from HCS in 1984. He lived on Cross Street in the Stone house that Leslie Belsito lives in currently. Supervisor Illig has known Russ for over 30 years through their work with Boy Scouts. Mark is reminded of how much he loved his family, children, neighbors, and golf.

Supervisor Illig spoke of his dear friend and neighbor, Robert (Bob) Ross. He stated it was a privilege to live next to him and his wife Phyllis, who passed in 2017. They were the first people Mark, and his wife Chris, met when they moved here 10 years ago and became fast friends starting a Thursday Night Supper Club. Bob aged with humor and grace and truly was a remarkable man. He passed the day Mark and Chris left for an out of Town vacation.

They all will be will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2019 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to pay General Bills in the amount of \$6,227.16 being voucher No. 19-144 and vouchers No. 19-145 to No. 19-165. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out voucher 19-144 is to the Finger Lakes SPCA in the amount of \$400.00 as approved at the July 10, 2019 meeting to use their kennel services for the remainder of the year. The check was cut after the meeting, therefore it is included in the August payments. Remaining vouchers are overall routine.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$145,398.52 being vouchers No. 19-138 to No. 19-156. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes;

Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig stated the 2 expensive vouchers in the amount of \$51,194.11 and \$87,553.69 are for stone & oil and blacktop, which we will be reimbursed from CHIPS funding. Supervisor Illig asked Highway Supt. Gibson how much we will receive this year as the State has added a winter recovery amount of \$29,000. We should receive a total of approx. \$180,000 in CHIPS funding.

Councilman Goodwin made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$5,607.82 being vouchers No. 19-83 to No. 19-95. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Vouchers are overall routine with the exception of a few vouchers being for emergency repairs.

Balance sheets and profit & loss reports were available to view. There are no transfers for this month. Supervisor Illig pointed out there is a primary concern with the General fund balance mainly due to the tax cap calculation error in which \$23,132.00 needed to be transferred into a tax cap reserve account. The Highway Account remains on track and in good shape. With all the recent meter replacements and repairs, the Water Account is going through budgeted money at an increased rate. When the Water District began 10 years ago, the rate was at \$132.00/quarter. We have been able to gradually decrease the rate to currently being at \$105.00/quarter, however the possibility exists the Board may have to raise the rate \$5-\$10/quarter in the upcoming year. This fall the Board will also have to address how to handle the General Account deficiency.

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

Clerk Giambra reported hunting licenses and doe permits are now available to purchase as of August 1st for anyone interested. Also, the grills Councilman Burns had chosen for the Community Garden are in and ready to be placed for use at any time when convenient.

As seen in his report, Municipal Services Manager Welch commented the Dept. is busy as usual, however nothing out of the ordinary. Construction and building permits are currently steady. He noted he will be out of Town on vacation the last week of August.

Water Operator Dluzak reported the Dept. is very busy with repairs (as noted earlier) and pumps not working properly. Chuck will continue to monitor.

For the Assessor report, Supervisor Illig stated Assessor Dave Oliver was served with Court documents this past Thursday. A taxpayer is contesting Dave's assessment for the 2019-20 tax year. Supervisor Illig reported he contacted the defendants Attorney and the matter has been adjourned at this time due to the Town not having an active Attorney. There is another possible litigation matter contesting an assessment, however further documentation is needed. Supervisor Illig noted we will work through the pending litigation as needed.

Supervisor Illig read the DCO report in which a dog was rescued after 6 days and was a happy ending for the dog and owner. 😊

Highway Supt. Gibson reported the Dept. has finished stone & oiling with the help of the Towns of Urbana and Prattsburgh and also have blacktop in place. They hauled gravel and graded Depew Road with the County grinder. The Dept. has been boom mowing for the County and mowing roadsides in Town. The grader is still down

due to the transmission computer codes not being set up. Highway Supt. Gibson took the unit to Volvo so they could send it to Parker Industries to attempt to program. In the meantime, through shared services, the County is allowing us to use one of their graders till ours is fixed. Highway Supt. Gibson mentioned the State is having an auction next week at the DOT in Hornell and he is interested in going to look for a flail mower to mow roadsides with. He stated he would not go over \$1,200.00. The Board agreed for him to go and look and to not purchase over the \$1,200.00 limit. Councilman Yastremski asked if he has spoken to the Town of Erwin in regards to them getting a new truck with us possibly buying their old truck. Highway Supt. Gibson stated he will see the Highway Supt. from Erwin at a County picnic tomorrow and will find out the status and report back. Lastly, Highway Supt. Gibson reported on August 3rd the Town grader was parked on Bean Station Road and someone placed his opponents political sign on the windshield. A police report was filed with the Sheriff's Dept, as this is considered vandalism, and if occurs again between now and election time charges can be filed.

There was a Planning Board meeting/hearing held this past Monday, August 12th in which the Town of Pulteney/Ambulance building sub-division application was approved. The Town is still awaiting a survey of the property by McConnell and Muller. Once available (needs to be within 62 days) the Planning Board Chairman will stamp the maps approved to be filed with the County Clerk's Recording Office. The Zoning Board of Appeals has a meeting scheduled August 20, 2019 with one hearing scheduled.

Under old business, Supervisor Illig stated the last step was completed this past Monday as the Planning Board approved the subdivision of the Ambulance lot from the remaining Town property. As referred to earlier, there is a 62-day window that the survey must be completed in accordance for the Chairman of the Planning Board to stamp the survey maps approved and file with the County. Supervisor Illig noted he will get in touch with McConnell and Muller to see what the hold-up is and to schedule asap. The plan still is to move Lauren, Chuck, and Dave into the Town Hall. In order to move forward, the library needs to complete their move as there are still several items, including shelving, occupying the space. Supervisor Illig spoke with Librarian Barb Radigan and she mentioned she has had a lack of volunteers to help move the remaining items and they are planning to recycle/sell some of the units. Supervisor Illig had told the library they have time and to not be in a huge rush. Lauren, who is also on the Fire Commissioners Board, stated they are planning to budget for utilities for next year at the Ambulance building and partially due to that reason will be going over the 2% tax cap. Supervisor Illig and Lauren agreed at the latest of having a goal of a December 31st transfer date with the Fire Dept. Councilman Musso commented he believes the library has plenty of room with a large basement they should be able to move the remaining items now and store as needed so we can move forward. He was thinking of giving the library a mid-September date to move out completely. Since Supervisor Illig had told Barb they could take their time, he will reach out and ask them to move sooner rather than later so the Town can start moving forward on our end.

Regarding the tennis courts, Supervisor Illig has contacted Larry's paving questioning when they will be finishing the work they have started. They have finished milling the cracks, however still need to pave. Supervisor Illig has been told when the weather is cooperative with no rain in the forecast, they will be back to complete. We do have an agreement with a contractor to paint the tennis and pickleball lines and the

basketball court when able. Unfortunately, once the paving is finally complete, it will take 30 days to dry and set before lines can be painted. With some luck, hopefully the courts will be able to be used this year as long as the weather allows.

As discussed last meeting, a budget workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th at 5PM. The Board confirmed all are available for that time and date. Supervisor Illig stated he and Bookkeeper Welch will meet to gather the preliminary numbers, however for the workshop he would like all Board members to be apart of putting the budget together from the bottom-up. With everyone contributing, it should make the hearing and approval process run smoother. Supervisor Illig asked if Lauren and Chuck were available to join the workshop as well. Lauren will be on vacation and Chuck should be available. Since that date is not suitable for 1 possibly both of them, Supervisor Illig noted he will meet with them prior to the workshop to assess their budget needs. Clerk Giambra will send a reminder email to the Board prior to the workshop.

Under new business, members of the Ladies Auxiliary had asked to be scheduled on the agenda to propose changing “Trick or Treat” in the Town of Pulteney to a “Trunk or Treat”. The Auxiliary stated the main purpose of this proposal is for the overall safety of the kids. In Town we have no sidewalks and limited lighting, particularly on Brown Road and surrounding area. Typically, the Town has “Trick or Treat” on Halloween night from 6PM-8PM with the Auxiliary offering an event prior. The Auxiliary is concerned by 6pm it is too dark out. This year Halloween is on a school night (a Thursday) so the Auxiliary is proposing to hold this event on Saturday, October 26th from 4:30PM-6:30PM at the Pulteney Fire Dept. Other Towns, such as Branchport and Bath, have had similar “Trunk or Treat” events with much success. The Auxiliary will advertise in the Shopper, Grapevine, QKA 92.9, and posters of the event including that it is strictly for Pulteney children and families. Any community member that wants to participate in the event must register prior and check-in at arrival. The idea is to have families bring their car, decorate the trunk of the car, and have the kids dress up in costumes. The Auxiliary has decided the theme would be a movie theme. It will be an outdoor event. They will have judging for best car and costume as well as games outside such as bobbing for apples. Parking would be similar as to a gun raffle where everyone would come in on the right-hand side, however with no one being allowed near the pavilion. Community members do not have to bring their cars to be able to participate. They can come and hand out candy as long as they register before. The hope is to bring families and community members together, get involved, and enjoy the fun and spirit of Halloween. If the Board approves, the next step will be for the Auxiliary to propose the concept to the Fire Dept/Ambulance Corp. Supervisor Illig stated in the past it has been of some contention changing “Trick or Treat” from the actual Halloween evening. He asked the Board for their thoughts. The overall consensus was positive toward their proposal. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to have this years Halloween celebration on October 26, 2019 from 4:30PM-6:30PM at the Pulteney Fire Hall upon the recommendation of the Pulteney Fireman’s Auxiliary having a “Trunk or Treat”. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Continuing with new business, Attorney Prossick has accepted the County Attorney position and cannot continue in the capacity of Town Attorney. Her resignation was accepted as of July 1st. She has made a recommendation to the Board of a proper

replacement. Supervisor Illig called and met with the candidate and was very impressed and felt as he would be a great fit. He asked for him to send his resume and appear at tonight's Board meeting. Clerk Giambra provided the Board with his resume, however unfortunately there was miscommunication between Supervisor Illig and the applicant that in turn he is not present this evening. Supervisor Illig apologized and took full responsibility for the error and asked the Board if they were willing to vote on an appointment tonight without meeting the candidate or if they would rather wait until the September meeting for the Attorney to be present. Councilman Yastremski, Burns, and Goodwin were willing to act this evening, however Councilman Musso would rather meet the candidate. Supervisor Illig stated since it was not a majority vote, the Board will wait and meet/interview the applicant at the September 11th Board meeting.

Lastly under new business, Clerk Giambra received notice from the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance that Assessor Dave Oliver's term expires September 30, 2019. The new term would run from October 1, 2019-September 30, 2025. Supervisor Illig spoke with Dave and he agreed to be re-appointed. Since the term is 6-years, he made it known he might retire at some point within that term, however he was definitely willing to continue as our Assessor at the same budgeted salary. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to re-appoint Assessor David Oliver to a term of October 1, 2019-September 30, 2025 and for Clerk Giambra to send the necessary documentation to the State confirming the re-appointment. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Supervisor Illig asked if there were any public comments or concerns at this time. With nothing heard an no need for an executive session, Councilman Goodwin made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to adjourn the meeting. All if favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Erica Giambra, Town Clerk

