

Supervisor Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Councilman Richard Rees; Councilman Jon Beckman; Councilman Tammy Tones; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Jennifer Galvan; Bookkeeper Rebecca Welch; and Town Clerk Erica Button.

Bill Weber was not present to speak of the recent Town passing of John Force. He will reflect next month.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2024, regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Beginning with finances, Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to pay General Bills in the amount of \$9,190.51 being vouchers No. 24-142 to No. 24-159. Roll call vote: Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig noted the correction for voucher No. 24-154. This voucher was paid by credit card and the check cut was voided.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$158,917.86 being vouchers No. 24-139 to No. 24-170. Roll call vote: Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expenses being for several road construction vouchers. We are expecting a CHIPS reimbursement payment to come the 2nd week of September in the amount of \$194,066.59 with a follow-up reimbursement the 2nd week of December for \$119,000.00.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$3,561.51 being vouchers No. 24-64 to No. 24-74. Roll call vote: Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Routine vouchers.

Supervisor Illig noted he misspoke last month when he stated after Board approved transfers and loans being paid off, that the Town was debt free. This is true apart from the Water District that we still owe on the initial loan with approx. 13 years remaining.

There are no transfers needed this month.

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

Lauren commented the Dept is busy per usual as seen in his report. He has been working with our Assessor trying to get building permits up to date in the system.

Assessor, Cherokee Mitchell, was present and agreed they have been diligently working to get caught up on building permits that have been backlogged and not entered into the system accordingly. She is hopeful they will be caught up in the near future.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept finished grading roads, mowing roadsides, and hauling in gravel. They worked on the driveways in Glen View. Highway Supt. Gibson talked with the County about having their workshare employees paint the salt building. The new truck is at the shop to have the body and plow installed. He reported with the recent major rain event, there has been some widespread damage, culverts plugged, but fortunately nothing severe. The lake level went up 15 inches. The

heavy rains caused a lot of debris in the lake and shorelines that some residents are still in need of clean up. Our Town compost site has taken a beating with an overload of debris and brush. Highway Supt. Gibson commented the site only has approx. 2 years left before it no longer is usable. The DEC has wells near the site that makes it limited of where compost can be spread.

As Councilman Burns reported last month, someone had, without permission, spray painted their own lines on our pickleball court. She discovered who the individual was and spoke with regarding that is not allowed and as a reminder noted the Town has been more than accommodating to the pickleballers. The cracks that we had sealed last year are resurfacing again. We will need to repaint the lines however not until we fix the cracks. She is going to contact the Village of Penn Yan to see who they had lay their pickleball courts. She heard they used an acrylic sealing involving sand. She will find out details and report back. The chips in the playground also took a hit from the storm. Highway Supt. Gibson will plan to deliver additional chips and do weed control. Once the chips are delivered, we will have volunteers come in to help spread.

We are still waiting to meet with the webmaster of our new IT admin company, SCT Computers, to redesign the Town website as approved at the May meeting.

There was a Planning Board meeting this past Monday the 12th with 2 scheduled public hearings. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for August 20th with 4 scheduled public hearings.

Under old business, Historian Ray Emery has had some delays with the Hometown Hero Banner Program. He has been working with the Fire Dept to allow the money for the program to run through them being a non-profit entity. It appears the Fire Dept is not as ideal an option as thought and is now looking to have the Town be the pass thru agency. Attorney Galvan researched, and it is feasible for the Town to assist in this capacity. Bookkeeper Welch stated she will set up a separate line item under the Historian Account in the General Fund. She noted there will be revenue to receive and an expense account. Interested residents will order the banners through Ray, bring the payment to the Town Hall, and Bookkeeper Welch will deposit into this separate account. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to authorize creating a pass thru Account in the General Fund under the Historian for the purpose to enact a Hometown Hero program in the Town of Pulteney. Roll call vote: Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Continuing on the agenda, last month the Board was provided a summary from 2018 salary comparison of neighboring Towns. The Board had established starting salary rates for employees based on these numbers. A spreadsheet was provided to the Board for review. Supervisor Illig recently contacted local Towns to again get an updated comparison. A current spreadsheet was provided to the Board. He noted this information will be useful when beginning budget discussions.

As mentioned last month, Supervisor Illig is continuing to try and get in touch with County Legislator Mike Hanna regarding setting up a meeting with County Director of Public Works Eric Rose to discuss further the remediation and reclamation of the Nichols Inn property that we would use for parking for West Lake Road residents. Stay tuned.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig stated with budget season approaching, an annual budget workshop needs to be scheduled. The Board agreed to schedule the workshop on Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. He and Bookkeeper Welch will meet the week before to start working on figures. Clerk Button will place notice of the workshop on the Town website and Town Hall message board.

Councilman Beckman asked who to contact with the State concerning the flooding and neighborhood damage on West Lake Road particularly on the north end of Town? Lauren has an Assistant Engineer with DOT out of Painted Post contact information that he will pass along. Councilman Beckman also addressed security concerns at and around the Town Hall. The Board is in hopes that with the service of a public notice banning an individual from Town property that any issues and concerns have and will be resolved.

Supervisor Illig asked if anyone from the public had any comments/questions? With nothing heard and no need for an executive session, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Erica Button, Town Clerk