

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Elizabeth White; Councilman Michael Yastremski; Councilman Tammy Tones; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Mark Schlechter; Bookkeeper Rebecca Welch; and Town Clerk Erica Giambra.

Fortunately, there was not a need for Bill Weber to speak of any recent Town passing's this month.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2020 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman White made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to authorize to pay General Bills in the amount of \$7,271.87 being vouchers No. 20-49 and No. 20-50 to No. 20-66. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman White, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig noted voucher No. 20-62 to Ted McMichael Electric for additional wiring and outlets needed for the new office space. Otherwise vouchers are overall routine for General.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$17,301.01 being vouchers No. 20-45 to No. 20-66. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman White, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Vouchers for gravel and supplies for insulating the Highway barn were among the main expenses. Highway Supt. Gibson pointed out voucher No. 20-62 to Steuben County Dept of Public Works for \$4,000.00. This was due to the County not billing us last year for grinding.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$24,385.76 being vouchers No. 20-23 to No. 20-32. Roll call vote: Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman White, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Voucher No. 20-30 to the Town of Jerusalem in the amount of \$18,092.00 for the yearly payment to transport water to our District was the main expense this month. In the agreement, we pay \$48.00 per water customer. Supervisor Illig mentioned voucher No. 20-29 is to Total Piping Solutions out of Olean. We are hoping this vendor will be able to provide a more substantial solution in addressing our water leaks. There recently was a leak north of the Waterfront Restaurant that had previously been repaired once, that was losing 30,000 gallons a day. This time when repairing, we are using a clamp vs. splice to deter the pipe from shifting. There are 2 more known leaks that need repaired in the near future.

There are no transfers this month. The balance sheets and profit & loss reports were available to review.

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

Clerk Giambra reported tax collection remains on track as previous years. She has collected approx. 2.6 million out of over \$3 million in amount billed. There currently are 243 unpaid tax bills out of 1706. The last day of tax collection is Tuesday, March 31st.

Municipal Services Manager Welch mentioned, along with his report, construction projects on the Lake Road have begun. He recently met with the owners of a house fire which will be a demo and rebuild at a lake property. Lauren believes he has found a buyer for the leftover cubicles that we do not have a need for.

Supervisor Illig commented he and Lauren met with the DEC in Avon to discuss the ongoing issue with manure runoff. As previously discussed last year, a concerned resident had noticed after a hard rain a foam was coming down his creek and eventually into the lake. It is believed to be coming from a farmer's field where manure is spread. After meeting with this resident last August, Supervisor Illig and Lauren reported his concerns to the DEC. With no action being taken from their Dept, Supervisor Illig contacted Senator O'Mara's office who in turn set up the meeting in Avon. The DEC explained farmers have a self-monitored program in regards to a spreading manure policy. Since they cannot come out to every farm land to inspect, it is ultimately up to local residents to document sightings and issues of manure runoff. We have mapped out the 2 main concerning creek areas and provided the info to the DEC. If there is founded evidence, the DEC can then enable law enforcement. The Town has asked our Highway Dept to keep alert of any sightings as they are on the Town roads the most often. Hopefully with careful monitoring and documentation we can in turn eliminate the issue.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept. is still plowing and sanding but hoping the end is near. They are filling in potholes to smooth over until they can start grading. The Highway barn is now fully insulated and the Dept is preparing to cover with tin. Highway Supt. Gibson and 700 other Superintendents went to Albany in an effort to increase CHIPS funding. The head of NYS transportation spoke at the rally and is in favor of their efforts. Highway Supt. Gibson is optimistic we will receive winter recovery funding and possibly an increase in CHIPS. It remains to be seen until the State budget is passed April 1st.

For the Supervisor report, Supervisor Illig stated he has been contacted by the DOT there will be a series of major construction projects on SR 54A. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, March 17th at 10AM. He has invited the owners of the Waterfront and Lakeside Restaurants to attend as they will be the most affected by the construction come summertime.

Councilman Burns commented she received a call from Blaine Mays at Steuben Brewery. The Brewery and Club Members are interested in getting involved with the Community Garden. Steuben Club Members Adopt-a-Highway program will hold their first clean up day for the year soon.

Attorney Schlechter reported there is a need to have a brief executive session at the end of the meeting regarding on-going litigation on an assessed property value.

There was not a Planning Board meeting this past Monday the 9th as no current applications were received. There is a meeting scheduled for April 13th at 7PM with 2 sub-division applications to review. There is not a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March.

Under old business, Lauren was able to pick up the completed survey maps for the Ambulance building sub-division today. Chairman of the Planning Board, Terry Gibson, will need to stamp the maps approved (as previously approved by the Planning Board) and file with the County Clerk's office for the sub-division to be official. The Town and Fire Dept. intend to transfer utilities April 1st.

Regarding the tennis courts, the fencing company came this past Monday and finished the fencing. The fencing looks great and the project would have been completed, however due to the blacktop making the surface higher, when they went to install the gate it didn't fit properly. They took the gate with them, will modify, and bring back. The Board discussed for the Highway Dept. to turn where the former tennis court was into a grassy area. Highway Supt. Gibson told the Board it is his intention to leave the stone driveway area by the playground and courts as is. It was noted the playground will need new chips spread throughout the area. Highway Supt. Gibson will contact the company in Geneva we originally ordered from and purchase more.

Continuing under old business, last meeting Clerk Giambra provided the Board with copies of special use permits for them to review prior to tonight's meeting. Supervisor Illig had asked Attorney Schlechter to draft a proposal of a Local Law to standardize hours of operation for Town businesses, specifically wineries, distilleries, and breweries. Attorney Schlechter stated he still needs to contact the State liquor authority to ensure his proposal complies with their requirements and all bases are covered. After speaking with them, he will draft a proposal and present to the Board hopefully at the April meeting.

Lastly under old business, it has been reported there remains an Ethics Board appointment to be filled for the term of 5 years. Councilman White made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to appoint Nancy Cole to the Ethics Board effective 3/11/20-12/31/24. All in favor. Carried.

Under new business, the Board is looking for suggestions for this years Memorial Day speaker. Supervisor Illig asked Bill Weber if he would consider speaking of our Town Veterans as he has generously done in the past. Bill agreed.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig was hoping Eagle Scout candidate Eli Hill would be able to attend the meeting tonight, however he had a conflicting school event. Supervisor Illig reported on Eli's behalf, he will be repainting the cannon in the Glen View Cemetery with the goal to have finished prior to Memorial Day. Eli is a Junior at Hammondsport Central and is close to obtaining his Eagle Scout Award.

The 24th Annual Regional Leadership Conference at Corning Community College is Thursday, April 9, 2020. 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 \$50.00 registration fee to those Town Officials/Board Members that are interested in attending. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay the registration fee for those individuals interested. All in favor. Carried. Clerk Giambra stated the deadline will be March 17th to inform her if planning on attending.

It is that time of year to plan the annual Town rabies clinic. Clerk Giambra spoke with Eastview Veterinary Clinic and confirmed they are able to provide a Veterinarian on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9AM-11AM. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to approve the rabies clinic to be held on Saturday, April 25th, from 9AM-11AM at the Pulteney Town Highway Barn, advertise in The Shopper, QKA radio station, and Town website, and provide payment to Eastview for Veterinarian services. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig reiterated there is a need for an executive session, but asked if the public had any comments or questions at this time. Nancy Cole was present to discuss the upcoming LULA (Land Use Leadership Alliance) 10th annual training. The training

is scheduled for Monday, April 20th from 5-8 PM at the Yates County Auditorium. Discussion and presentations will include education on economic growth while protecting our lakes. There will be continuing education credits given for attending the training as well as a pizza dinner. She promoted all Town officials to attend if able. Highway Supt. Gibson commented there has been a car seen in South Pulteney on a few occasions passing a School bus almost hitting a child. The bus does not have a camera so everyone needs to be on high alert if seen again to get the license plate number. Highway Supt. Gibson also provided the Board with (2) "Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys" for the Board to review and sign. Clerk Giambra will then forward on to the County Highway Supt. to file. These agreements explain where the Town intends to spend funding for the year.

With nothing further heard, Supervisor Illig stated all are welcome to stay until after the executive session, however no further business will take place.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to recess the regular meeting and enter into an executive session. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to close the executive session and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman White to approve the proposed settlement of a reduction of \$20,000.00 in property assessment regarding a property in Town under litigation. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig wanted to thank Attorney Schlechter and Assessor Oliver for all their work in resolving the property assessment discrepancy, including avoiding any additional costly litigation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Erica Giambra, Town Clerk

