

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bill Weber took a moment to reflect on the passing of 3 Town residents: Jim Opelt lived on the south side of Roff and Main St. He married Kathy Kennedy and gained several stepchildren, including Jeff Kennedy that lives in Town on WLR. Bill and Jim would discuss their times working at Corning Inc. and Bill remembers the notion of Jim becoming an insurance agent for the Town at one point. Jim moved to Bath and passed at 88 years old. Charlie Egresi was the Town CEO in the late 1980's when the Town had no zoning nor wastewater laws. With no laws, residents had the mind set they could build wherever they wanted. Times were tough, but Bill stated they managed and worked through. Charlie later moved to Hammondsport owning a car wash. Bill most often sees Charlie's Grandson, Devin, when he is delivering ice. Charlie was a great, nifty guy. Norma Georgia was most likely the 2nd person Bill met when he moved to Pulteney in 1955. He worked at Georgia's boat storage and Norma and her husband Bill eventually moved next to Bill on Route 54A by Wagner Gully. Later, they built a beautiful home and setting on Baughman Road. She was a lovely woman. They will all be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Councilman White made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2022 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig noted there was an update to the payroll/accounting system that Bookkeeper Welch was able to complete the Water and Highway vouchers but will need to finalize General once the system is unlocked. She is working with our IT admin to do so.

An abstract was provided in lieu of vouchers for General, Councilman Rees made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to authorize to pay General Bills in the amount of \$9,045.27 as shown in the abstract listed 1-22. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman White, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$122,820.27 being vouchers No. 22-104 to No. 22-113. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman White, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig stated the main expense being for stone & oil that we will be reimbursed through CHIPS funding. Highway Supt. Gibson reported it was used: 3/10th mile on Cross St., 1 mile on Wright Rd., and 8/10th mile on Dug Rd.

Councilman White made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$1865.55 being vouchers No. 22-51 to No. 22-57. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman White, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Minimal vouchers routine.

The balance sheets and profit & loss reports will be emailed to the Board once the system is working. There are no transfers needed at this time.

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

Clerk Giambra reported the annual Town rabies clinic was held Thursday, June 2nd from 5-7pm at the Town Highway Barn and went very well. We vaccinated 34 animals (the same as last year). Thank you to all the volunteers, including Supervisor Illig, Highway Supt. Gibson, and Bookkeeper Welch. In addition, Clerk Giambra wrote a final check for the penalty portion of Town and County taxes that gets paid to the Town, closing the tax account for 2022.

Municipal Services Manager Welch commented the Dept. has been busy as usual, but nothing out of the ordinary. He recently sent out Zone 1 notifications for inspections (needed every 5 years). He will be having surgery next Wednesday June 15th so will be out for a short time. He is working with Water Operator Dluzak in having all basis covered while he is out. He will still be available via phone. Best wishes to Lauren on surgery and a speedy recovery!

Regarding the Water report, Supervisor Illig wanted to relay that recently W.O Dluzak discovered, after he has spent several months and effort replacing meters, the last round of meters that were replaced (approx. 75) the supplier had given us the incorrect meters that measure in cubic feet rather than gallons. They are identical with that exception. We contacted the supplier and they take full responsibility. Fortunately, we do not have to replace the entire meter, the top portion that measures the reading can just be replaced. The supplier noted for the Water Dept. to keep track of the hours spent in the replacement process and they will reimburse us with new equipment rather than a monetary refund. The Dept. will begin the replacement of the incorrect measuring units, as we know which ones need replaced. If there are some that are not replaced by the next water billing reading, the supplier stated there is a way they can help in converting the cubic ft. reading to gallons for billing purposes.

Supervisor Illig stated he met with Assessor Oliver recently in Urbana to review and discuss Grievance Day held on May 26th. There were approx. 14 residents that presented their case that evening requesting for an assessment reduction, approx. 40 stipulations handled by mail or in person, and approx. 70 applications overall. The BAR has made their determinations, are prepared to send out letters of results, and if not satisfied, residents will now have the option to take the Town to small claims court. Supervisor Illig is presuming a few might decide to take the court route. He acknowledged that the process for this year's reassessment could have gone a lot smoother, we should have sent out letters earlier, and explained the assessment process better to all residents. In the future, he noted the process will be more streamlined and recognizes the need to do a better job.

At the rabies clinic, Supervisor Illig was able to touch base with our DCO Deb Matthews. It is agreed she is doing a great job and handling the position in a positive professional manner.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept. has been grading, ditching, and started mowing roadsides. As mentioned earlier, the stone and oil on roads has been completed. The paving should start soon. The new grader is finished and waiting for snow equipment to be installed. They are expecting to receive the grader the beginning of July. We received \$40,200 for the Volvo grader on Auctions International and the check is in the bank. Supervisor Illig reported we will take out a note with Five Star

Bank for the first year, then when preparing next years budget, will take into consideration the best way to pay off as soon as possible.

As discussed at the May meeting, Supervisor Illig contacted the DEC regarding the former gravel pit and applied for a reclamation permit rather than a mining permit. The DEC replied with a letter dated May 17, 2022 stating exactly what is needed to be accomplished to reclaim the property. Once the DEC reinspects for final reclamation, approval will be given and the mine will be closed. Highway Supt. Gibson confirmed once the Dept.'s schedule allows, they will work on what the letter requires. Councilman White asked if there is stockpiled gravel currently? Highway Supt. Gibson stated the minimal gravel that is left, is what they will level off and use for sloping, and what is currently there, does not belong to the Town but is the current owners.

Supervisor Illig reported Fellows came last weekend and blacktopped the Town Hall/library parking lot. They did a great job and looks fantastic. He asked Highway Supt. Gibson to order 8-10 more curb stops for the library portion when he has the opportunity. Supervisor Illig called Larry's Paving, who has previously sealed the cracks on the tennis/pickle ball courts, but he has been unable to get in touch with as of yet. Highway Supt. Gibson has contact info for other individuals if needed. Councilman Burns mentioned Librarian Barb Radigan has concerns about cracks near her entrance area in the newly paved parking lot. Possibly whoever fixes the tennis/pickle ball court cracks can seal those as well? Supervisor Illig continued stating the annual Memorial Day event went very well and thanked Councilman Burns, Speaker Bill Weber, and Clerk Giambra for their efforts. Also, to the Boy Scouts, Pulteney Firemen and Ambulance Corp. Another successful year!

Councilman Burns reported there is a Pulteney Community Event on Saturday June 18th from 2-4pm. There will be a juggling show at the library, the Fire truck and Ambulance on display at the Ambulance building, organ music at the Presbyterian Church, activities at Grace Fellowship Church, and activities in the Community Garden. This event is free and fun for all!

There will not be a Planning Board meeting this coming Monday, June 13th. There are no scheduled public hearings nor applications to review.

There is not a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for June. Lauren commented potentially a meeting for July?

Under old business, last month the Board approved to schedule a public forum on Wednesday June 15th at 7PM at the Fire Hall regarding the proposed noise policy, as discussed for the last several months. A public notice is being published over the course of 3 weeks in the Shopper, as well as Town website and social media sites. Supervisor Illig stated the Board will receive the comments from the public and vote to decide at the July 13th Town Board meeting if a noise policy should be enacted or left alone as is.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig sadly reported Jan Stone has recently passed. Jan was a member of our Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Town Health Officer. Matt Marino has been serving as an Alternate on the ZBA and has agreed to take on Jan's full-time Board appointment of a term that was to last until 12/31/23. At that time, the Board can re-appoint Matt for a full-term of 5 years. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to appoint Matt Marino to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term of June 8, 2022- December 31, 2023. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Illig will speak to ZBA Chair Carol McGill regarding an Alternate to take

Matt's position. Regarding a required Town Health Officer, Supervisor Illig has a few names to consider as well as Councilman Burns mentioned Nancy Snyder. Supervisor Illig will discuss with all and make a nomination at the July meeting.

Continuing on the agenda, last month it was discussed that Clerk Giambra had emailed the Board regarding a reminder of the annual mandated NYS sexual harassment and discrimination training. After the May meeting, Clerk Giambra received an email from NYMIR of webinar dates to complete this required training. June 22 and July 13 are dates that are currently being offered as well as further webinar trainings in the fall. She has relayed the information to the Board, all Town employees, and volunteers to sign up if able. She will keep everyone posted on any future dates.

Lastly on the agenda, as Supervisor Illig has mentioned at previous meetings, he has discussed with Legislator Mike Hanna and the County regarding if the County was going to get involved with regulating short-term rentals? After investigating, he is being told they are not getting involved, therefore at this time, regulation is up to each individual Town. Supervisor Illig has suggested a committee of residents, including Carol McGill, Bill Dineen, and Bill Weber to begin the discussion and include additional residents that live on the lake, owners of short-term rentals, in Town owners, etc. Supervisor Illig believes short-term rentals have become an unregulated business that needs to be investigated further and addressed, especially since the County is not taking nor intends to take action. He has approached KWIC/KLOC regarding the topic to see if they would be interested in getting involved by setting regulations on the lake as a whole rather than each Town for themselves, however there has not been much interest. Any form of regulating will be a process and difficult in many aspects as the Town only has minimal resources and regulating would certainly add increased costs to the Town. Supervisor Illig commented the Village of Hammondsport is also considering putting regulations in place for short-term rentals and is contemplating a moratorium with the notion of short-term rentals impacting the character of the community. Supervisor Illig mentioned the Board will await to see how the public forum on the noise policy goes and depending, will potentially create a cross-section of the community to get various opinions, comments, etc. of short-term rental regulations.

Supervisor Illig asked if anyone from the public had any comments/questions? Bruce Payne was present and stated he has called and left messages with 911 regarding the lack of deputy/police presence on the Lake Road. There is presence as your heading out of Town going toward Branchport, but through Town and leaving Town toward Hammondsport, he has noticed a lack there of. Even the possibility of radar signs would be helpful. Supervisor Illig stated he will make a note to call, as well and Councilman Rees mentioned, he will discuss with the Steuben County Undersheriff. With nothing further heard and no need for an executive session, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Erica Giambra, Town Clerk

