

Supervisor Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 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 present to speak of a recent Town passing. Pauline McClary was a neighbor of Bill’s on Stone Point where she lived with Jay Tussey, until they moved to Bath where she remained after Jay’s passing. He would not see her often as she was busy working with Jean O’Neil on their cleaning business. Pauline also worked several positions prior to, including potato harvesting, Haines Equipment, the Steuben Courier, and Empire Telephone. She was a nice, cheerful person and he will miss her.

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

Beginning with finances, Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to pay General Bills in the amount of \$9,650.42 being vouchers No. 24-74 to No. 24-91. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out the voucher to Keuka Property Services, LLC is our new mowing contract from May-October and the voucher to the Town of Urbana for our portion of the Assessor salary.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$16,145.28 being vouchers No. 24-83 to No. 24-97. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Bookkeeper Welch noted voucher No. 24-95 to Suit-Kote Corp will get reclassified to get paid out of line D5110.2 Capital Outlay rather than D5112.2 CHIPS as currently listed.

Councilman Rees made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$792.02 being vouchers No. 24-37 to No. 24-43. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Routine vouchers in the Water District.

There are transfers needed in the General Account at this time. Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to approve the following transfers:

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GENERAL	Increase Budget Line	Amount	Decrease Budget Line	Amount
L	A1410.4 - Clerk Contr. Exp	\$ 500.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 500.00
	A1620.43 - Supplies	\$ 500.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 500.00
	A8989.4 - Benevolence Contr Exp	\$ 200.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 200.00
		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00

Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

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

Clerk Button reported, as shown on the agenda under new business, she has scheduled the annual rabies clinic for Thursday, June 6th from 5-6:30PM with Eastview Veterinary at the Town Highway Barn. She is sending out dog license renewal postcards tomorrow. Dog renewals are due by June 30, 2024, under the Town Law.

Lauren commented he has been busy with inspections, have had and dealing with issues on Glodes Corners, and the solar project on Chidsey is underway.

In addition to the water report, Supervisor Illig pointed out an email that was sent of the Water Treatment Plant 2024-2025 budget highlights that Clerk Button printed for the Board's review. Last year we were surprised by a drastic rate increase being charged by the Village of Penn Yan (after several years of the bill remaining the same). Supervisor Illig noted the Village is at least trying to send out detailed information early to avoid any additional concern to the municipalities. On page 3, the increase this year is \$5,433.00 for the Town of Pulteney which averages out to be an increase of \$12.93/yr per customer. Although still an increase, it is far less than last year. He feels the Village has made their mistakes, however, are trying to make amends. Other municipalities, especially those that are water and sewer customers, do not necessarily feel the same. Also provided to the Board was the retainer agreement that has been discussed the last several months regarding the surrounding wholesale customers (Pulteney, Milo, Jerusalem, Dresden, Benton) hiring an Attorney to review the existing agreements each Town has with the Village of Penn Yan. Mostly for grant purposes, the Town of Milo wants to retain an Attorney to rewrite those agreements to be standardized. After much discussion, it was unanimous the agreement that is being proposed is too open ended, over the top, and is not just looking into standardizing the municipal agreements, but also going back performing an audit of the Village in an attempt to try and recoup any damages. Attorney Galvan noted that under her retainer agreement with the Town, she would consider what is being proposed in the contract is under her scope of duty and rather than pay an additional Attorney, that she could look into for the Town. The Board agreed not to sign the contract at this time. Supervisor Illig will contact the Town of Milo Supervisor to discuss further along with potentially setting up a meeting with the proposed Attorney.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept completed their mandated OSHA training. They hauled in more gravel for projects and plan on doing some stone and oil early June weather depending. He still has not heard on the salt brine permit. Suit-Kote came in and made cold patch and crack sealed Brown Road. We received notification that our CHIPS reimbursement for this year is \$314,237.48. We budgeted \$199,000.00 so we are in good shape. There is a 4' culvert on Townline Road that needs to be changed. Soil and Water will come in to help with that project. They also came in and reseeded the gravel bed recently. Highway Supt. Gibson is in hopes this will be the end of our responsibility with the gravel pit. Supervisor Illig reiterated how the DEC inspected the pit in the fall and required 75% vegetation on the backslope before signing off. After reseeding, and how the weather has been, he is in hopes it will take hold and the Town will officially be done with the gravel pit after DEC inspection. Supervisor

Illig asked for an update when the new truck will be in. Highway Supt. Gibson is not expecting until approx. October. When the time comes, a payment schedule will need to be worked out.

Our new IT admin company, SCT Computers, has provided a quote to redesign and become the web administrators of our website. It is essential that Clerk Button will have access to post and update the site as needed. Our current website hasn't been updated in years and after speaking with our current webmaster, Don Radigan, he agrees for SCT to manage in moving forward. Councilman Burns noted in reviewing our current site, each page has a small amount of information and if possible, for SCT to consolidate. Councilman Beckman added we should ask if the new site will be ADA compliant for the hearing/vision impaired. All great points that we will discuss with SCT. After reviewing the agreement, Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to enter into the agreement with SCT Computers Inc. to redesign and manage our current website at the proposed rate with add-ons of \$3590.00. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Clerk Button will contact SCT and set up a meeting to go over details and questions.

Councilman Burns reported she has received a few questions regarding if it is appropriate for the Town to have a hitching post assessable for the Mennonite community. It was relayed that a couple with a baby walked from the community garden to the Town Hall after tying their horse at the garden site. The Board discussed and will take under advisement the possible need in the future.

Continuing with reports, there is a Planning Board meeting scheduled for this Monday the 13th with 3 applications for hearings and 1 for review. There is not a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for May, but Lauren has pending paperwork for possibly June?

Under old business, with Councilman Burns not being present last month, the short-term rental discussion topic was left on the agenda for this month to get Councilman Burns thoughts. Supervisor Illig reiterated last month the Board was in agreement to not continue the STR discussion at this time. Since we currently do not have a problem, it would be best not to regulate a non-existent problem by adding another layer of bureaucracy. He believes there is not an uproar in Town to regulate and the time, money, efforts will far exceed any return. If there is a need down the road the Board can readdress at that time. Councilman Burns noted she disagrees with the rest of the Board and believes there should be some sort of regulations regarding STR's in the Town. Due to the majority vote, the discussion is tabled at this time and the Board will revisit if necessary.

Continuing with old business, last month Historian Ray Emery was in attendance to discuss the Hometown Hero Banner Program. Lauren commented that Ray posted on Facebook recently and it has already received a lot of attention and positive comments that people in Town are interested in purchasing banners. Along with his report, he sent Clerk Button fliers to post in the Town Hall and to have on hand for the public. He is still trying to get in touch with NYSEG for their approval to hang on their poles. Further updates next month.

Councilman Burns reported, regarding the Memorial Day celebration this year, Fire Chief Rodney Zimmerman has been great to work with in communicating their

parade portion of the celebration. She stated our guest speaker will be Steuben County Historian Griffin Bates. He has been showing a lot of interest and doing research on the Town of Pulteney and the Glen View Cemetery with him visiting the cemetery the other day. We look forward to his speech. The Legion will be present for the parade and the Boy Scouts will again change out the Veterans flags in the Town cemeteries. Councilman Burns intends to have snacks and water on hand as that was a hit last year, especially for the band. Everything is coming along nicely and seemingly in order.

Lastly, Supervisor Illig stated that Highway employee Fred McAllister is going to revert to part-time beginning in July. It appears there is a contractual union insurance issue that needs resolved. Fred is to contact the union to discuss further.

Supervisor Illig hopes all can attend the annual Memorial Day celebration and if your schedule allows, visit with Highway Supt Gibson or W.O. Dluzak for some insight of their daily duties.

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 Rees to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Erica Button, Town Clerk