

Supervisor Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 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 3 recent Town passings. Bill never met Bill Romig, but he wishes he had the opportunity. He remembers well visiting with his parents Bud and Doris Romig, and has seen his sister, Judy, on numerous occasions as well as his nephews Carl and Todd Stone. Bill Romig graduated from Cornell University and later received a PhD from the University of Delaware in plant physiology. He was an accomplished plant scientist and made significant contributions to the coffee bean culture while at General Foods. When he lived in Morristown, NJ he was instrumental in developing sports programs as well as a local park dedicated to dog owners. He was the definition of the ultimate man with all his accomplishments and civic duties and a man to admire. Jerry Madden was a neighbor of Bill's on Stone Point going back to the 1970's. He and his wife, Jeanne, moved to Florida after he retired and at about the same time built a new cottage on Keuka just north of the original one, he had shared with his sister Marilyn Walkowicz. A few years ago, Jerry sold his cottage returning to the original one on Stone Point each summer for a month to visit. Sadly, he suffered a stroke which left him with reduced mobility. He and his wife were supporters of Bill's during his time as Supervisor and he enjoyed their company. Gary Fraser moving to Keuka Lake after retiring from his position at Alfred State College as Dean of Engineering and was Supervisor for 10 years in the Town of Almond; Bill believes was quite fortuitous as at that time Bill was beginning his first term as Pulteney Town Supervisor. His presence and advice were most helpful, especially on matters concerning the inception of zoning and building regulations. Gary was involved in the formation of KLOC and Bill remembers many lively conversations on lake level control! Gary and his wife, Jacqueline, moved from Pulteney to Keuka Park and Bill never saw him again. They all will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by friends, neighbors, and relatives.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to accept the minutes of the June 12, 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 \$27,445.01 being vouchers No. 24-115 to No. 24-141. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig noted for all 3 Accounts the July annual payment to Steuben County Workman's Compensation is due and being the most expensive voucher in General. Fortunately, the amount due was slightly under what we budgeted.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$166,946.71 being vouchers No. 24-116 to No. 24-138. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expense being voucher No. 24-121 to Five Star Bank for the final payment on the grader.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$4,201.05 being voucher No. 24-55(A) and vouchers No. 24-55 to No. 24-62. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

There are transfers needed at this time in the General and Water Accounts. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the following vouchers. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

**2024  
BUDGET  
TRANSFERS**

07/10/24

GENERAL				
Increase Budget Line	Amount	Decrease Budget Line	Amount	
A1220.4 - Supervisor Contractual Exp	\$ 200.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 200.00	
A1410.4 - Town Clerk Contractual Exp	\$ 500.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 500.00	
A1620.42 - Repair/Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 5,000.00	
A1670.44 - Computer	\$ 5,000.00	A1620.51 - Contingency	\$ 5,000.00	
Total	<b>\$10,700.00</b>	Total	<b>\$10,700.00</b>	

HIGHWAY				
Increase Budget Line	Amount	Decrease Budget Line	Amount	
N/A				
Total	<b>\$0.00</b>	Total	<b>\$0.00</b>	

WATER				
Increase Budget Line	Amount	Decrease Budget Line	Amount	
SW8310.44 - Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
SW8340.7 - Jerusalem Transfer	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Total	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	Total	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	

As mentioned last month, Supervisor Illig and Bookkeeper Welch were going to investigate if it is still possible to transfer ARPA funding. After researching, Supervisor Illig sent an email of an ARPA funding summary to the Board to review prior to this evening. In the summary it reviewed what the Board approved to transfer from General and Highway to Water on 6/26/23 at a special meeting held by the Town Board, in addition to what the current ARPA fund balances are. Based on the current balances and the increased amount in sales tax revenue the County notified we will receive, Supervisor Illig is proposing to transfer the Highway ARPA balance of \$18,740.55 to the Water Account, in return transfer \$18,740.55 from the General Account (sales tax revenue) to the Highway Account, and pay off the balance of the Water Account loan (taken out due

to the “big dig” and the major increase in expense from the Village of Penn Yan) in the amount of \$26,262.50 dependent on interest charged from Five Star. After Board discussion, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to execute the proposed ARPA transfer and General Account transfer based on the fund summary as presented. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig reported by executing this Resolution and transfers, allowing for the Water loan and as approved in Highway vouchers the grader loan to be paid off, the Town of Pulteney will be debt free! (at least until we receive delivery of the new Highway truck in September/October). With the transfer into the Water Account, paying off the loan, and building of funds through water rates, the Water Dept will once again be in good shape with reserve funding, which has been the end goal to have for emergencies.

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

Clerk Button reported annual dog license renewals were due by June 30, 2024, under the Town Law. She will be working with DCO Deb Mathews in the upcoming months to contact delinquent owners.

Lauren commented that several sub-division and variance applications are coming in more than average of an amount for the year. He is busy working on several new house constructions with the weather causing some delays. He has been working with our Assessor trying to get building permits up to date in the system.

For the Justice report, Supervisor Illig reported Judge Benedict is up for re-election in November and recently spoke with her agreeing to run for another term. The Democratic caucus has been scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Town Hall for all Democratic voters to attend if able.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept has been busy grading roads and have their blacktopping done for this year. With the assistance of Soil & Water, they changed a culvert on Town Line Road and have most of the dust oil down in front of the houses. The new mower came in and is being used. Highway Supt Gibson is interested in purchasing a gas-powered drill to change out road signs. It would be approx. \$1500-\$1700. The Board approved the purchase being within his budget. The Board noted the great job the Dept has done with paving for the year.

Councilman Burns commented someone has, without permission, spray painted their own lines on our pickleball court. She noted the Town has been more than accommodating to the pickleballers and intends to investigate who was responsible for this. Also, an upset neighbor recently complained to Councilman Burns a property on the lake road that advertises sleeps 18 people held a party with more than 30 people being reported staying. The neighbor could not get to her property as cars were parked on both sides of the road and when told to move the cars didn't move for 2 hours. Councilman Burns noted how dangerous the parking situation was and reiterated she does think there is a short-term rental problem in Town. She also noted the library has had an influx of cars being parked in the parking lot during the weekends which is not allowed.

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.

Continuing with reports, as Lauren had mentioned, applications have been and are still coming in for the Planning Board and ZBA. There was a Planning Board meeting

this past Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> with 2 scheduled public hearings and 2 applications for review. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> with 3 scheduled public hearings.

Under old business, within the Historian report, Historian Ray Emery provided an update on 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. There have been a few details surrounding the State and funding collection that has caused some delay, but they are working out the issues. Stay tuned.

Continuing on the agenda, the bonds we have with Five Star being \$100,000.00 in Highway and \$100,000.00 in General are up for renewal. Supervisor Illig spoke with Five Star yesterday and they are offering to renew for a year at 4.25% interest rate. Supervisor Illig is recommending renewing both bonds effective for a year. The Board presented their concerns they have with Five Star stemming back to the hardship we have had getting reimbursed for fraudulent deposits. The Board questioned looking into other bank options. It was noted that all funds should stay within 1 banking entity. The Board agreed the local Five Star bank has been efficient and good to work with, it was in fact the fraud department that has not been favorable. Supervisor Illig intends to meet with the local municipal manager at Five Star to continue to address the fraud investigation. After further discussion, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to renew both \$100,000.00 bonds for a 1-year period at an interest rate of 4.25% with Five Star bank. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Under new business, the Board previously addressed the ARPA funding transfers under finances, regarding Highway staffing, Supervisor Illig reported to the Board one of our Highway workers will be going to part-time from full-time allowing for 30 hours per week maximum. This change in status will alleviate a union contract insurance issue.

An equipment replacement plan was updated by the Board 1/1/23 that was provided for the Board to review its scheduled long term equipment planning. There are no updates at this time.

In 2018 we contacted neighboring Towns to get comparisons of what they are paying their employees. The Board established starting salary rates for employees based on these numbers. A spreadsheet was provided to the Board for review.

As mentioned last month when County Legislator Mike Hanna was here, Supervisor Illig had asked him for any updates from the County regarding the Nichols Inn property. As discussed at length a few years ago, it is the intent of the Town to reclaim the property that was once a grocery store and gas station for the Town to use for parking for residents on West Lake Road. The County acquired the property approx. 10 years ago due to back taxes and abandonment. They have been trying to remediate the gas wells on the property with the DEC for years. The last update Mike had was 3 of the approx. 8 wells on the property failed so the process is still on-going. Supervisor Illig made it known the Town is still interested in reclaiming that property. He and Mike plan to set up a meeting with County Director of Public Works Eric Rose to discuss further. Supervisor Illig is interested in asking to remediate by putting 10 inches of topsoil and grass as a possible solution since the property will not be used for anything worthwhile except the notion of parking in the future. Stay tuned.

Supervisor Illig commented in August he and Bookkeeper Welch will begin budget preparation followed by a scheduled budget Board workshop.

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 7:55PM.

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Erica Button, Town Clerk