

Supervisor Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 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 passings of Randy Overheiser and Vrooman "Romey" Tyler. He will reflect next month.

Supervisor Illig stated there is a need for an executive session concerning personnel matters. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into an executive session. All in favor. Carried.

After completed discussion, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman Rees made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2024, regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Beginning with finances, Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to pay General Bills in the amount of \$7,633.81 being vouchers No. 24-160 to No. 24-175. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$16,926.22 being vouchers No. 24-171 to No. 24-185. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of 59,171.03 being voucher No. 24-63 to Five Star Bank for the emergency repair loan payoff as discussed last meeting and vouchers No. 24-75 to No. 24-84. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig pointed out voucher No. 24-81 to Sandmans RCD in the amount of \$9,900.00 for a sandblaster to come in due to the corrosion buildup where the water intake and chlorinator pumps are located. He also noted voucher No. 24-83 being the main expense to the Village of Penn Yan for the quarterly contractual payment.

The P & L and balance sheets were available to review. Supervisor Illig mentioned as seen on the Highway P & L, the CHIPS reimbursement of \$159,523.14 was received. We will receive a follow-up reimbursement the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.

There are no transfers needed this month.

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

Clerk Button reported she intends to change her Monday office hours effective September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6pm to 12-4pm. She will update on the website, voicemail, and posting boards at the Town Hall and Post Office. Tuesday through Thursday office hours will remain the same. She will continue to offer by appointment only availability as well.

Supervisor Illig recently spoke with former Assessor, Dave Oliver, who agreed that our current Assessor, Cherokee Mitchell, is doing a great job and working out well for all 3 Towns.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept has been performing fall mowing, ditching and grader patching, and graveled Wright Road in preparation for stone and oil next year. They helped the Towns of Wayne and Bath stone and oil roads and have fixed the damaged areas from the recent flood damage. Steuben County work force came, and pressure washed the salt barn getting it ready to paint hopefully this month. He will order and deliver playground chips tomorrow. There is a team that will spread next week.

Under the Historian report and old business, Ray is moving forward with the Hometown Heros banner program. He and Bookkeeper Welch have been in touch discussing collection and reporting of payments for the program. Ray is waiting to hear from the banner company to ensure the cost has not risen and once he receives confirmation the banner program will get underway. We are looking to get orders and collect banners over the winter/spring and hope to have an unveiling and ceremony potentially at the annual Memorial Day celebration.

In investigating the issue with the cracks on the pickleball court, Councilman Burns took pictures and sent to Easy Seal in Fulton, NY. This company laid the courts for Yates County Community Center. They got back to her suggesting the issue is the subbase was not compacted correctly and is now buckling up causing cracking. We had resurfaced approx. 5 years ago and have had a problem with cracking throughout the years having to attempt to fill in and reseal. To fix the issue the company is recommending for everything to come off, removal of the asphalt, fence, redo paving, surfacing and laying down acrylic, in addition replacing the tennis net and fence. The quote provided is estimated to cost \$150,000.00-\$175,000.00. She has also tried calling a company in Penfield who laid the Village of Penn Yan courts, but she has not heard back as of yet. It was suggested to contact the Prattsburgh School as well as the City of Hornell as they both have new courts. Councilman Beckman added there are Pulteney residents that have recently installed courts. He will get their information. He suggested using the area to the south of the current courts to lay a new pickle ball court in the flat area. In discussing with experienced individuals, it would approx. cost \$25,000.00-\$30,000.00 to build a brand-new court. This would allow for a new pickleball court, and the remaining can go back to 2 tennis courts without tearing everything out and the added major expense. Councilman Burns noted the area to the south is currently being used for greenspace. Councilman Burns and Councilman Beckman will gather further information and report back next month.

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 is not a Planning Board nor Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for September. There was a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on August 20<sup>th</sup> with 4 scheduled public hearings. 3 applications were approved, 1 denied.

Under old business, we previously spoke about the Hometown Hero banner program. Continued discussion in October.

There are no further updates on the salary comparison spreadsheet or the Nichols Inn property. Supervisor Illig will continue to get in touch with County Legislator Mike

Hanna regarding setting up a meeting with County Director of Public Works Eric Rose to discuss the remediation and reclamation of the Nichols Inn property that we would use for parking for West Lake Road residents. Stay tuned.

On the agenda under new business, the presentation of the 2025 Tentative Town budget. Supervisor Illig reported a budget workshop was scheduled and held August 26<sup>th</sup> that went very well. Based on the figures presented, the tax rate will be reduced from \$2.79/1000 to \$2.60/1000. The tentative budgets were emailed to the Board for review prior to this evening. After further discussion and review, there are 2 proposed changes. In the General budget under Buildings: line A1620.48 Insurance, \$34,000.00 is proposed and it is being recommended by our insurance agent to increase the amount to \$35,600.00. This would lower Contingency line A1620.51 under Buildings by \$1,600.00 going from \$57,405.00 to \$55,805.00. The second proposed change is in the Highway budget under General Repairs-Road: line D5110.4 Contractual Expenses to increase from \$179,000.00 to \$200,000.00. This would decrease line D5130.2 Equipment under Machinery from \$82,500.00 to \$61,500.00. Supervisor Illig asked the Board if anyone had any questions or additional proposed changes? With nothing heard and after receiving the consensus of the Board, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to approve the 2025 Tentative Town budget as presented with the 2 proposed changes as noted. Roll call vote: Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Lastly on the agenda, with Halloween being on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to hold the annual Town trick-or-treat hours from 6-8pm. All in favor. Carried. Clerk Button will post and advertise in the Shopper closer to Halloween.

Supervisor Illig asked if anyone from the public had any comments/questions? With nothing heard and no need for an additional executive session, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

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Erica Button, Town Clerk

