

Supervisor Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Councilman Jon Beckman; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Jennifer Galvan; Bookkeeper Rebecca Welch; and Town Clerk Erica Button. Absent was Councilman Tammy Tones and Councilman Richard Rees. A quorum was established.

Bill Weber was present to speak of several recent Town passings. John Force lived on Reynolds Road, off Brown Road, in a complex Bill called "Forceville". He first met John when he worked for Casella and picked up Bill's garbage on a weekly basis. Bill recalled several "short" discussions with John mostly involving hunting and commented he was a fine fellow known for his quick responses. Randy Overheiser grew up next to the Town Hall and went to Hammondspport Central School with Bill's kids. Randy had a great interest in dirt track racing and moved down south for some time after high school. He later ended up moving to Corning and passing at the very young age of 55. Vrooman "Romey" Tyler lived on Mill Street across from the Town Barn with his wife Judy, who also recently passed. Romey was well known for his good spirit and handy man skills. Bill recalled when Romey would work for the Water District hooking up water connections being in a ditch about as deep as he was tall! He was a popular Pulteney resident and another fine fellow. Linda Erway was Romey's sister. She was a lifelong resident of the Pulteney area and worked for the Hammondspport School District. Sadly, she passed shortly after Romey. Helen Snyder was the matriarch of a prominent family in Pulteney. The Snyder family consisted of 15 children, Helen being the last surviving member of the family, via marriage to Vernon. There is a Snyder family history in the Town historical files Bill intends to go through with Historian Ray Emery and further document this large and iconic family of Pulteney. They all will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by those who knew them.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2024, regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Beginning with finances, Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay General Bills in the amount of \$8,804.61 being vouchers No. 24-176 to No. 24-197. Roll call vote: Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$15,264.98 being vouchers No. 24-186 to No. 24-198. Roll call vote: Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of 6,784.11 being voucher No. 24-85 and vouchers No. 24-86 to No. 24-96. Roll call vote: Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried.

The P & L and balance sheets were available to review. There are no transfers needed this month.

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

Lauren commented as seen on his report there have been a lot of property transfers and permits recently. Fairly typical for this time of year, notably different is the projects have been very large in size.

In the Water District we are now using Waterloo Water Plant for our bacteria sampling testing. Chuck recently took a tour of the facility.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the County work force came to paint the salt barn. Supervisor Illig commended the work and the barn looks great. Highway Supt. Gibson relayed according to square feet it should have taken 10 gallons of paint and ended up needing 30 gallons. The Dept put gravel on Wright Road in preparation for stone and oil next year with the help of the Town of Prattsburgh hauling. They should be finished with fall mowing by next week. The new truck is in the process of being put together and should be done by November. The security and flagpole lights have been changed and they have hauled in additional gravel. There is a need to buy new tires for 2 of the Highway trucks and 1 truck needs to be taken to Maple City for a mechanical issue. There are 2 trees in Glen View that need cut down including stumps quoted at \$900.00 each. The Board approved as within the budget.

Under the Historian report and old business, Ray is moving forward with the Hometown Heros banner program and ready to start handing out applications and instructions. He will ensure they are available at the Town Hall as well.

Supervisor Illig provided an update on replacing the Town Hall front door with a new security/handicap assessable door. Our security company gave us the name of a company they work with in Big Flats. They were very responsive, came to measure, and gave a quote of \$20,500.00, the electronics being a large portion of the expense. Supervisor Illig contacted Steve Dillon who was the contractor for the library and gave the name of another contact. The company came and measured; we are still awaiting a quote due to a family emergency. Supervisor Illig has researched other companies, however besides possibly within the Rochester area he has not found another to contact. Lauren suggested Marble's in Penn Yan. Supervisor Illig will contact them tomorrow agreeing that was a great suggestion. Stay tuned. Supervisor Illig continued to report he will be out of Town for approximately 8 days but will be available by phone. He wanted to thank Highway Supt. Gibson, the Dept., and Lauren for delivery and spreading of the CHIPS for the playground. Lastly, the Board members and Attorney Galvan received a letter from a resident recently suggesting the Town allocate a portion of lakefront property allowing the residents of Pulteney to have public lake access including a community park. Supervisor Illig agreed he has often thought that would be a nice amenity for residents and replied asking if this resident had any suggestions or specific ideas on how to proceed. In theory within the 8 miles of lake frontage in Pulteney there is currently not a parcel the Town could acquire within the Town budget. Bill Weber noted several years ago when he was Supervisor the Town had the opportunity to purchase a portion of lake frontage at the bottom of Boyd Hill Road however the Town Board at the time thought the liability would be too high. The Town Attorney suggested the liability would not be any higher than any other incident that could occur on Town property, however the Board rejected, and the notion never moved forward.

Regarding the cracks on the pickleball court, Councilman Burns reported she contacted the City of Hornell, as Councilman Rees had suggested last month, asking who they contracted for their new pickleball courts. The company is CP Ward and

Councilman Burns spoke with the large project staff member who in turn is a resident of Pulteney. He noted he has played on our courts. He is suggesting the courts do not need to be completely dug up and the cracks are not that terrible and can be fixed. He came and took pictures and is going to come back Friday to investigate further. He volunteered his services to the Town as he has a vested interest being a property owner. He additionally mentioned to Councilman Burns the availability of NYS Park and Recreation grants that offer significant funding. The deadline has passed for this year but something to consider for next year. It was noted to ensure the grant application be community driven when requesting funding asking the community as a whole what they are interested in and desire most. Councilman Burns commented the purchase of additional Town property would be a feasible option to request in the grant application. Further updates 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 October.

Under old business, we previously spoke about the Hometown Hero banner program. Applications will be made available.

County Legislator Mike Hanna is continuing to work on scheduling 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.

On the agenda under new business, the presentation of the 2025 Preliminary Town budget. Supervisor Illig noted the preliminary budget presented reflects the 2 changes approved by the Board in September. Supervisor Illig asked the Board if anyone had any questions or additional proposed changes? With nothing heard, Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the 2025 Preliminary Town budget as presented and schedule a public hearing on November 13, 2024, at 7:30pm. Roll call vote: Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Clerk Button will publish a legal notice of public hearing, post on the website, and Town Hall, in addition to the proposed elected official salaries as required.

Continuing on the agenda, as submitted since the beginning of the Water District, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to adopt the following Resolution:

**Resolution Authorizing Town Water/Sewer Re-levy to be placed on the 2025 Tax Roll**

**WHEREAS**, certain water account customers may be delinquent in paying their quarterly water bills, it may be necessary to have the arrears added to their Town and County tax bills.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Pulteney hereby authorizes the Steuben County Real Property Tax Office to re-levy the delinquent water charges to the owner of the property and that the Town of Pulteney will provide the necessary information to the County.

Memo from the County Real Property Tax Service attached hereto.

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

Lastly under new business, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to publish the following notice, as in previous years, in the Southern Tier Shopper.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF PULTENEY RESIDENTS**

In order to do an efficient job of plowing snow this winter, there will be **NO PARKING** along the Town Roads or Right-of-Ways in the Town of Pulteney from November 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025.

**All vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense.**

Please remember that plowing driveways across roadways is dangerous, as well as against the law. Anyone plowing snow across the roadway will be subject to a violation and may be issued an appearance ticket.

By order of Terry Gibson, Highway Superintendent

All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig asked if anyone from the public had any comments/questions? Bill Weber commented on an additional time when the Water District was first installed there was a need for property on the north end for a pump station. A resident at the time decided to transfer a portion of his property to the Town for this reason however no Attorneys were involved. Several months later when he did not receive a school tax bill, the resident realized he had parted with that portion of his property and desired it back. The Town obliged and gave back the parcel. 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 7:38PM.

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Erica Button, Town Clerk

