

As noted at the January Board meeting, Supervisor Mark Illig is out of Town until the end of March, with Councilman Burns being appointed as Deputy Supervisor, she will be acting Supervisor during his time away. Councilman Burns called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bill Weber spoke of the recent passing of 4 Town/community members. Peggy McIntyre lived on Briglin Road and was married to former Town Highway Supt. George McIntyre. Bill mentioned he unfortunately did not see Peggy often nor knew much about her. She passed at the young age of 64. Dave Stenger was the son-in-law of Bill Nesbitt. Together they would join at ROMEO (retired old men eating out!) meetings in Penn Yan. Other than seeing Dave at the “meetings” and here in Pulteney, Bill remembered seeing him in his work as an engineer on contract at IST Corp in Horseheads. Bill also particularly remembered when the Town was in the abandoned Gibson Road lawsuit, Dave would comment the area is a nice place to walk his dog rather than return to a road. He was a good guy to be around. Shirley Griffin lived with her husband David on Cross Street in a beautiful house Bill would visit from time to time. He remembers well when David told him of his extreme disappointment when a house was built directly across the road from him and Shirley blocking their view of Keuka. Shirley was a member of the Hammondsport Women’s Club and would work together with Bill’s wife. Bill remembered a time when there were some property issues to the south of Shirley’s house that, as Supervisor, Bill dealt with and was able to resolve. Lastly, Joe Spitz was Bill’s best friend. He knew Joe from the early 1950 era when Joe lived in the Wagener mansion and was known as Spike. Bill recalled several carefree summer days they had together. Bill noted when he was Supervisor and dealing with Joe over some issues on the sale of the Town of Pulteney gravel pit, which the Spitz family had owned at one time. He and Joe also would go to the weekly ROMEO meetings. Bill thinks back and cherishes his more than 70 years of friendship. They will all be remembered and missed by many!

Councilman Rees made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2025, organizational and regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried. Bookkeeper Welch will provide the year-end meeting minutes when available.

There continues to remain issues with the new QuickBooks software, however the balance sheets and profit & loss reports were presented for all 3 accounts.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Rees to authorize to pay General Bills in the amount of \$83,242.87 being vouchers No. 25-17 to No. 25-41. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes. Carried.

Councilman Beckman made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$14,418.83 being vouchers No. 25-16 to No. 25-36. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes. Carried.

Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Beckman to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$232,811.87 being vouchers No. 25-4 to No. 25-13.

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

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

Clerk Button reported approx. 2.8 million has been collected thus far with 309 unpaid bills remaining. The Town has been paid in full and she recently mailed out the majority payment due to the County. As it is a topic on the agenda, Clerk Button reported on the Town Hall entry door that was delivered and installed this morning. After lengthy discussion with Eastern Security the quote that was provided, approved, and signed on 11/14/24 was not to the full extent of security purposes the Board had intended. As it now has become known, the quote approved was for Eastern Security to provide an access panel and key fobs to employees with the notion the front door would be locked otherwise needing an employee to open the door for anyone else entering the building which is not realistic for a community Town Hall. For the security and access that was intended and needed an additional quote is required, however it was not provided by Eastern Security at the time of the Board meeting. Clerk Button was told with the additional quote the project total would not be over \$10,000.00. The original approved quote was for \$4,367.00. Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Tones to, once received, approve and sign the additional quote up to \$10,000.00 total investment to install the new front entry door as previously discussed by the Town Board as intended with the proper security features. Roll call vote: Councilman Rees, yes; Councilman Beckman, yes; Councilman Tones, yes; Councilman Burns, yes. Carried.

Municipal Services Manager Welch commented he continues to be busy with new construction projects in addition working to update current and past property information with the Assessor.

Councilman Rees had questions for Lauren regarding the inspection of retaining walls on West Lake Road. Lauren confirmed the DOT is contacting homeowners and having issues getting in touch with some owners. Lauren suggested the owners should not ignore the notices and inspections that need completed before becoming a bigger problem.

In Highway Superintendent Gibson's report, it was noted that he received a quote from John Deere for a roadside mower and is awaiting a quote from Case International. As was to be discussed on the agenda, he is still working on the mowing contract for this year. He has been trying to get in touch with our contractor from last year but hasn't been able to reach for confirmation either way. It will be on the agenda for March and if need be, place the 2025 mowing contract out for bid. Stay tuned.

Attorney Galvan reported on the Nichol's Inn site. In beginning negotiations with the County and the DEC, she provided the Board with a site management plan from November 2022. It was noted this site plan still shows trees and vegetation that do not exist now after the storm this past August. There is an updated plan that she still needs to review. The DEC believes the Town's intention of using it as a parking lot would be a good use for the site. The DEC would have specific requirements to abide by. The surface of the site has been deemed remediated, however there are still elements that run deeper in the soil therefore there is no use of ground water with every 2-3 years mandated testing is required to tap down into the wells to see if waste still exists and testing to

ensure that waste does not spread. Another requirement would be to not disturb the vegetation, trees, and caps as shown in the site plan. Councilman Rees questioned if the property is deeded over to the Town will it now be the Town's responsibility if a natural disaster occurred and vegetation was disrupted? Attorney Galvan stated more than likely it would now be the Town's responsibility not the DEC, as the DEC has filed a certificate of completion on the property that has been filed in the County Clerk's office. Also, the County has been funding the mandatory water testing currently with the presumption it would be the Towns' responsibility thereafter once deeded. It was questioned whether the Town would pave, stone, dirt etc. the parking lot, again depending on if wanting to pave the pipes, caps, trees cannot be touched. If the plan is to pave, how would you pave around the pipes and vegetation, in addition this would completely seal in the contaminants that are under ground? It was discussed the County has invested a lot into this site, if they will simply transfer the property over or if the Town would have to purchase from the County? Councilman Rees mentioned the potential costly expenses moving forward to remediate further, maintain, all for possibly parking space for 10 cars? Would this be a worthwhile investment? A lot to consider and questions that need answered in moving forward. Attorney Galvan will reach out to the County to discuss further. The Board will table the discussion until the April meeting when Supervisor Illig has returned.

There was not a Planning Board meeting held in February and there is tentatively a meeting scheduled for March with 4 sub-division applications to review. There is not a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for February.

Under old business, Clerk Button has received several Hometown Hero applications. Historian Ray Emery has relayed that the first deadline for banners is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were some questions about whether the applications need to be from lifelong residents or if summer residents are allowed. The Town is being lenient and open to the Pulteney community for applications. All are welcome.

Councilman Burns provided an update with the recreation committee stating she has met with committee members Carol McGill, Dorothy Graham, Holly Goodrich, Joan Georgia, and Monica Sommerville. They have enlisted a good working group that is putting together a survey that will be sent to property owners, provided at the Town Hall, library, and will be in the March edition of the Grapevine newsletter. They are looking to open up asking about broader long-range goals of what community members envision for the Town with several questions/options being asked. No matter what is wanted and determined appropriate, the Town will need to apply for grants on all projects. Further updates to come.

With no need for an executive session, Councilman Burns asked if the public had any comments or questions? With nothing heard, Councilman Tones made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

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Erica Button, Town Clerk

