

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 2012

(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilman Bayly	Present
Councilwoman Bentley	Present
Councilwoman Cropsey	Present
Councilman Slavin	Present
Supervisor Jacangelo	Present

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Patrick Tomaselli, Town Attorney

The Town Board members met at 7:00 p.m. to review and audit the monthly bills. Motion by Bayly, seconded by Slavin and carried that the bills have been audited for payment. Supervisor Jacangelo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then opened the floor for any public comments.

S. Patanian, Town resident spoke on her concern over our ambulance response time. D. Basle, Fire Chief responded that records are available that show that this statement is not true. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that this is something the board is looking into. A. Patanian, Town resident is concerned over the cuts in the road (Rosena) that were due to the construction of the water district. Mr. Patanian is also concerned over the possibility of the hydrant on Rosena is leaking and Mr. Brunet, Water Manager stated that this problem would be investigated.

M. Pettrone, Owner of Lochvue site wanted the board to be aware of his deployment to Afghanistan and that any problems that should arise regarding the site should be addressed to his partner K. Baer. The board wished Mr. Pettrone well. L. Basle wanted to reserve time during Discussion items. L. Basle stated that the Fire Company's contract with the town does not stipulate ambulance service and Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he was not sure of that comment. When everybody was given the opportunity to speak, Supervisor Jacangelo closed the public comment period.

Motion by Slavin, seconded by Cropsey and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2012, as written.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – J. Ross reported on the planning board meeting of May 1st and town board members had copies of such in their packets.

Zoning Board – Town Board members had copies of the May 8th ZBA meeting. F. Burzesi, Chairman of the ZBA and his son presented Supervisor Jacangelo with a thank you letter signed by the Cub Pack #528.

Fire Company – No reports.

Library – A. Cropsey spoke on the recent activities at the Library and spoke about how successful "Market Day" was which was held on May 5th.

Records Advisory – Nothing to report.

CAC- The CAC met last week and Supervisor Jacangelo will discuss the issues when he gives his Supervisor's report.

Youth Board- Tara Houser, Youth Director reported on upcoming activities of the summer camp and she supplied board members of the camp schedule calendar. It is on file at the town clerk's office. Supervisor Jacangelo stated to Ms. Houser that a copy of her summer hires will be needed for the June board meeting.

Water Board – no meeting.

Correspondence – A memo from NYS Dept. of Transportation dated May 8th advising of the pavement improvements of certain routes in the town of Poestenkill.

Memo from NYS Office of Real Property Services stating the tentative 2012 Equalization Rate will be 25.40 for Poestenkill.

Memo from R. Brunet, Water Manager stated that on June 1st a letter will be sent to each resident in the water district explaining the Trihalomethanes that are a byproduct of the chlorine used to disinfect the drinking water supply. THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK. Poestenkill will continue working with the city of Troy and Rensselaer County Health Department to reduce Trihalomethanes while maintaining chlorine levels that will insure that are drinking water is safe.

Letter from Rensselaer County dated April 16th stating that they will take LEAD Agency regarding the Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Letter dated April 18th from the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance inviting board members to a meeting on May 31st to discuss the Regional Conservational Plan.

Letter from NYSDEC dated April 16th notifying the town of a complete application for the Lochvue site.

Town board members had copies of a Salary & Benefit comparison survey.

Informational Items - The Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 28, 2012 at 11am.

Discussion Items – Proposed Local Law Authorizing Real Property Town Tax Exemption for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings – The proposed law provides a limited and phased property tax exemption for the increased and assessed value of residential buildings attributable to the reconstruction alteration or improvement of such property. Board members discussed this issue at length. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that a decision had to be made by the board whether or not to put this proposed law up for a public hearing. It was decided by the town board to table the proposed law and it will be discussed at a future date.

Poestenkill Stream Restoration – Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the Poestenkill has suffered from the recent storms. The creek banks have to be stabilized and reseeding has to be done. Volunteers would be used for this project. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that there is \$500 in the Conservation line of the town budget and H. Cushing who is Chairman of the CAC stated Rensselaer County Conservation would supply \$500 for this project. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that some funds are coming from a settlement with DEC for a project that enhances the environment. The project is subject to DEC approval. Supervisor Jacangelo's thought was to start on the stream banks in East Poestenkill and work their way down to the Hamlet. Motion by

Slavin, seconded by Bayly and carried to increase the appropriation of the conservation line of the 2012 budget by \$2,000 subject to the availability of the other money sources mentioned.

R. Gardner, President of the Fire Company is concerned over the shape that the creek is in behind the fire house. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that FEMA has already closed out their work in the town. Supervisor Jacangelo stated he would discuss this with the Highway Superintendent and further stated that the DEC permits were good through October.

Solar Panels for the Town Hall - Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he needs to have the company's representative sit down and talk with him regarding the details of the portable solar panel contract and the pros and cons of such.

Councilwoman Bentley stated that several people have approached her regarding having "slow signs" on Veterans Street and also she wanted to know why there were no flags on the street. Mr. Chadwick stated the flags would be going up soon.

Action Items – No items.

Reports –

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Jacangelo reported on the CAC recent meeting regarding the stream restoration. He further stated that he had several complaints on speeding on Weatherwax Road and with the budget transfers this evening the water project with RD is pretty much complete. The full report is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Town Attorney's Report – Town board members had copies of Mr. Tomaselli's activities since the last town board meeting which includes contractual matters, water district matters and a meeting with the town clerk to discuss town code issues.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Slavin, seconded by Bentley and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of April 2012. The total amount received in the clerk's office was \$11,590.73 and of that amount \$11,361.64 was remitted to the Supervisor. The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer gave an oral presentation and town board members had copies of his written report. Mr. Brunet wanted to thank R. Gardner for doing such a good job of up-dating and posting on the website. Town board members had copies of the Assessor's monthly report as well as the Highway report and dog control report and the Creekside Kennel report.

Budget Transfers – Resolution #11-2012 – IN THE MATTER OF THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN WATER CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDS – RESOLVED, that it is hereby authorized and directed that the budget line items as indicated on the Rural Development (RD) Project Budget/Cost Certification FORM E be modified by transferring funds totaling \$17,565.99 as indicated in the following allocations:

From: FORM E budget line items

ADMINISTRATIVE, 1. Legal (Town Attorney)	\$11,130.31
CONSTRUCTION, 1. Construction Contracts, Contract 2 Casale	1,835.68
CONSTRUCTION, 2. Direct Expenditures, Leak Detection	4,600.00

To: FORM E budget line items

ADMINISTRATIVE, 2 Bonding	13,193.59
CONSTRUCTION, 2. Direct Expenditures, Replacement Parts	4,372.40

MOVED BY: Councilman Slavin
 SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bentley

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilman Bayly	YES
Councilwoman Bentley	YES
Councilwoman Cropsey	YES
Councilman Slavin	YES
Supervisor Jacangelo	YES

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Slavin, seconded by Bayly and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #9-2012 in the amount of \$19,243.41. Motion by Slavin, seconded Bayly and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #10-2012 in the amount of \$130,054.12.

Motion by Slavin, seconded by Bayly and carried to enter into Executive Session at 9:15 pm to discuss land acquisition. Motion by Bentley and seconded by Slavin to exit Executive Session at 9:30 pm with no votes taken in Executive Session and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton
 Town Clerk