

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 20, 2016

(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present
Councilman Van Slyke	Present
Councilman Wohlleber	Present
Supervisor Jacangelo	Present

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Patrick Tomaselli, Attorney

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the Budget Workshop with the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the regular meeting, the Town Board held another budget workshop on the tentative budget figures for the 2017 year. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he and the bookkeeper (Michelle Asquith) have been working on figures, moving figures around and fine tuning the document. He reviewed some of the budget lines with Board members and the audience. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the town was able to save money on the health insurance and figures were put together that would reflect increases for staff as well as elected officials. He did point out, that no increase was given to the Supervisor or Town Board. Summary documents were supplied to Board members at the last work shop showing where the figures were taken from and where they were applied. After reviewing several lines in the budget, it was decided by a motion that most of the staff and elected officials would receive the 3% increase. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he had spoken with the Comptroller's Office and they suggested that the Library Statutory amount (Referendum monies) be placed on a separate line on the 2017 tax bill and would not be part of the 2% cap. Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried that as discussed this evening, elected officials as well as most of the town staff would be given a 3% increase. There was a heated discussion between Councilman Hass and Councilman Van Slyke over the proposal of including \$10,000 in the 2017 budget for Ambulance negotiations. Nothing formal was decided at this time and future talks will continue. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to set the Public Hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget for October 31st at 6 p.m. Mr. Tomaselli will take care of the legal notice with the elected officials salaries.

Motion by Hass seconded by Wohlleber, and carried that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the floor to public comments. J. Malinski, town resident wanted to explain to the Town Board about the issue of his land being flooded and damaged because of people illegal dumping in the marsh. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he would contact DEC to see if they would do a spill investigation. Mr. Malinski has spoken with many State agencies as well as the county and the town about the issue. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the problem is being worked on and it will take months and that he would keep Mr. Malinski in the loop.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of the September 15, 2016 as written. Motion by Butler, seconded by Wohlleber with 5 ayes to accept the minutes of October 6, 2016 Workshop/Special Meeting, as written.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board –Due to lack of agenda items, the Planning Board meeting of October 4th was cancelled. A new clerk has been hired for the PB and ZBA.

Zoning Board – Due to lack of agenda items, the ZBA meeting scheduled for October 11th was cancelled.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. September report.

Library – Lou Ann stated that Marcia Hopple was now Library president.

Youth Advisory Board – Councilman Wohlleber reported that the Halloween party is being held October 29th at the VFW.

CAC- No Meeting

Councilman Hass stated that the PBA held their Meet the Candidates night on Monday, October 17th.

Correspondence:

Memos dated September 21st and October 5th from Charter Communications regarding certain changes in the services offered. Supervisor Jacangelo reported that he had sent an email to the government affairs person and he did get a response back because he wants to re-negotiate the cable franchise. One of the elements he is looking for is to include two franchise payments from Charter Communications instead of one.

Memo from the Association of Towns explaining how the town's yearly dues are computed and stating that the 2017 Assoc. of Towns Meeting will be held in NYC February 19-22.

Discussion Items:

Review 1986 Resolution entitled Restricting Succession of Office of Members and Chairmen of the Poestenkill Town Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals- Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the question to the Board is, do they want this 1986 Resolution altered. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave it status quo.

Supervisor Jacangelo asked Town Attorney Tomaselli whether he had the opportunity to draft a resolution on the healthcare insurance benefits. Mr. Tomaselli said he emailed a draft copy of the proposed resolution but there was some confusion as to whether all Board members had the correct draft. This will be voted on at the November 17th meeting when Town Board members have had the opportunity to review the resolution.

Action Items:

Action to send request for speed reduction- Motion by Hass seconded by Wohlleber and carried to forward a speed study request for County Highway (CR 40 Plank Rd.) and the area of 2000 ft. around Blue Factory Rd. (CR 44) to DOT. DOT contacted the Town Clerk regarding this issue and a resolution will be forwarded to them.

Set Budget Hearing-This was already done.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Jacangelo reported that he attended a meeting at DEC/FEMA regarding new flood plain maps, sent email to Charter Communications, he thanked everyone for attending the mandatory training last week, etc.

Town Attorney's Report –Town Board members had copies of Mr. Tomaselli's written report for the month. It is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Butler, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of September 2016. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$14,854.25 and of that amount \$11,504.50 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. They also had copies of the Assessors monthly report, DCO report, Creekside Kennel, water report and the 811 report. The Highway report was also in the Town Board packets. The Highway Superintendent would like to purchase a new loader for the highway dept. and he would like to have it for January 2017. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

T. Russell reported that there was going to be an Alzheimer seminar at the Algonquin Middle School on October 27th from 7-8:30 p.m.

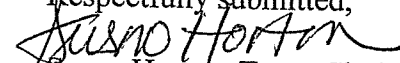
Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and carried to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2016-2017 Snow and Ice Agreement with Rensselaer County.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and carried to pay Warrant #19-2016- in the amount of \$86,619.61. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #20 - 2016 in the amount of \$156,117.14.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to adjourn this meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk