

TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF POESTENKILL  
TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2017

(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  
Jack Casey, Town Attorney

Supervisor Jacangelo opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Jack Casey. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler to appoint Jack Casey to fill the Town Attorney position available due to the death of Pat Tomaselli. He will hold the position until December 31, 2017 and then the Town Board will do an appointment for a 2-year term at the Organizational Meeting. The Supervisor asked for a long roll call:

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

The Town Board members reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Hass seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes that the bills have been audited for payment this evening.

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the first public hearing at 7:05 pm. on the 2018 Preliminary Budget. There being no comments, on a motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes, the Public Hearing was immediately closed. Due to the fact that the second Hearing was not scheduled until 7:15 p.m., Supervisor Jacangelo went to other parts of the agenda until the appropriate time for the second Hearing. The affidavit of publication was available for review.

Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass, with one abstention by Councilman Van Slyke, and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting as written. Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to approve the October 5, 2017, Budget Workshop Meeting minutes as written.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board –The Planning Board minutes of October 3, 2017, were part of the Town Board's packets for this evening.

Zoning Board – Meeting was cancelled due to the lack of agenda items. Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Hass with 1 abstention by Councilman Wohlleber and an oral vote of 4 ayes to appoint Nicole Heckelman as Alternate Member to the ZBA.

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

Library – D. Ries reported on the library’s recent activities.

Youth Advisory Board –Councilman Wohlleber reported on the upcoming youth activities including the upcoming Halloween Party which is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

CAC – no meeting

Correspondence:

Town Board members had copies of the Library’s invitation which was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> to participate in a focus group aimed at helping long range efforts.

Poestenkill Fire Department – Vehicle surplus – Town Board members received a copy of the surplus vehicles available from the Poestenkill Fire Co. The letter was being sent per the current Town contract.

Charter Communications – Memo dated September 29<sup>th</sup> stating the upcoming changes effecting Charter subscribers.

Association of Towns – 2018 Training – Memo dated October 6<sup>th</sup> advising the Town that the Association of Towns meeting will be held in NYC February 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.

Discussion Items:

Release of Town employee for emergency and fire accidents – Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Hass and carried that the Highway Department can be released without charge to deal with emergency and fire accidents.

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Jacangelo opened the second public hearing on the Cable TV Franchise Agreement - The affidavit of Publication was available for review. Supervisor Jacangelo said that virtually the entire Town has cable with internet connection. Board members had copies of the proposed Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications. After everyone was given the opportunity to speak, the hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION #23 -2017-IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL FORMALLY RECOGNIZING ALMA T. CLEMENT ON HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

MOVED BY: Councilman Hass  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Wohlleber  
VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Preliminary to Final Budget and Adopt Final Budget-There was discussion on the preliminary budget among Town Board members. R. Bayly, County Legislator reported that there is a zero percent increase at the County level. Supervisor Jacangelo said that our Preliminary budget as presented includes the Library proposition. Councilman Wohlleber questioned the two percent increases and he felt that these increases should be across the board. He feels that raises should

be earned by merits. Motion by Wohlleber to give the Assessor and the Assistant Assessor a two percent increase. Councilman Van Slyke seconded the motion and discussion followed. Councilwoman Butler stated that Lana was already included in the two percent increase. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the Assessor himself is only in the office one day a week and feels his current salary supports that time and furthermore he didn't put in for an increase. Supervisor Jacangelo stated the Preliminary budget reflects two percent increases but when it comes to the Organizational meeting when the salaries are approved these figures can be modified. He also reported that he is open to going through personnel and creating a rating system. At this point, he feels the Supervisor's salary is adequate and he is not going to support this particular motion that is being discussed. Councilwoman Butler also stated that the Code Enforcement Officer /Building Inspector did not ask for an increase either and Councilman Hass said obviously he didn't feel one was needed. Supervisor Jacangelo stated he did not want to discuss personnel in open session. Supervisor Jacangelo called the motion which was to increase the Assessor's salary by two percent and there was two ayes and three nays. Motion failed. Councilman Hass stated he feels that the merit system wouldn't work because it would "pit" people against each other. Once again, Councilman Wohlleber brought up the ambulance service and if there was anything new to report. Supervisor Jacangelo reported that there is a State mandated program with the idea of shared services for ambulance service. He has had assurances that this idea will be worked on. Also, this opens the door to get a grant. He further stated that hopefully there will be more discussions with the adjoining towns for ambulance issue. Councilman Hass questioned several of the line items in the budget and whether they were a one-time thing and the Town bookkeeper answered these questions. Motion by Van Slyke and seconded by Wohlleber to increase the Supervisor's salary and the Town Board's salary by two percent. Discussion followed among Board members. Councilman Van Slyke feels that the Supervisor and the Town Board should be given the two percent increase to give people the incentive to run for these positions in the future. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that this cannot be done this year, the legal notice on the salaries has already been published. The consensus of the Board was perhaps to do this in the year 2020. The discussion continued and in the end the motion was withdrawn. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the 2018 Preliminary Budget as the adopted 2018 Town Budget.

Adoption of Franchise Cable Agreement-After discussion, the Agreement was approved by the Town Board on a motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and carried to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Franchise Agreement as discussed.

Approval to Sign 2018 Snow and Ice Agreement-Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 Snow and Ice Agreement with Rensselaer County.

#### Reports

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Jacangelo reported he is working on posting the food pantry information on the web site. A Flu Shot clinic will be held from 4 pm – 6 pm on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Poestenkill Fire House. He further stated that the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement will be doing some site visits on properties along Main Street and the search for a new Water Superintendent is continuing.

Town Attorney's Report – Mr. Casey gave a dissertation of his legal background/career.

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 2017. The total amount received in the Clerk's

office was \$14,445.21 and of that amount \$11,411.51 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report.

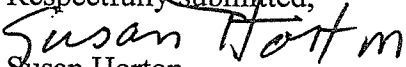
Board members also had copies of the Assessors monthly report, DCO report, water report, 811 report and the Highway report.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant # 18 -2017 in the amount of \$ 99,155.64. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #19 -2017 in the amount of \$149,471.37.

Motion by Wohlleber and seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Horton  
Town Clerk