

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020

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ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Jack Casey, Town Attorney

Due to the ongoing issue with Covid-19, the Town Hall remains closed and for that reason the Town hosted a “Zoom Conference” meeting on April 23rd.

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. and stated that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of February 20, 2020 as written.

Public Comment Period – D. Hass, Councilman updated the Board on how the Treasury rates went to zero and at this time no money is being made. He will be talking to the bank to see if the fees can be waived. J. Butler, Councilwoman expressed her concerns about the excessive parking on Plank Rd./Blue Factory Road due to people visiting Barberville Falls. She stated this is safety hazard for our Town residents. Supervisor Hammond suggested calling law enforcement when this issue arises. S. Kalafut wanted it noted that she too was very concerned with the parking on Plank Rd./Blue Factory Road going to the falls. She also wanted to thank the Town Board for arranging this meeting tonight via “Zoom” and felt that this was a great service to our community.

Correspondence –

Memo’s dated February 27th, March 9th and April 14th 2020 from Charter Communications regarding upcoming changes.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board- T. Russell, Chairman spoke regarding the Vanderhyden Public Hearing and SEQRA Hearing on their proposal to subdivide two lots in Poestenkill from their property they currently own. Mr. Russell stated that they (Planning Board) reached out to the VFW Post to see if that venue would be available to hold the Public Hearing/SEQRA Hearing. He was informed that the County would have to approve this matter due to the current issue with Covid19.

Zoning Board– S. Kalafut, member stated there have been no meetings however, she has received some communication from Algonquin Estates asking if there has been anything brought in front of the Boards regarding Clemente Mining on Stop 13 and she referred them back to the Town Board. Supervisor Hammond stated that if they wanted to reach out to him, he would be available.

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

Library – E.Gresens reported that the Library remains closed and will until further notice. He stated that the Library’s monthly meetings are held via Zoom. Ed also stated that the Library applied for both loans but has not heard anything as of yet.

Youth Advisory Board-T. Buker reported that she is basically in “limbo” and is waiting from Rensselaer County Health to see if she can even hold camp this year with the issues of covid19. There will have to be several factors worked out regarding camp. For instance, will there be a fifty (50) camper limit and if so, camp is full. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks she will hear from the State and County on where we are with camp.

CAC- no meeting

Discussion Items:

Assessor’s office – Betsy Pinho

Supervisor Hammond recommended to the Board that B. Pinho, Clerk to the Assessor be appointed as Deputy Assessor. This would give her the opportunity to hire a Clerk for the Assessors’ office, as our current Assessor will be resigning in June. B. Pinho will at the time be appointed as the new Assessor. Supervisor Hammond stated that there will be a budget overrun this year. However, next years budget will be \$10,000 less in the Assessor’s office. He also wanted to thank Betsy for putting together the budget summary for the Board to review. This will be voted on during the Action Item portion of the meeting.

Town Credit Card – Supervisor Hammond stated that currently the Town’s credit card is still in the previous Supervisor’s name and would like to make some changes. He would like to add M. Asquith, Adm. Assistant and Sue Horton, Town Clerk names to the credit card as they are the ones that use it most of the time and are available if anyone else needs to use it. Motion by Butler, seconded by Van Slyke and carried with 5 ayes to authorize the approval of the Town’s credit card with Michelle Asquith and Susan Horton being named on card.

Health Insurance for Tracy Church –

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office, T. Church has requested Basic Health Insurance. Supervisor Hammond explained that T. Church is willing to stay at present rate of \$22/per hr. and not take increase of \$31.65 that was agreed upon when hired in exchange for Basic Health Insurance. This is the insurance that the Highway Department receives, and it is only for a single person and it is basically the same amount of money. J. Butler, Councilwoman questioned the salary rate of T. Church. Her understanding was the increase did not go into effect until he had completed all his training. Supervisor Hammond stated that T. Church has been doing all Building Inspection/Code Enforcement duties on a daily basis. T. Church reiterated he has been doing all Code Enforcement duties as the previous officer did with the help of the surrounding communities and R. Brunet and has not had any problems. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, second by Councilman Hass and carried with 5 ayes to authorize the approval of Basic Health Insurance for T. Church, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer which he agrees to remain at this current hourly rate of \$22/per hr.

Road dedication specification –

This has been held over until next month’s meeting. The Board would like to have J. Casey, Town Attorney look over this document.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION #4-2020 – APPOINTING BETSY PINHO DEPUTY ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL, Whereas, the Town Board wishes to recognize her hard work and dedication to that office by appointing her Deputy Assessor for the Town of Poestenkill.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler:	YES
Councilman Hass:	YES
Councilman Van Slyke:	YES
Councilman Wohlleber:	YES
Supervisor Hammond:	YES

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond reported the phones have been extremely busy with concerned residents. He also stated the Town has two (2) Covid-19 reports one of which has cleared.

Town Attorney's Report – Mr. Casey reported on the matters that he worked on since the last Town Board meeting which included working with Code Enforcement on wood lot issue and preparing the resolution for B. Pinho.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of March 2020. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$2,193.44 and of that amount \$2,074.10 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, Water Dept. and 811 report, Highway Dept. report. B. Pinho, Deputy Assessor reported that the County is still requiring the Town to hold Grievance Day which will be held on May 28th. B. Pinho stated that the office was going to hopefully do most of this by mail and was setting up appointments if needed. Also, the tentative tax roll will be back from the County May 1st and available for residents to view. Supervisor Hammond stated that the Budget Summary prepared by B. Pinho will be available in his office to view.

*B. Pinho received notice from the Governor's office stating that Governor Cuomo, issued an Executive Order to suspend in-person inspection of the tentative roll, to allow notice of the filing of the tentative roll to be published solely online so long as the date for hearing complaints is prominently displayed and to allow local Boards of Assessment Review to hear complaints remotely by conference call or similar service.

R. Brunet, Water Manager reported that last month there were two (2) water main breaks in Brunswick. He also reported that NYRWA (New York Rural Water Association) conducted an Efficiency Study. The report was very complementary to Poestenkill and states that "We want to note that there are no recommended changes to your operations schedule. Your operations specialists do an excellent job operating and maintaining the drinking system." J. Butler questioned R. Brunet on one item in the NYRWA report regarding population of residents versus how many residents are actually hooked up to the water system. R. Brunet clarified the question. Councilman Wohlleber explained to the Board how our Dog Control Officer, R. Guyer no longer has a chip reader that works. He uses this device for dogs that are picked up without any identification on them. Supervisor Hammond suggested we include that in next years budget.

Councilman Van Slyke wanted to know the status of the Ambulance Committee. He stated that we are running out of time if we want to remotely look at this. Supervisor Hammond stated that Councilman Wohlleber had some conversations with the committee and asked for his review. Councilman Wohlleber stated he received an email from Owen stating he understands the desire to move forward with the committee's work. However, work plans and schedules are unfortunately on hold as all Local, Regional and State agencies involved in emergency medical services are working on limited staff. Therefore, they are currently unable to assist our committee at this time. Councilman Van Slyke stated we must be willing to wait if we want to do anything by September for the Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Hammond stated hopefully things will loosen up in the in a month or so and things can get underway again. Councilwoman Butler who is Chairperson for Comprehensive Plan also stated they have been unable to meet at this time.

Dave Basle, Assistant Chief Fire Company – stated that the new ventilation system was installed in both stations of the Fire House. He also stated the Fire Company is selling their 2011 Chevy Tahoe to a neighboring department and they do have a new replacement for it.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #7-2020 in the amount of \$1,290.34. Motion by Hass seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #8-2020 in the amount of \$47,752.59.

Supervisor Hammond thanked everyone for their patience and expressed his thanks to M. Asquith, Admin. Assistant for setting up this conference.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke seconded by Councilman Hass, and carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Horton Town Clerk



AMENDING MINUTES – April 23, 2020

Councilman VanSlyke wanted it clarified on what his views were at the Town Board Meeting on April 23, 2020.

Councilman VanSlyke spoke regarding the Ambulance Service.

“The message Councilman VanSlyke was trying to convey was there is a deadline pending and we need to push forward, we can’t wait.”

Also, in the following Resolution Supervisor Hammond wanted it stated that Tiffany Buker, Youth Director will also be an authorized user on the Town’s Credit Card.

RESOLUTION #5-2020 – IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO OBTAIN A CREDIT CARD, AND TO DESIGNATE THREE TOWN OFFICIALS AS AUTHORIZED USERS FOR THE TOWN EXPENSES, Now, Let It Therefore Be Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby authorizes Supervisor Keith Hammond to obtain an M&T credit card in his name and that he add Town Clerk Susan Horton, Secretary to the Supervisor Michelle Asquith and Youth Director Tiffany Buker as authorized users.

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Butler

SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler: YES

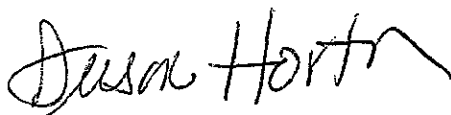
Councilman Hass: YES

Councilman Van Slyke: YES

Councilman Wohlleber: YES

Supervisor Hammond: YES

Susan Horton, Town Clerk





Poestenkill Fire Company



BOX 14
POESTENKILL, NEW YORK 12140

The Poestenkill Fire Co. would like to salute all school graduates for the year 2020.

If you know anyone that lives in the Town of Poestenkill and is going to graduate this year (elementary school, middle school, high school, college) please email the fire company with the following info.

Students Name
Students physical address
What school they are graduating from

Email to: P.F.C.CAR1@OUTLOOK.COM

On June 20, 2020 the Fire Company will be doing a drive-by for each graduate to honor them for a job well done.

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05/04/20
Accrual Basis

Poestenkill Fire Company
Custom Summary Report
April 2020

	<u>Apr 20</u>
Income	
Sale of Equipment	12,000.00
Total Income	<u>12,000.00</u>
Gross Profit	12,000.00
Expense	
Building Fuel (heating)	
East Poestenkill (propane)	362.23
Main Station (Propanel)	781.54
Total Building Fuel (heating)	<u>1,143.77</u>
Building Maintance	
Main Station	210.34
Refuse	71.55
Total Building Maintance	<u>281.89</u>
Electric	
East Poestenkill	22.70
Main Station	21.02
Total Electric	<u>43.72</u>
Equipment	
New Equipment	10,852.58
Repair & Maintance	2,411.02
Total Equipment	<u>13,263.60</u>
Fire Trucks	
Fuel	399.70
Repair & Maintance	654.22
Total Fire Trucks	<u>1,053.92</u>
Funerals	85.00
Internet & Phone	97.86
Medical Supplies	741.73
Office Supplies	299.46
Physicals	120.00
Porfessional Services	1,000.00
Reimbursement	92.27
Security Alarm	65.00
Water	38.42
Total Expense	<u>18,326.64</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-6,326.64</u></u>

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

2020 Possible Road specifications improvements

1. Make cul de sacs completely paved to give highway department more room for snow removal, ease of maneuverability, and other highway maintenance duties. Overall diameter should no less then 90 feet.
2. Require all utilities (water,electric,cable, etc) to be located within the 10 foot easement outside of the towns 25 foot right of way to prevent any future complications with highway maintenance operations. (Can give many documented pictures showing the numerous problem spots we have with this already on existing roads)
3. a. For new developments require the developer to install a single postal mail collection box located near the beginning of the said development to make less congestion of mailboxes so close together. (Ex. Lochvue Dr.)

OR

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- b. Require all mailboxes be located on the same side of the town road throughout entire development to make snow plowing operations and shoulder mowing operations more feasible for the highway department.
4. Installing of subbase shall consist of twelve (12) inches of compacted gravel, or Type 2 mix. However the subbase depth shall be increased to sixteen (16) inches if soil conditions dictate or if ordered by the Town Engineer or Highway Superintendent as outlined in the NYSDOT Standard Specifications.
 5. Conditions for Paving:
 - a. Weather Conditions and Seasonal Limitations: Bituminous asphalt concrete mix shall not be placed on any wet surface or when the surface temperature is less than that stipulated in the chart below, or when weather conditions will otherwise prevent the proper handling or finishing of the bituminous mixtures as determined by the Town Engineer or the Town Superintendent of Highways.
 - b. Pavement of any road/street must take place between May 1 and October 31 and must meet the following surface temperature requirements based on compacted nominal lift or course thickness:

NORMAL COMPACTED LIFT THICKNESS	MINIMUM SURFACE TEMPERATURE
3 inches or greater	40 degrees F
Greater than 1 inch but less than 3 inches	45 degrees F
1 inch or less	50 degrees F

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

c. Seasonal limitations and weather conditions shall be strictly enforced unless a written waiver is received from the Town Engineer and countersigned by the Town Superintendent of Highways prior to paving stating that the above conditions shall be waived.

Sue Horton

From: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Sue Horton
Subject: Fwd: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
Attachments: 5'21'2020 Letter to Kara Seifridsberger..pdf

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From: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:57 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
To: Curt Seifridsberger <gmwiz01@gmail.com>, Nich Seifridsberger <N.Seifridsberger@gmail.com>

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From: Jeff Lang <jlang@griggs-lang.com>
Date: Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
To: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Seifridsberger:

Please review the attached.

Thank you.

J. Lang

Jeffrey T. Lang, P.G. (NY and PA)
Vice President/Principal Hydrogeologist

Griggs-Lang Consulting Geologists and Engineers, P.C.

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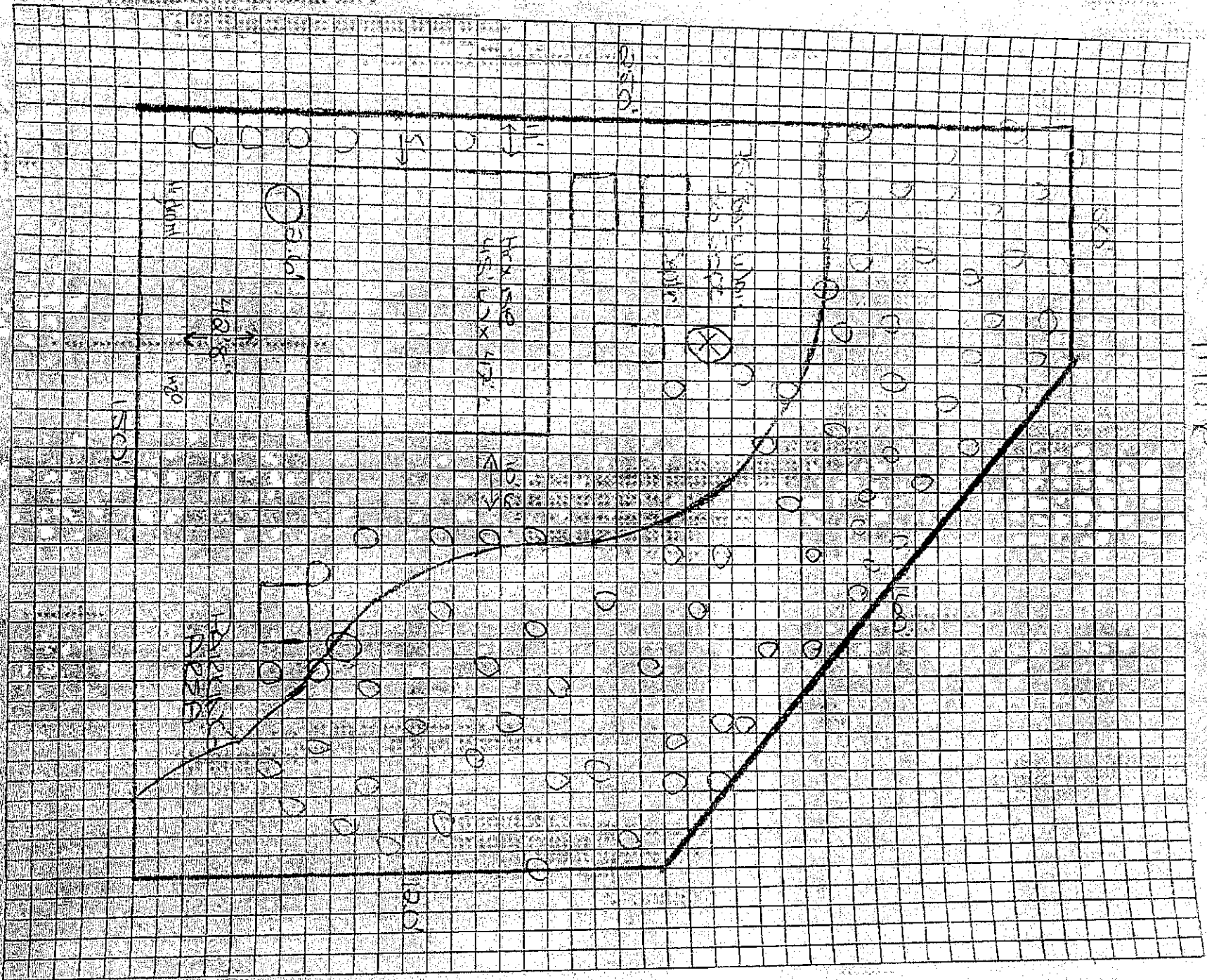
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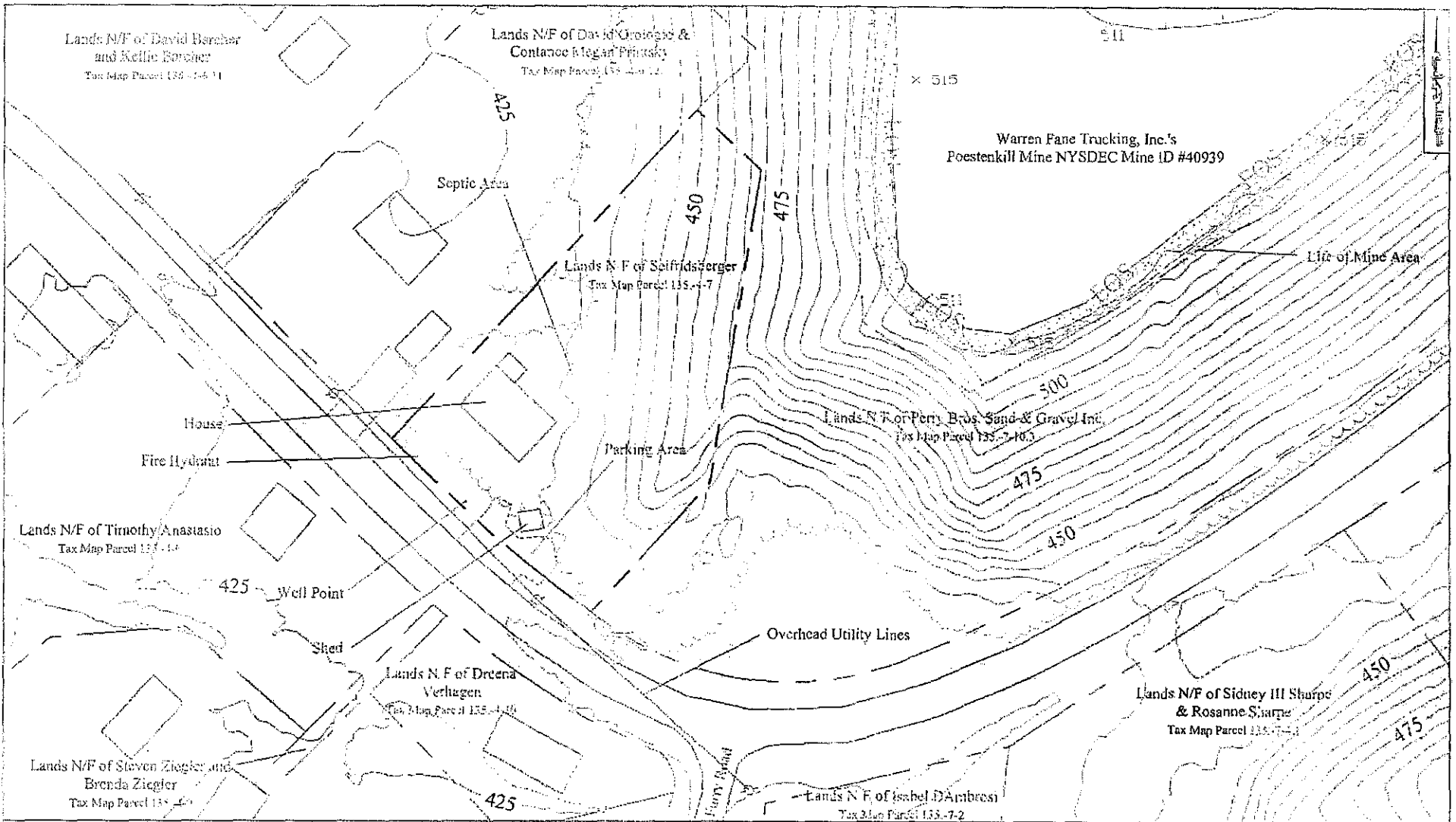
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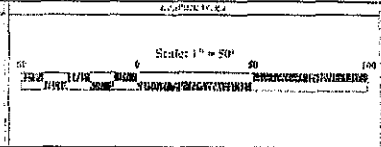


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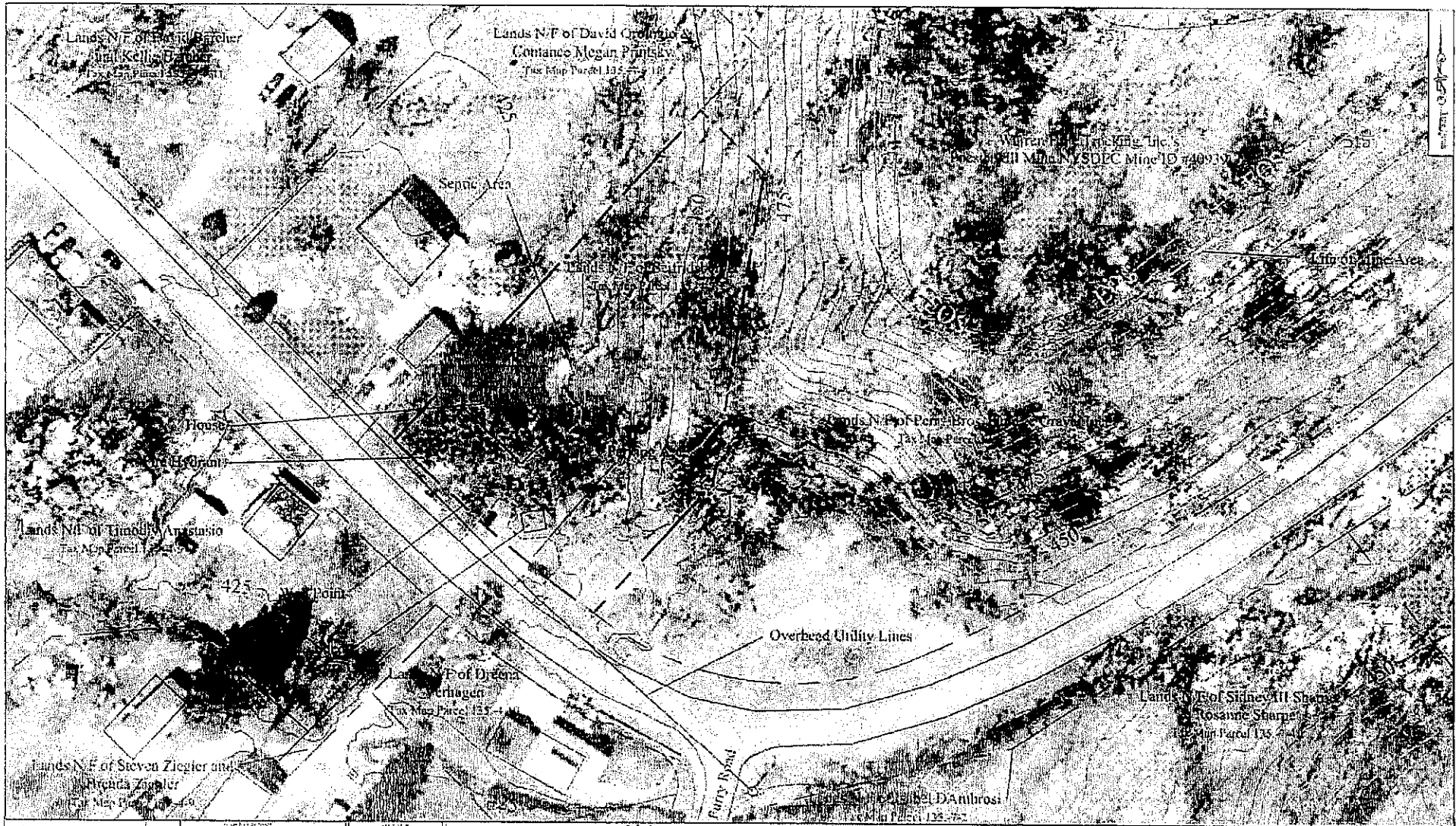
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135-4-12	Orozco, David & Prinsky, Contance	1.12	11,200	
135-4-13	Anastasio, Timothy	1.13	11,300	
135-4-14	Ziegler, Steven & Brenda	1.14	11,400	
135-4-15	Verhagen, Sandra	1.15	11,500	
135-7-10-3	Perry Bros. Sand & Gravel Inc.	1.103	11,030	
135-7-1-1	Sharpe, Sidney III & Rosanne	1.111	11,110	
135-7-2	D'Ambrosi, Isabel	1.12	11,200	



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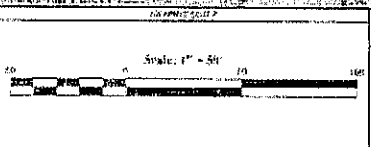
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February 19, 2020

Alicia & Chris Sheldrick

46 Snyders Corner Rd.

Wynantskill, NY 12198

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Thank you,

The Seifridsberger Family

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Timothy Anastasio & Darlene Logozzo

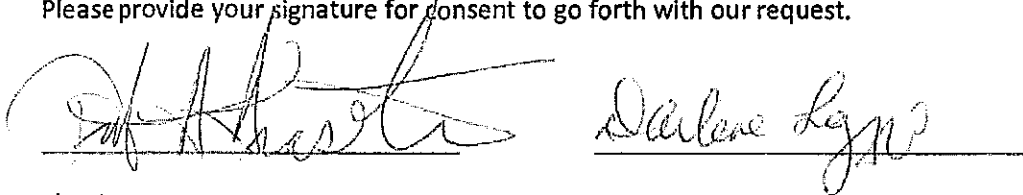
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Thank you,

The Seifridsberger Family

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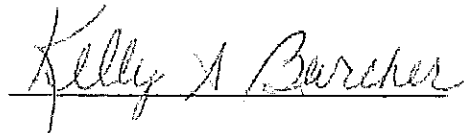
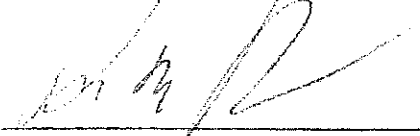
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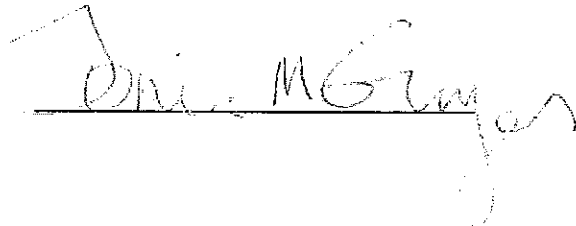
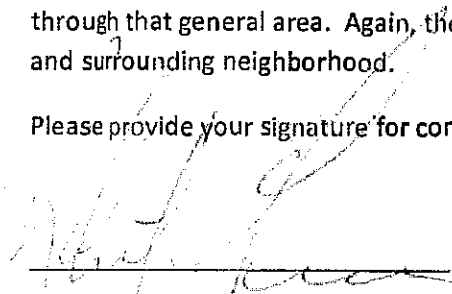
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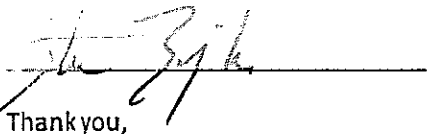
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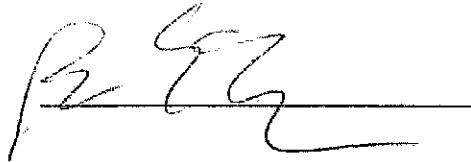
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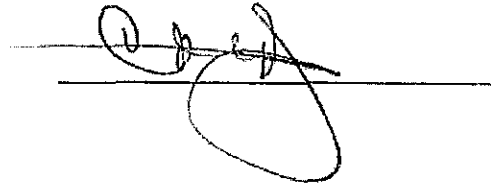
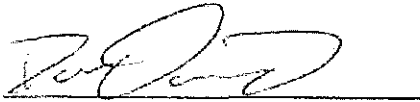
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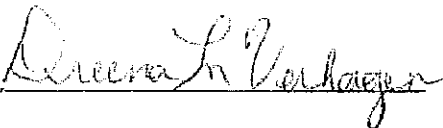
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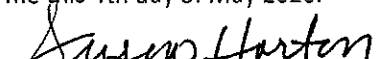
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TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Poestenkill, New York

April 2020

To THE SUPERVISOR: Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1, of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the payment of

	Conservation Fees to the Town:	\$ 1.38
	Marriage License @ \$ 7.50	\$
	Marriage Certificate @ \$10.00	\$
A1255	Total Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1.38
A-1090	Penalties/Interest	\$
A1289	Registrar	\$
A2655	Minor Sales – Copies (certified copy) –	\$
A2544	Local Fee for Dogs –	30.00
A2115	Planning Board Fees - ZBA Fees - \$	\$
A2555	Building Permits	\$ 961.25
A2530	Bell Jar	\$
2110	Water Benefit Charge	\$ 3,377.45
A2720	Water Meter Fee - \$	510.00
A2240	Misc. Water Charges -	\$
A2710	Water Permit Fee -	\$ 40.00
1001	Water Billing - \$18,129.35	\$
		\$
	TOTAL WATER CHARGES	\$ 22,056.80
	REVENUE TO SUPERVISOR	\$ 23,049.43
	Amount paid to State Comptroller for Games of Chance License	\$
	Amount paid to DEC for Conservation Licenses	\$ 23.62
	Amount paid to AG & Markets for fee for unsprayed/unneutered Dog program	\$
		6.00
	Amount paid to State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses	\$
	TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 29.62
	May 4, 2020	\$
	Keith Hammond, Town Supervisor	
	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED BY CLERK	\$ 23,079.05
	State of New York, County of Rensselaer, Town of Poestenkill, Susan Horton being duly sworn says that she is the Clerk of the Town of Poestenkill the foregoing is a full and true statement of all Fees and Moneys received by her during April. Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided by law subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May 2020.	
		

RENSSELAER COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE
2020 TAX WARRANT SETTLEMENT
TOWN OF Preston Kill

Warrant amount from Bureau of Tax Services

Original warrant amount 4,304,777.25
Less: Total adjustments (from pg 2)..... \$ -
Revised Warrant amount..... \$ 4,304,777.25

Less:

Taxes collected by Town Tax collector

Paid to Town Supervisor 1,535,765.01
Paid to County Bureau of Finance..... 1,500,000.00
Final Payment to County with Roll Books. 822,497.14
Total collected by Town \$ 3,858,262.15

Taxes collected by Bureau of Finance:

Corporate Taxes ~ State Lands (excl Time Warner)..... 60,787.65
Time Warner (excl franchise fees)..... \$ 2,831.43
*** Time Warner Town Franchise fees \$ 34.31
Total collected by County..... \$ 63,653.39

Total Uncollected Tax Amount turned in with books \$ 382,861.71

Per your cable agreement with Time Warner, they are permitted to reduce their annual property tax bill (which is paid to the County BOF) by the exact amount paid to the Town in Franchise Fees. Therefore, in order to properly reflect their taxes paid in full, the Town must pay the County an amount equal to the franchise fees they received from Time Warner.

Tax collector or receiver signature: Dusmo Horton Date: 4-6-2020



OFFICE OF THE
ASSESSOR

Town of Poestenkill

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Poestenkill, NY 12140
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TO: POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD
FROM: BRIAN M. JACKSON/ ASSESSOR

ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2020

All changes to be added to the tentative roll are now being processed. The County office prints the tentative roll as well as the change notices that need to be mailed by May 1st. The dates that the assessor sits with the tentative roll are stated on these change notices as well as posted on the Town website and in the Troy Record. Grievance Day is set for Thursday, May 28th. The tentative roll is available in hardcopy for anyone to review and it is also available on the Town website. Any changes because of the Board of Assessment Review meeting are sent to the County for finalization.

We continue to review and process new deeds as well as parcel splits and mergers.

Constituent relations continue to be good during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian M. Jackson
Assessor
Town of Poestenkill

cc: Susan Horton, Town Clerk

Poestenkill
Office of the Water Department
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Memorandum

To: Town Supervisor- Keith Hammond
Town Board Members – June Butler, David Hass, Harold Van Slyke,
Eric Wohlleber (Deputy Town Supervisor)
Town Attorney – Jack Casey

From: Robert L. Brunet, P.E. / Water Manager *RYB*

Date: May 15, 2020

RE: Monthly Activities (April – May)

OVERVIEW:

In both the Water and the 811 disciplines all our requirements were met or exceeded during this period without any major problem. It is noteworthy that NYS felt compelled to notify various 811 organizations that as a result of the Coronavirus, some municipalities were not meeting their legal requirements regarding the “Dig Safe N.Y.” program and they were therefore required to process additional paperwork. I want you to know that we have met all of our obligations and are not among that derelict group identified by the 811 organization..

CORONAVIRUS:

An important message regarding the coronavirus pandemic: Regarding the potential that municipal water supplies are infected, All federal and state water groups, as well as international public publications stress that “evidence suggests risks to water supplies related to coronavirus are low and the utility’s disinfection protocols are effective”.

WATER REPORT:

From an overall viewpoint everything is going quite well. During this period we have continued implementing the new testing requirements for 2020, as specified by

the RCDOH in the Poestenkill SDWIS / State Water Sample Report Schedule for 2020.

On 4/1/2020 we took the NYSDOH required quarterly test samples for Total Trihalomethanes and Total Haloacetic Acid at both the Town Hall and the Poestenkill Fire Company. Additionally, we also took other NYSDOH required samples, including Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Dibromochloromethane, Bromoform, Dibromoacetic acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Monobromoacetic acid, and Trichloroacetic acid. These required quarterly results are the most critical of the year and I am pleased to report that we received the test results from Bender Labs which stated that all the results were "within acceptable standards". This result bodes very well for the unique annual test requirements for 2020.

Our department's emphasis continues to be keeping the water safe for our residents, continuing our improvement in eliminating water leakage, planning for further improvements to our system, and continuing to be responsive to the needs of our residents.

RESIDENT ISSUES AND REQUESTS THIS PERIOD:

Handled several customer "water usage" and billing issues and one new water installation at Lochvue. All issues were positively resolved, and the residents paid their outstanding bills, with one exception which we are "working".

STATUS OF SPECIFIC NORMAL WATER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS:

We worked on our seasonal hydrant flushing program and have already flushed 15 "Dead End" streets and numerous intermediate hydrants on non-dead end streets.

We performed the periodic inspections of the water tank on Hinkle Road, both interior and exterior; all is well. We are also working with Taylor Young (National Accounts Manager) at the PITTSBURG TANK & TOWER GROUP to ensure that we meet all AWWA requirements regarding tank issues.

We performed follow up testing for water leakage at the Little League field across from the VFW building, after turning on the water for the season. Everything is good.

We have mentioned pump station "cycling" in past reports. Due to the recent ununiform cycling patterns, we spent considerable time and efforts this period working on this operation. Over this past weekend, we completed our periodic "pump cycling tests" and routine maintenance work (pumps on and off, and also transferring from pump #1 to pump #2, etc.). I am pleased to report that all is presently well and that the proper "cycling" of our two main pumps is working very well, as well as the Tigerflow computer control system.

We picked up required items from Tremont for the Water District operation.

Performed the daily water tests and added the necessary sodium hypochlorite (12.5 %) to our system as required by the NYSDOH and NYS law (seven days/week).

Performed daily (24/7) overall inspections of the Pump Station to insure operational performance.

We located a blockage in the LMI pumping system and repaired the defective valve.

Documented the weekly high and low meter readings at the underground metering pits (at Creek Road and Spring Avenue Extension) to be used in evaluating our water supply, usage, and leakage. These readings represent the volume of water supplied from Troy and Brunswick and are used in conjunction with other readings taken throughout the water system to identify problems and also to substantiate the billing which we receive from Troy and Brunswick every six months.

Completed gathering and processing last year's laboratory test data for the **"Poestenkill Annual Drinking Quality Report For 2019"**. We are awaiting final preparation instructions from the RCDOH and will likely publish our report in late June, after receiving RCDOH approval; our report must then be posted on the Internet, at the Poestenkill Post Office, at Town Hall, and at the Poestenkill Library.

Our main operational focus, as mentioned earlier, is the quality and safety of the water supplied to our residents. I am also happy to report that all of our test results during these last two months were returned from Bender Labs (with a copy automatically sent to the RCDOH) and all were satisfactory.

Normal Pump Station maintenance is being performed as required. Additionally, we continue to invest a significant effort in updating and maintaining our field water facilities on a seven day per week basis.

We have been working on our "record maintenance" efforts to keep up with the changes necessary to the Water System records, as a result of the new meters and the new computer programs introduced as of January 1, 2020.

Periodically, tested the LMI pump transfer system at the Pump Station for "automatic tank transfers" when liquid runs out in a given tank. This involves determining the trouble locations and repairing the clogged piping, the line pickup "foot valves" and the transfer switch between the tank and the 6" high pressure injection line. This action was a follow-up to the repairs we recently made to the system last month to insure proper operation. All tests were OK.

IMPORTANT ITEM: As you have read in my past monthly reports we are continuing to work on issues associated with the Meter Pit installation at Creek Road, the interconnection point of our water system with Brunswick; this involves the two meter pits themselves, as well as the many associated components and piping between the meter pits and the pump house. We have significant work to do to bring the installation "up to par" and expect that this work will be ongoing into the summer. This is an important issue to Poestenkill and will save us very significant contractual expenses (with Brunswick) in the future. Because of the importance to Poestenkill, I will be periodically

commenting on our progress. FYI, this installation is every bit as technically complex as our pump house installation itself.

We cleaned a corroded and leaky pressure fitting in the high pressure water line feeding chlorine into the high pressure pump station output pipe to our system.

Continued field testing curbstops and street valves for leakage.

Performed required NYSDOH functions for our system; for example, take daily (7 days per week) water pumping volume data at the pump house, add chlorine as required, and test water samples at Town Hall. This daily test measures "Free Chlorine Residual At Entry Pt." and measures the Chlorine level as a deterrent to E-coli. This information is then entered into the NYSDOH 360 REPORT on a daily basis, which is submitted to the RCDOH and the NYSDOH each month.

We took the monthly required samples on 5/1/2020 for Coloform at Town. We completed the "chain of custody" paperwork, and then delivered the test samples (on ice) to Bender Labs in Albany (ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY) for testing as required by the RCDOH and NYSDOH.

Cleaned various Valve Piping components at the pump station; this is an area requiring continuous routine maintenance, and is critical to the chlorination process. The chlorination process, by its very nature, causes solidified calcium blockages in the lines which must be periodically cleared. We also replaced one high pressure line check valve at the pump station which was restricting the chlorine flow to the LMI pumps feeding the main pipe output to our system. There are many potential trouble spots in the system which, when clogged, will reduce the LMI pump output and will affect our daily Chlorine Residual test results submitted monthly to the RCDOH and NYSDOH.

We are continuing to locate, wire brush and paint some of our facilities to keep them in good condition, notably our street valves and curbstops. We generally perform these functions in the early morning hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings so as to not encounter street traffic.

We picked up 20 gallons of 12.5% sodium hypochlorite on each of two trips to Agway for daily use at the pump station in the chlorination process.

Continued work on our "Street Valve Exercise Program" to prioritize and exercise the critical street valves in our system.

We dissolved the calcium buildup (using CLR) in several key valves and other fittings to insure free flow of our chemical mix from the LMI pumps into our high pressure piping into our system. This is a continuously required operation.

In response to the two recent Brunswick water main breaks we again performed calibration routines at the Tigerflow station to insure proper functioning of the many functions which the Tigerflow System control, such as the main pumps "cycling" and

alternation, LMI pumps start/stop and alternation, continuously documenting the pump station specific operations (27/7), etc. This computer is extremely "sensitive" and requires continual attention—we monitor it daily (7 days per week).

We are continuing to work on developing a specialized "Water District" map for Poestenkill, to be used for maintenance and other planning operations; this is a long term project. These maps are essential to our ongoing leak detection process and will benefit the Town in other ways in the future.

We performed the monthly maintenance functions on the large emergency generator located at the pump station; some of these functions involve running the generator for a period of time, exercising the batteries, and checking the output voltages for accuracy. We also performed the monthly operational tests on the portable 5 KW generator used for field emergency issues. Both generators are functioning well and are ready, should we need them.

Prepared and Submitted required NYSDOH Monthly 360 Report and Bender Labs reports to the RCDOH. **All Bender Lab results for the month were satisfactory.**

We are investigating the "CORRELATION" method of leak locating in conjunction with the Troy Water System and with the NYRWA. Once again, this is a long term undertaking.

Worked with other Town organizations on various Town undertakings and problems (i.e.: various subdivision issues, for example) and other special situations. Also we keep in close contact with adjacent towns' water operations to stay on top of upcoming potential problems which could affect Poestenkill.

EPA – PFOA:

As discussed in prior reports, all levels of the federal, state, and local governments are focusing on all of the **Perfluorinated Compound chemicals.** In the past, I have alerted you to the expected increased testing costs this year. Reinforcement of this fact was detailed in the recent front Capital Region section of the Albany Times Union paper which was highlighted "**Petersburgh approves PFOA cleanup.**" (Attachment #1) **This issue has also recently been highlighted on the TV regarding the Norlite Corp. in Cohoes. Until now there were questions as to the particulate conductivity of PFAS in air; this article seems to support the opinion that conductivity exists in air. With the PFOA conductivity carrying to the Hudson River. (Attachment #2)**

NYRWA (NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION)

On May 8,2020 we received a certificate presented to Poestenkill in recognition and appreciation of our ten year membership with the New York Rural Water Association. I bring this recognition to your attention to stress the fact of our benefitting from the free services provided by the NYRWA, including, but not limited to, training, consulting, on site leak detection efforts, representation at the national level (Congress), and energy

efficiency audits. We have maintained a very close working relationship with the NYRWA people and have continually benefitted from this close working relationship. In both the opinions of the NYRWA people and in my mind, we view the relationship as mutually beneficial in helping bring quality and safe potable water to our residents. (Attachment #3)

811 REPORT:

All 811 Dig Safe daily requests (tickets) were received and responded to appropriately and in a timely fashion. These tickets are generated by homeowners and by individual contractors. On each of these tickets I receive, I pull the respective Plats for the section of our water system, and I then call the Field Contact, discuss what they are planning to do. I provide the details of our system, mark out the pipe locations when appropriate, and exchange telephone numbers with him and ask to be kept informed if he changes the schedule. I then follow up (visit the work location) when the job is progressing to ensure that no problems occur. We recently received notification from the 811 organization that we should be prepared to handle a large number of locate and mark out requests due to the pent-up demand created by the COVID-19 pandemic; we are ready.

CAPITAL REGION

Petersburgh approves PFOA cleanup

Taconic Plastics and Covanta strike deal to pay \$500,000

By Rick Karlin

Petersburgh

Facing a March 16 deadline, the town board voted unanimously Monday to approve an agreement in which two companies — the Taconic Plastics manufacturing plant and Covanta waste disposal firm — will pay a total of \$500,000 toward cleanup of a PFOA-contaminated landfill that sat unattended for more than two decades.

And the town appears to have struck a better deal by delaying a vote on an

agreement from a few weeks ago that would have yielded less money.

The agreement is also with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which was poised to declare the 22-acre Jones Hollow Road landfill a state Superfund site if an agreement hadn't been reached.

A Superfund designation would be the least desirable outcome, since Petersburgh and nearby Berlin would have lost control of the cleanup process, said Petersburgh's attorney Kevin M. Young, of Young Sommer.

"It's a hammer but it was also the only alternative the state had," Young said of the Superfund option.

He said over the next year or so engineering and hydrological studies will be done to see how to best contain the PFOAs that have been leaking from the landfill. Overall, the options appear to include filtering or capturing the leachate, or polluted water, or periodically trucking it to a water treatment plant. DEC said the agency will continue to monitor the landfill.

The decision to reach the agreement, known as a consent order, came after some initial resistance and debate among Petersburgh board members, and that led to some changes in the final deal.

Please see LANDFILL C7 ▶

Final cleanup cost a concern for some

LANDFILL

▶ CONTINUED FROM C1

The original plan called for \$100,000 of the \$200,000 from Covanta to come in the form of a loan, but that has been changed to an overall \$200,000 payment, said Heinz Noeding, a board member who had earlier questioned the deal but agreed to it on Monday.

And Taconic Plastics had originally wanted to make a \$250,000 payment, but that was increased to \$300,000, said Noeding. Additionally, the agreements contain a reopener provision: That is, if a few years into the process the remediation costs are too high, the parties can renegotiate and possibly let the site get Superfund status.

Much of the concern has centered on the cost of a cleanup and there are still worries, especially about the timing.

Currently there is money from the state Environmental Protection Fund for cleanups of old landfills. But there are 10 communities ahead of Berlin and Petersburgh waiting to get

funding, said Young.

The grants are for construction and design while the Taconic/Covanta payments are for operation and maintenance. However, the communities can use the money to start building a treatment solution and they would get reimbursed once the state grant money becomes available.

The landfill has been owned by Berlin and Petersburgh since 1982. In 1991 they were supposed to have a waste management firm remediate it, but that never happened beyond capping and seeding the landfill. The reasons why the remediation didn't happen have been in dispute, said Noeding.

Noeding, who is new to the Petersburgh board, had earlier pushed to bring the discussions out in the open, rather than in executive sessions. One of the next steps, he said, may be to set up a committee between the two communities to work jointly on decisions regarding how to move forward.

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ATTN 1

ENVIRONMENT

Federal probe sought on foam burning

Schumer asks agencies to review impact of incineration in Cohoes

By Kenneth C. Crowe II

Cohoes

U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer is urging two federal agencies to investigate the impact of Norlite's incineration of firefighting foam with potentially hazardous PFAS compounds on a nearby public housing complex and the surrounding area.

In letters to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Schumer cited how aqueous film-forming foam containing perfluorocarbon chemicals — or AFFF con-

taining PFAS chemicals — have been "associated with increased risks of cancers and other serious health threats."

The Cohoes Common Council voted unanimously Tuesday to enact a one-year moratorium that stops Norlite from burning the foam to fuel one of its kilns. The actions by the senator and the council came after Bennington College released a study Monday that found unusually high amounts of PFAS compounds in the soil and water downwind from the Norlite facility.

Schumer asked the agencies to follow up on the Bennington College study to thoroughly investigate the PFAS impact and to coordinate their studies.

"Norlite has been contracted

to dispose of a large quantity of AFFF. However, there is serious concerns that these dangerous compounds were not fully



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destroyed in the incineration process and have been absorbed by the local soil and water sources." Schumer wrote HUD Secretary Ben Carson.

The Norlite plant is situated near the Saratoga Sites apartments. The Cohoes Housing Authority manages the public housing complex which is home to about 70 families. Norlite is less than a mile from the Hudson River and about two miles from the city of Troy.

Schumer's letter to EPA Administrator Andrew R. Wheeler cited the environmental agency's own findings about PFAS, saying: "As EPA has said, the effectiveness of incinerating PFAS is not well understood, but the health effects of PFAS are increasingly well documented."

The city's order suspending burning at the facility would take effect this month. Mayor Bill Keeler and the council decided to act after learning about the burning of the chemicals two months ago.

The moratorium is in effect while the EPA, the state Department of Environmental Conservation or other interested parties can recommend that its incineration does not detrimentally impact city residents' health.

"Our utmost concern must be for the immediate and long-term health and safety of the people of Cohoes and the surrounding area potentially affected by the incineration of AFFF containing these PFAS chemicals," Keeler said earlier this week.

City residents have rallied to oppose the burning of the foam. Neighboring communities, and Assemblyman John T. McDonald III and State Sen. Neil Breslin have also supported Cohoes' decision.

The state has banned AFFF due to its environmental and public health threats.

Norlite burned the materials to power one of the kilns at its plant to aggregate, or mined rock material used in construction and road building.

10 YEAR MEMBER

THIS CERTIFICATE PRESENTED TO

Poestenkill, Town of

IN RECOGNITION AND
APPRECIATION OF MEMBERSHIP
WITH THE NEW YORK RURAL
WATER ASSOCIATION

John D. O'Connell

President, NYRWA

May 19, 2020

Date



ATK 3



TOWN OF POESTENKILL

38 Davis Drive, P.O. 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Office of the
Building Inspector
Code Enforcement Officer

To: Town Supervisor- Keith Hammond

Town Board members- June Butler, David Hoss, Harold VanSkyke.
Eric Wohlleber (Deputy Town Supervisor)

Town Attorney – Jack Casey

From: Tracy Church – Code Enforcement Officer

Date: May 12, 2020

RE: April/May Monthly activities.

The Building department is continuing to operate efficiently, considering the current situations that we are all facing (COVID 19) and the restriction that accompany this uncertain time. We have continued to issue building permits to town residents and builders, as well as perform the necessary inspections in a timely manner, often after hours to make things a little less stressful for everyone. We have responded to one 911 call regarding a structure fire located at #15 Circle Drive, inspecting the structure for safety issues as a result of the incident. Necessary corrections were written and delivered to the owners and occupants, a follow-up inspection was performed the following day and all issues had been resolved to the satisfaction of the Building department guidelines. Regarding the Town of Poestenkill, our MS-4, 34-page annual report has been accurately filled out and submitted as per requirements to avert an E.P.A. audit. We have also been very busy with the Code Enforcement side of things regarding various and numerous complaints within The Town of Poestenkill, most have been resolved without incident, some are continuous and ongoing. The Code Enforcement classes have been paused for the time being and will hopefully resume soon. I have been able to navigate the NYS code library of code material effectively and am confident in my position as Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy Church

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Michelle Asquith

From: straydawg302@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Michelle Asquith
Subject: RE: Monthly Report

Dogs related calls - 7

Wildlife - 4

Bob Guyer
518.951.0213

From: Michelle Asquith
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Bob Guyer
Subject: Monthly Report

Hello,

Can I get your monthly report



Town of Poestenkill
Office of the Highway Superintendent
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140
(518) 283-4144

To: Town supervisor- Keith Hammond
Town Board Members Butler, Wohlleber, Hass, Van Slyke

From: Highway Superintendent- Toby Chadwick

Date: May 12, 2020

RE: Highway Activities
April 15, 2020-May 12,2020

1. Crew been out picking up brush and bags of leaves.
2. Crew been working on equipment
3. Crew been patching holes on Cropsey Road
4. Crew patching holes

that the current Planning Board is willing to take a reduction in their quarterly salary in order for the Alternate to be paid. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that R. Ryan Planning Board Attorney has not had an increase in his salary since he had been Supervisor and he doesn't have an issue with a 5% increase. As for the Planning Board/ZBA secretary and the Code Enforcement Secretary, Supervisor Jacangelo would like to see a combined proposal as to where she is going from and to. He feels that the Alternate be paid the salary that the Planning Board members are paid without a reduction to the current members salary. Supervisor Jacangelo also included monies for a new heat pump for the town hall in this budget and he stated that he got a onetime expense of approximately \$58,000 for an Air Capture System for the Highway Garage was included in this budget. There was a discussion about installing the system in the two Firehouses with the Town sharing in some of the cost if they do not get their grant and this somehow would be written into the Fire Company's service contract.

Councilwoman Butler reported that there have been discussions that in the future Towns are going to have to be responsible for cemeteries and their upkeep, etc. This is something she feels that the Board should think about down the road.

Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the Board can have a discussion at next week's Town Board meeting as to whether or not certain things should be cut out of the budget or if the figures should be left as they were discussed this evening and then a public hearing could be set on the Preliminary Budget. He is looking at a zero increase in taxes.

Councilman Van Slyke stated again that he is making a motion to add an Emergency Service Line of \$150,000-\$175,000. However, he received no second on the motion.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to adjourn this Workshop at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020

Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Jack Casey, Town Attorney

Due to the ongoing issue with Covid-19, the Town Hall remains closed and for that reason the Town hosted a "Zoom Conference" meeting on April 23rd.

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. and stated that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of February 20, 2020 as written.

Public Comment Period – D. Hass, Councilman updated the Board on how the Treasury rates went to zero and at this time no money is being made. He will be talking to the bank to see if the fees can be waived. J. Butler, Councilwoman expressed her concerns about the excessive parking on Plank Rd./Blue Factory Road due to people visiting Barberville Falls. She stated this is safety hazard for our Town residents. Supervisor Hammond suggested calling law enforcement when this issue arises. S. Kalafut wanted it noted that she too was very concerned with the parking on Plank Rd./Blue Factory Road going to the falls. She also wanted to thank the Town Board for arranging this meeting tonight via "Zoom" and felt that this was a great service to our community.

Correspondence –

Memo's dated February 27th, March 9th and April 14, 2020 from Charter Communications regarding upcoming changes.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board- T. Russell, Chairman spoke regarding the Vanderhyden Public Hearing and SEQRA Hearing on their proposal to subdivide two lots in Poestenkill from their property they currently own. Mr. Russell stated that they (Planning Board) reached out to the VFW Post to see if that venue would be available to hold the Public Hearing/SEQRA Hearing. He was informed that the County would have to approve this matter due to the current issue with Covid19.

Zoning Board– S. Kalafut, member stated there have been no meetings however, she has received some communication from Algonquin Estates asking if there has been anything brought in front of the Boards regarding Clemente Mining on Stop 13 and she referred them back to the Town Board. Supervisor Hammond stated that if they wanted to reach out to him, he would be available.

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

Library – E.Gresens reported that the Library remains closed and will until further notice. He stated that the Library’s monthly meetings are held via Zoom. Ed also stated that the Library applied for both loans but has not heard anything as of yet.

Youth Advisory Board-T. Buker reported that she is basically in “limbo” and is waiting from Rensselaer County Health to see if she can even hold camp this year with the issues of covid19. There will have to be several factors worked out regarding camp. For instance, will there be a fifty (50) camper limit and if so, camp is full. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks she will here from the State and County on where we are with camp.

CAC- no meeting

Discussion Items:

Assessor’s office – Betsy Pinho

Supervisor Hammond recommended to the Board that B. Pinho, Clerk to the Assessor be appointed as Deputy Assessor. This would give her the opportunity to hire a Clerk for the Assessors’ office, as our current Assessor will be resigning in June. B. Pinho will at the time be appointed as the new Assessor. Supervisor Hammond stated that there will be a budget overrun this year. However, next years budget will be \$10,000 less in the Assessor’s office. He also wanted to thank Betsy for putting together the budget summary for the Board to review. This will be voted on during the Action Item portion of the meeting.

Town Credit Card – Supervisor Hammond stated that currently the Town’s credit card is still in the previous Supervisor’s name and would like to make some changes. He would like to add M. Asquith, Adm. Assistant and Sue Horton, Town Clerk names to the credit card as they are the ones that use it most of the time and are available if anyone else needs to use it. Motion by Butler, seconded by Van Slyke and carried with 5 ayes to authorize the approval of the Town’s credit card with Michelle Asquith and Susan Horton being named on card.

Health Insurance for Tracy Church –

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office, T. Church has requested Basic Health Insurance. Supervisor Hammond explained that T. Church is willing to stay at present rate of \$22/per hr. and not take increase of \$31.65 that was agreed upon when hired in exchange for Basic Health Insurance. This is the insurance that the Highway Department receives, and it is only for a single person and it is basically the same amount of money. J. Butler, Councilwoman questioned the salary rate of T. Church. Her understanding was the increase did not go into effect until he had completed all his training. Supervisor Hammond stated that T. Church has been doing all Building Inspection/Code Enforcement duties on a daily basis. T. Church reiterated he has been doing all Code Enforcement duties as the previous officer did with the help of the surrounding communities and R. Brunet and has not had any problems. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, second by Councilman Hass and carried with 5 ayes to authorize the approval of Basic Health Insurance for T. Church, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer which he agrees to remain at this current hourly rate of \$22/per hr.

Road dedication specification –

This has been held over until next month’s meeting. The Board would like to have J. Casey, Town Attorney look over this document.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION #4-2020 – APPOINTING BETSY PINHO DEPUTY ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL, Whereas, the Town Board wishes to recognize her hard work and dedication to that office by appointing her Deputy Assessor for the Town of Poestenkill.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler:	YES
Councilman Hass:	YES
Councilman Van Slyke:	YES
Councilman Wohlleber:	YES
Supervisor Hammond:	YES

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond reported the phones have been extremely busy with concerned residents. He also stated the Town has two (2) Covid-19 reports one of which has cleared.

Town Attorney's Report – Mr. Casey reported on the matters that he worked on since the last Town Board meeting which included working with Code Enforcement on wood lot issue and preparing the resolution for B. Pinho.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of March 2020. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$2,193.44 and of that amount \$2,074.10 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, Water Dept. and 811 report, Highway Dept. report. B. Pinho, Deputy Assessor reported that the County is still requiring the Town to hold Grievance Day which will be held on May 28th. B. Pinho stated that the office was going to hopefully do most of this by mail and was setting up appointments if needed. Also, the tentative tax roll will be back from the County May 1st and available for residents to view. Supervisor Hammond stated that the Budget Summary prepared by B. Pinho will be available in his office to view.

*B. Pinho received notice from the Governor's office stating that Governor Cuomo, issued an Executive Order to suspend in-person inspection of the tentative roll, to allow notice of the filing of the tentative roll to be published solely online so long as the date for hearing complaints is prominently displayed and to allow local Boards of Assessment Review to hear complaints remotely by conference call or similar service.

R. Brunet, Water Manager reported that last month there were two (2) water main breaks in Brunswick. He also reported that NYRWA (New York Rural Water Association) conducted an Efficiency Study. The report was very complementary to Poestenkill and states that "We want to note that there are no recommended changes to your operations schedule. Your operations specialists do an excellent job operating and maintaining the drinking system." J. Butler questioned R. Brunet on one item in the NYRWA report regarding population of residents versus how many residents are actually hooked up to the water system. R. Brunet clarified the question. Councilman Wohlleber explained to the Board how our Dog Control Officer, R. Guyer no longer has a chip reader that works. He uses this device for dogs that are picked up without any identification on them. Supervisor Hammond suggested we include that in next years budget.

Councilman Van Slyke wanted to know the status of the Ambulance Committee. He stated that we are running out of time if we want to remotely look at this. Supervisor Hammond stated that Councilman Wohlleber had some conversations with the committee and asked for his review. Councilman Wohlleber stated he received an email from Owen stating he understands the desire to move forward with the committee's work. However, work plans and schedules are unfortunately on hold as all Local, Regional and State agencies involved in emergency medical services are working on limited staff. Therefore, they are currently unable to assist our committee at this time. Councilman Van Slyke stated we must be willing to wait if we want to do anything by September for the Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Hammond stated hopefully things will loosen up in the in a month or so and things can get underway again. Councilwoman Butler who is Chairperson for Comprehensive Plan also stated they have been unable to meet at this time.

Dave Basle, Assistant Chief Fire Company – stated that the new ventilation system was installed in both stations of the Fire House. He also stated the Fire Company is selling their 2011 Chevy Tahoe to a neighboring department and they do have a new replacement for it.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #7-2020 in the amount of \$1,290.34. Motion by Hass seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #8-2020 in the amount of \$47,752.59.

Supervisor Hammond thanked everyone for their patience and expressed his thanks to M. Asquith, Admin. Assistant for setting up this conference.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke seconded by Councilman Hass, and carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Horton Town Clerk



AMENDING MINUTES – April 23, 2020

Councilman VanSlyke wanted it clarified on what his views were at the Town Board Meeting on April 23, 2020.

Councilman VanSlyke spoke regarding the Ambulance Service.

“The message Councilman VanSlyke was trying to convey was there is a deadline pending and we need to push forward, we can’t wait.”

Also, in the following Resolution Supervisor Hammond wanted it stated that Tiffany Buker, Youth Director will also be an authorized user on the Town’s Credit Card.

RESOLUTION #5-2020 – IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO OBTAIN A CREDIT CARD, AND TO DESIGNATE THREEE TOWN OFFICIALS AS AUTHORIZED USERS FOR THE TOWN EXPENSES, Now, Let It Therefore Be Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby authorizes Supervisor Keith Hammond to obtain an M&T credit card in his name and that he add Town Clerk Susan Horton, Secretary to the Supervisor Michelle Asquith and Youth Director Tiffany Buker as authorized users.

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Butler

SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler:	YES
Councilman Hass:	YES
Councilman Van Slyke:	YES
Councilman Wohlleber:	YES
Supervisor Hammond:	YES

Susan Horton, Town Clerk





Poestenkill Fire Company



BOX 14
POESTENKILL, NEW YORK 12140

The Poestenkill Fire Co. would like to salute all school graduates for the year 2020.

If you know anyone that lives in the Town of Poestenkill and is going to graduate this year (elementary school, middle school, high school, college) please email the fire company with the following info.

Students Name
Students physical address
What school they are graduating from

Email to: P.F.C.CAR1@OUTLOOK.COM

On June 20, 2020 the Fire Company will be doing a drive-by for each graduate to honor them for a job well done.

7:18 PM
05/04/20
Accrual Basis

Poestenkill Fire Company
Custom Summary Report
April 2020

	<u>Apr 20</u>
Income	
Sale of Equipment	12,000.00
Total Income	<u>12,000.00</u>
Gross Profit	12,000.00
Expense	
Building Fuel (heating)	
East Poestenkill (propane)	362.23
Main Station (Propane!)	781.54
Total Building Fuel (heating)	<u>1,143.77</u>
Building Maintance	
Main Station	210.34
Refuse	71.55
Total Building Maintance	<u>281.89</u>
Electric	
East Poestenkill	22.70
Main Station	21.02
Total Electric	<u>43.72</u>
Equipment	
New Equipment	10,852.58
Repair & Maintance	2,411.02
Total Equipment	<u>13,263.60</u>
Fire Trucks	
Fuel	399.70
Repair & Maintance	654.22
Total Fire Trucks	<u>1,053.92</u>
Funerals	85.00
Internet & Phone	97.86
Medical Supplies	741.73
Office Suppiies	299.46
Physicals	120.00
Professional Services	1,000.00
Reimbursement	92.27
Security Alarm	65.00
Water	38.42
Total Expense	<u>18,326.64</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-6,326.64</u></u>

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

2020 Possible Road specifications improvements

1. Make cul de sacs completely paved to give highway department more room for snow removal, ease of maneuverability, and other highway maintenance duties. Overall diameter should no less then 90 feet.
2. Require all utilities (water,electric,cable, etc) to be located within the 10 foot easement outside of the towns 25 foot right of way to prevent any future complications with highway maintenance operations. (Can give many documented pictures showing the numerous problem spots we have with this already on existing roads)
3. a. For new developments require the developer to install a single postal mail collection box located near the beginning of the said development to make less congestion of mailboxes so close together. (Ex. Lochvue Dr.)

OR

b. Require all mailboxes be located on the same side of the town road throughout entire development to make snow plowing operations and shoulder mowing operations more feasible for the highway department.

Commented [1]:

4. Installing of subbase shall consist of twelve (12) inches of compacted gravel, or Type 2 mix. However the subbase depth shall be increased to sixteen (16) inches if soil conditions dictate or if ordered by the Town Engineer or Highway Superintendent as outlined in the NYSDOT Standard Specifications.

5. Conditions for Paving:

a. Weather Conditions and Seasonal Limitations: Bituminous asphalt concrete mix shall not be placed on any wet surface or when the surface temperature is less than that stipulated in the chart below, or when weather conditions will otherwise prevent the proper handling or finishing of the bituminous mixtures as determined by the Town Engineer or the Town Superintendent of Highways.

b. Pavement of any road/street must take place between May 1 and October 31 and must meet the following surface temperature requirements based on compacted nominal lift or course thickness:

NORMAL COMPACTED LIFT THICKNESS	MINIMUM SURFACE TEMPERATURE
3 inches or greater	40 degrees F
Greater then 1 inch but less than 3 inches	45 degrees F
1 inch or less	50 degrees F

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

c. Seasonal limitations and weather conditions shall be strictly enforced unless a written waiver is received from the Town Engineer and countersigned by the Town Superintendent of Highways prior to paving stating that the above conditions shall be waived.

Sue Horton

From: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Sue Horton
Subject: Fwd: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
Attachments: 5'21'2020 Letter to Kara Seifridsberger..pdf

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From: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:57 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
To: Curt Seifridsberger <gmwiz01@gmail.com>, Nich Seifridsberger <N.Seifridsberger@gmail.com>

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From: Jeff Lang <jlang@griggs-lang.com>
Date: Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Letter re. trees and excavation/grading
To: Kara Seifridsberger <k.seifridsberger@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Seifridsberger:

Please review the attached.

Thank you.

J. Lang

Jeffrey T. Lang, P.G. (NY and PA)
Vice President/Principal Hydrogeologist

Griggs-Lang Consulting Geologists and Engineers, P.C.

8 Brunswick Road

Troy, New York 12180

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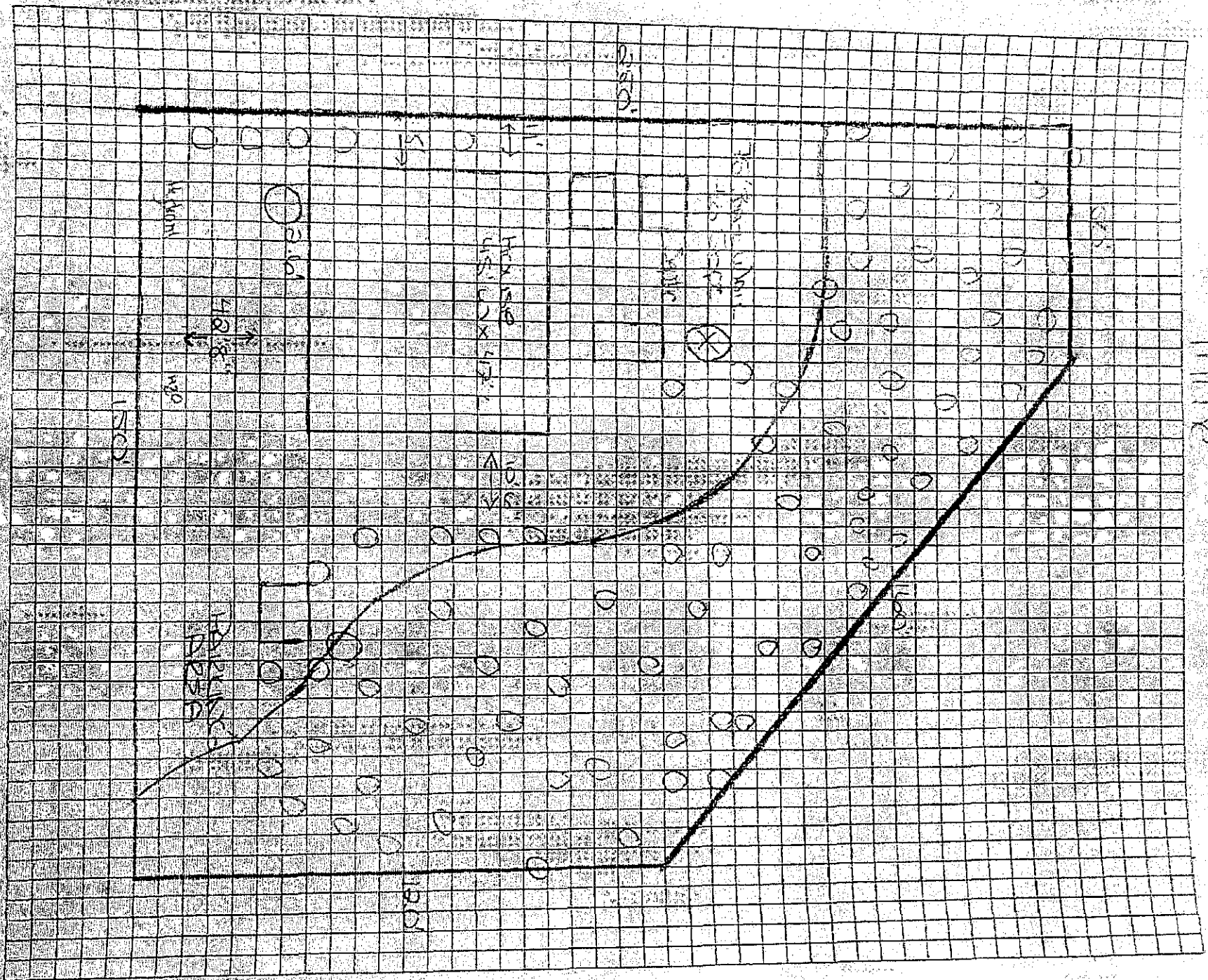
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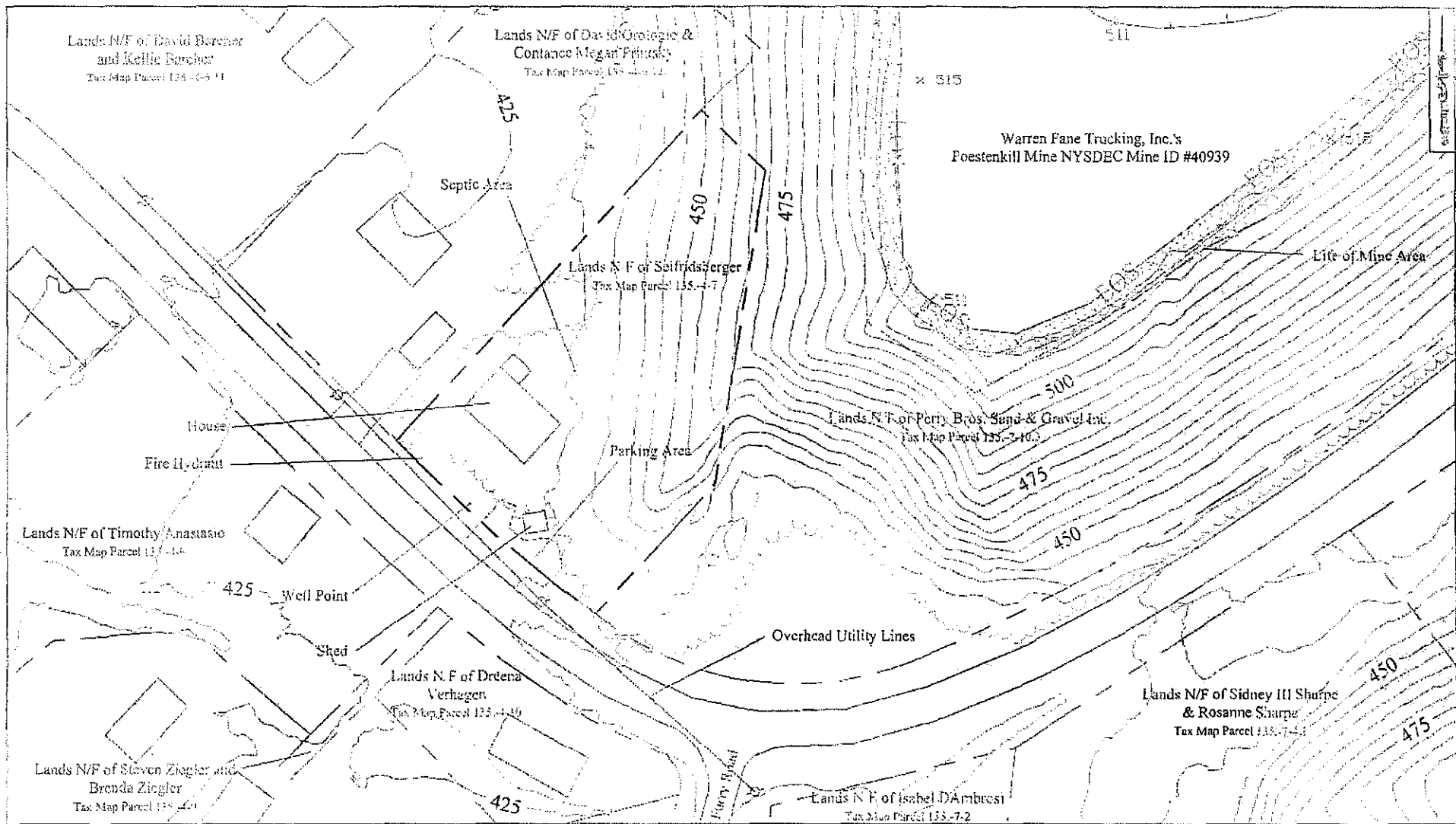
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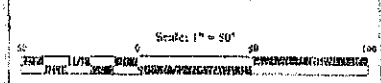


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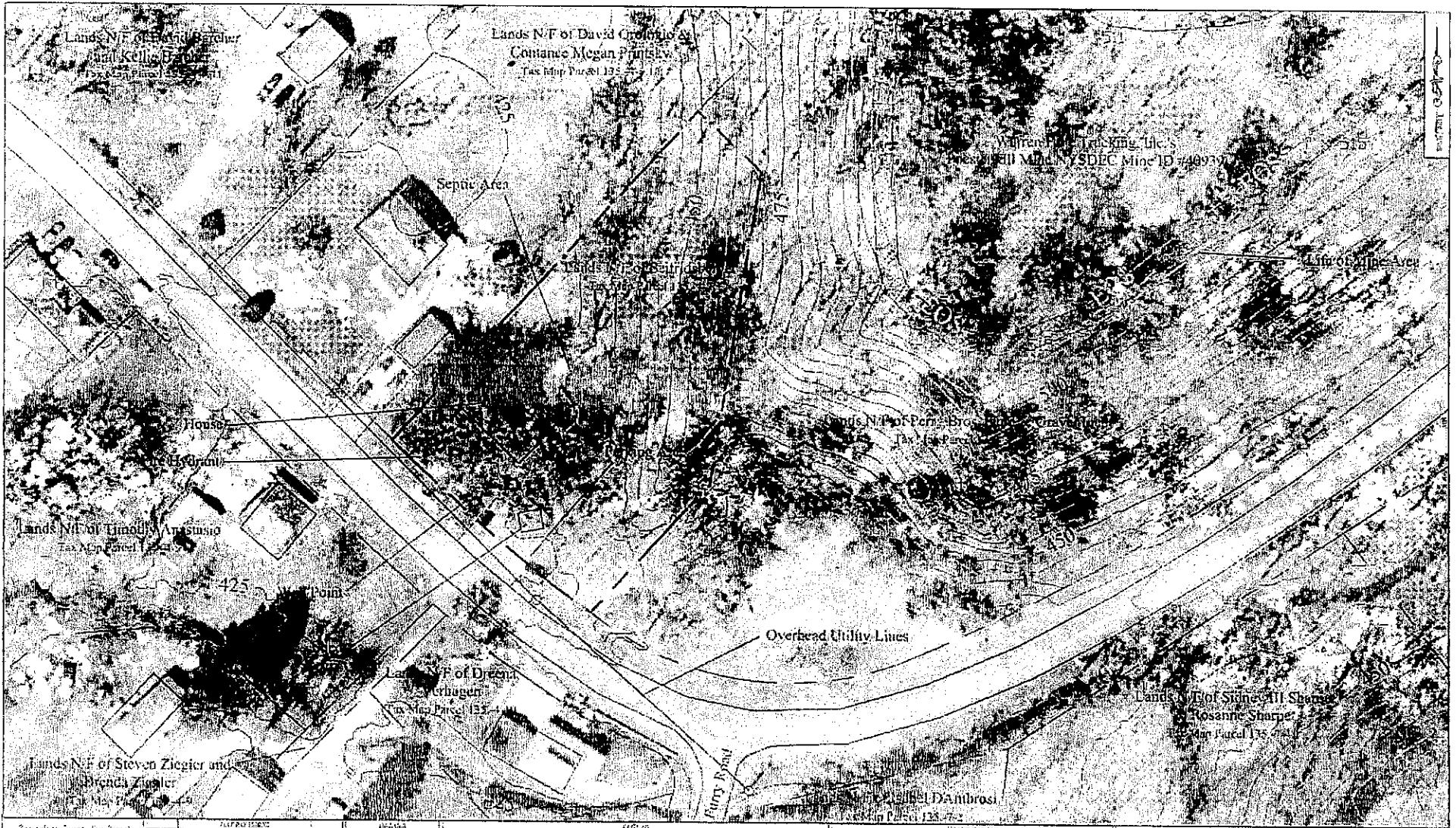
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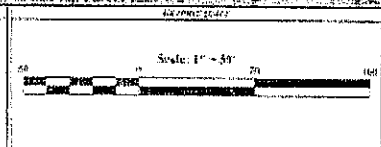
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 Parcel 135-7-11

PARCELS	OWNER	DATE
135-7-11	DAVID GRUBIS & CONSTANCE MEGAN PRINSKY	2/11/11
135-7-12	PERRY BROWN	2/11/11
135-7-13	STEVEN ZIEGLER & BRENDA ZIEGLER	2/11/11
135-7-14	DIANE M. VERHAGEN	2/11/11
135-7-15	TIMOTHY ANASTASIO	2/11/11
135-7-16	ELAINE BARBER & PAUL KELLY BARBER	2/11/11
135-7-17	STONE HILL SHORES, ROSANNE SHARP	2/11/11
135-7-18	DANIEL DANTHROSI	2/11/11

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February 19, 2020

Alicia & Chris Sheldrick

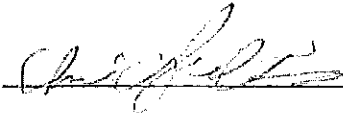
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We have reached out to Mr. Fane and discussed having the trees removed along with the embankment behind the house to be graded/excavated/mined to prevent future issues. As it currently sits, there are multiple trees and a decent amount of soil/gravel. Per our last discussion, Mr. Fane is willing to top the trees immediately to decrease the risk of future damage from trees, soil erosion from rain/snow. The intention is to enter from the existing mining area behind the house, and bring all debris and gravel back through that general area. Again, the intention is to make as little impact to the residents on the road and surrounding neighborhood.

Please provide your signature for consent to go forth with our request.



Thank you,

The Seifridsberger Family

63 Snyders Corner Rd.

Wynantskill, NY 12198

February 19, 2020

Timothy Anastasio & Darlene Logozzo

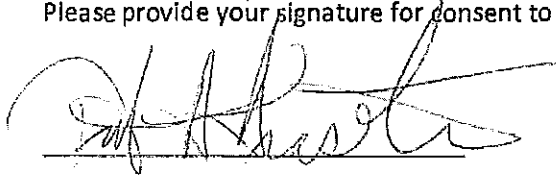
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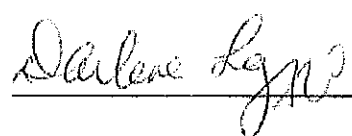
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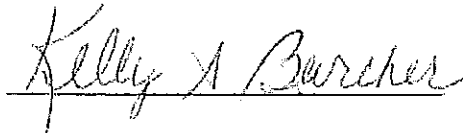
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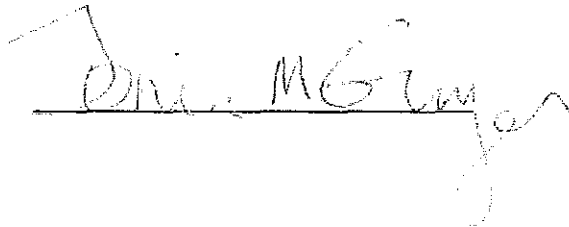
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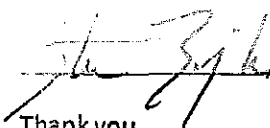
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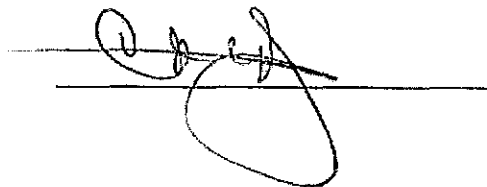
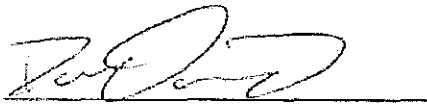
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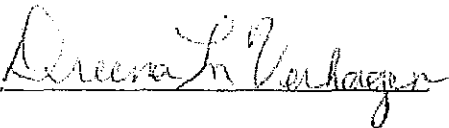
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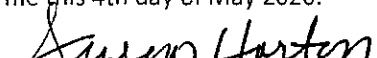
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TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Poestenkill, New York

April 2020

To THE SUPERVISOR: Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1, of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the payment of

	Conservation Fees to the Town:	\$ 1.38
	Marriage License @ \$ 7.50	\$
	Marriage Certificate @ \$10.00	\$
A1255	Total Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1.38
A-1090	Penalties/Interest	\$
A1289	Registrar	\$
A2655	Minor Sales – Copies (certified copy) –	\$
A2544	Local Fee for Dogs –	30.00
A2115	Planning Board Fees - ZBA Fees - \$	\$
A2555	Building Permits	\$ 961.25
A2530	Bell Jar	\$
2110	Water Benefit Charge	\$ 3,377.45
A2720	Water Meter Fee - \$	510.00
A2240	Misc. Water Charges -	\$
A2710	Water Permit Fee -	\$ 40.00
1001	Water Billing - \$18,129.35	\$
		\$
	TOTAL WATER CHARGES	\$ 22,056.80
	REVENUE TO SUPERVISOR	\$ 23,049.43
	Amount paid to State Comptroller for Games of Chance License	\$
	Amount paid to DEC for Conservation Licenses	\$ 23.62
	Amount paid to AG & Markets for fee for unsprayed/unneutered Dog program	\$
		6.00
	Amount paid to State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses	\$
	TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 29.62
	May 4, 2020	\$
	Keith Hammond, Town Supervisor	
	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED BY CLERK	\$ 23,079.05
	State of New York, County of Rensselaer, Town of Poestenkill, Susan Horton being duly sworn says that she is the Clerk of the Town of Poestenkill the foregoing is a full and true statement of all Fees and Moneys received by her during April. Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided by law subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May 2020.	
		

RENSSELAER COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE
2020 TAX WARRANT SETTLEMENT
TOWN OF Poesten Kill

Warrant amount from Bureau of Tax Services

Original warrant amount 4,304,777.25
Less: Total adjustments (from pg 2)..... \$ -
Revised Warrant amount..... \$ 4,304,777.25

Less:

Taxes collected by Town Tax collector

Paid to Town Supervisor 1,535,765.01
Paid to County Bureau of Finance..... 1,500,000.00
Final Payment to County with Roll Books. 822,497.14
Total collected by Town \$ 3,858,262.15

Taxes collected by Bureau of Finance:

Corporate Taxes ~ State Lands (excl Time Warner)..... 60,787.65
Time Warner (excl franchise fees)..... \$ 2,831.43
*** Time Warner Town Franchise fees \$ 34.31
Total collected by County..... \$ 63,653.39

Total Uncollected Tax Amount turned in with books \$ 382,861.71

*** Per your cable agreement with Time Warner, they are permitted to reduce their annual property tax bill (which is paid to the County BOF) by the exact amount paid to the Town in Franchise Fees. Therefore, in order to properly reflect their taxes paid in full, the Town must pay the County an amount equal to the franchise fees they received from Time Warner.

Tax collector or receiver signature: *Dusmo Horton* Date: 4-6-2020



OFFICE OF THE
ASSESSOR

Town of Poestenkill

38 Davis Drive | P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140
518.283.5100 (Phone)
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TO: POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD
FROM: BRIAN M. JACKSON/ ASSESSOR

ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2020

All changes to be added to the tentative roll are now being processed. The County office prints the tentative roll as well as the change notices that need to be mailed by May 1st. The dates that the assessor sits with the tentative roll are stated on these change notices as well as posted on the Town website and in the Troy Record. Grievance Day is set for Thursday, May 28th. The tentative roll is available in hardcopy for anyone to review and it is also available on the Town website. Any changes because of the Board of Assessment Review meeting are sent to the County for finalization.

We continue to review and process new deeds as well as parcel splits and mergers.

Constituent relations continue to be good during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian M. Jackson
Assessor
Town of Poestenkill

cc: Susan Horton, Town Clerk

Poestenkill
Office of the Water Department
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Memorandum

To: Town Supervisor- Keith Hammond
Town Board Members – June Butler, David Hass, Harold Van Styke,
Eric Wohlleber (Deputy Town Supervisor)
Town Attorney – Jack Casey

From: Robert L. Brunet, P.E. / Water Manager *RLB*

Date: May 15, 2020

RE: Monthly Activities (April – May)

OVERVIEW:

In both the Water and the 811 disciplines all our requirements were met or exceeded during this period without any major problem. It is noteworthy that NYS felt compelled to notify various 811 organizations that as a result of the Coronavirus, some municipalities were not meeting their legal requirements regarding the "Dig Safe N.Y." program and they were therefore required to process additional paperwork. I want you to know that we have met all of our obligations and are not among that derelict group identified by the 811 organization..

CORONAVIRUS:

An important message regarding the coronavirus pandemic: Regarding the potential that municipal water supplies are infected, All federal and state water groups, as well as international public publications stress that "evidence suggests risks to water supplies related to coronavirus are low and the utility's disinfection protocols are effective".

WATER REPORT:

From an overall viewpoint everything is going quite well. During this period we have continued implementing the new testing requirements for 2020, as specified by

the RCDOH in the Poestenkill SDWIS / State Water Sample Report Schedule for 2020.

On 4/1/2020 we took the NYSDOH required quarterly test samples for Total Trihalomethanes and Total Haloacetic Acid at both the Town Hall and the Poestenkill Fire Company. Additionally, we also took other NYSDOH required samples, including Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Dibromochloromethane, Bromoform, Dibromoacetic acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Monobromoacetic acid, and Trichloroacetic acid. These required quarterly results are the most critical of the year and I am pleased to report that we received the test results from Bender Labs which stated that all the results were "within acceptable standards". This result bodes very well for the unique annual test requirements for 2020.

Our department's emphasis continues to be keeping the water safe for our residents, continuing our improvement in eliminating water leakage, planning for further improvements to our system, and continuing to be responsive to the needs of our residents.

RESIDENT ISSUES AND REQUESTS THIS PERIOD:

Handled several customer "water usage" and billing issues and one new water installation at Lochvue. All issues were positively resolved, and the residents paid their outstanding bills, with one exception which we are "working".

STATUS OF SPECIFIC NORMAL WATER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS:

We worked on our seasonal hydrant flushing program and have already flushed 15 "Dead End" streets and numerous intermediate hydrants on non-dead end streets.

We performed the periodic inspections of the water tank on Hinkle Road, both interior and exterior; all is well. We are also working with Taylor Young (National Accounts Manager) at the PITTSBURG TANK & TOWER GROUP to ensure that we meet all AWWA requirements regarding tank issues.

We performed follow up testing for water leakage at the Little League field across from the VFW building, after turning on the water for the season. Everything is good.

We have mentioned pump station "cycling" in past reports. Due to the recent ununiform cycling patterns, we spent considerable time and efforts this period working on this operation. Over this past weekend, we completed our periodic "pump cycling tests" and routine maintenance work (pumps on and off, and also transferring from pump #1 to pump #2, etc.). I am pleased to report that all is presently well and that the proper "cycling" of our two main pumps is working very well, as well as the Tigerflow computer control system.

We picked up required items from Tremont for the Water District operation.

Performed the daily water tests and added the necessary sodium hypochlorite (12.5 %) to our system as required by the NYSDOH and NYS law (seven days/week).

Performed daily (24/7) overall inspections of the Pump Station to insure operational performance.

We located a blockage in the LMI pumping system and repaired the defective valve.

Documented the weekly high and low meter readings at the underground metering pits (at Creek Road and Spring Avenue Extension) to be used in evaluating our water supply, usage, and leakage. These readings represent the volume of water supplied from Troy and Brunswick and are used in conjunction with other readings taken throughout the water system to identify problems and also to substantiate the billing which we receive from Troy and Brunswick every six months.

Completed gathering and processing last year's laboratory test data for the **"Poestenkill Annual Drinking Quality Report For 2019"**. We are awaiting final preparation instructions from the RCDOH and will likely publish our report in late June, after receiving RCDOH approval; our report must then be posted on the Internet, at the Poestenkill Post Office, at Town Hall, and at the Poestenkill Library.

Our main operational focus, as mentioned earlier, is the quality and safety of the water supplied to our residents. I am also happy to report that all of our test results during these last two months were returned from Bender Labs (with a copy automatically sent to the RCDOH) and all were satisfactory.

Normal Pump Station maintenance is being performed as required. Additionally, we continue to invest a significant effort in updating and maintaining our field water facilities on a seven day per week basis.

We have been working on our "record maintenance" efforts to keep up with the changes necessary to the Water System records, as a result of the new meters and the new computer programs introduced as of January 1, 2020.

Periodically, tested the LMI pump transfer system at the Pump Station for "automatic tank transfers" when liquid runs out in a given tank. This involves determining the trouble locations and repairing the clogged piping, the line pickup "foot valves" and the transfer switch between the tank and the 6" high pressure injection line. This action was a follow-up to the repairs we recently made to the system last month to insure proper operation. All tests were OK.

IMPORTANT ITEM: As you have read in my past monthly reports we are continuing to work on issues associated with the Meter Pit installation at Creek Road, the interconnection point of our water system with Brunswick; this involves the two meter pits themselves, as well as the many associated components and piping between the meter pits and the pump house. We have significant work to do to bring the installation "up to par" and expect that this work will be ongoing into the summer. This is an important issue to Poestenkill and will save us very significant contractual expenses (with Brunswick) in the future. Because of the importance to Poestenkill, I will be periodically

commenting on our progress. FYI, this installation is every bit as technically complex as our pump house installation itself.

We cleaned a corroded and leaky pressure fitting in the high pressure water line feeding chlorine into the high pressure pump station output pipe to our system.

Continued field testing curbstops and street valves for leakage.

Performed required NYSDOH functions for our system; for example, take daily (7 days per week) water pumping volume data at the pump house, add chlorine as required, and test water samples at Town Hall. This daily test measures "Free Chlorine Residual At Entry Pt." and measures the Chlorine level as a deterrent to E-coli. This information is then entered into the NYSDOH 360 REPORT on a daily basis, which is submitted to the RCDOH and the NYSDOH each month.

We took the monthly required samples on 5/1/2020 for Coloform at Town. We completed the "chain of custody" paperwork, and then delivered the test samples (on ice) to Bender Labs in Albany (ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY) for testing as required by the RCDOH and NYSDOH.

Cleaned various Valve Piping components at the pump station; this is an area requiring continuous routine maintenance, and is critical to the chlorination process. The chlorination process, by its very nature, causes solidified calcium blockages in the lines which must be periodically cleared. We also replaced one high pressure line check valve at the pump station which was restricting the chlorine flow to the LMI pumps feeding the main pipe output to our system. There are many potential trouble spots in the system which, when clogged, will reduce the LMI pump output and will affect our daily Chlorine Residual test results submitted monthly to the RCDOH and NYSDOH.

We are continuing to locate, wire brush and paint some of our facilities to keep them in good condition, notably our street valves and curbstops. We generally perform these functions in the early morning hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings so as to not encounter street traffic.

We picked up 20 gallons of 12.5% sodium hypochlorite on each of two trips to Agway for daily use at the pump station in the chlorination process.

Continued work on our "Street Valve Exercise Program" to prioritize and exercise the critical street valves in our system.

We dissolved the calcium buildup (using CLR) in several key valves and other fittings to insure free flow of our chemical mix from the LMI pumps into our high pressure piping into our system. This is a continuously required operation.

In response to the two recent Brunswick water main breaks we again performed calibration routines at the Tigerflow station to insure proper functioning of the many functions which the Tigerflow System control, such as the main pumps "cycling" and

alternation, LMI pumps start/stop and alternation, continuously documenting the pump station specific operations (27/7), etc. This computer is extremely "sensitive" and requires continual attention---we monitor it daily (7 days per week).

We are continuing to work on developing a specialized "Water District" map for Poestenkill, to be used for maintenance and other planning operations; this is a long term project. These maps are essential to our ongoing leak detection process and will benefit the Town in other ways in the future.

We performed the monthly maintenance functions on the large emergency generator located at the pump station; some of these functions involve running the generator for a period of time, exercising the batteries, and checking the output voltages for accuracy. We also performed the monthly operational tests on the portable 5 KW generator used for field emergency issues. Both generators are functioning well and are ready, should we need them.

Prepared and Submitted required NYSDOH Monthly 360 Report and Bender Labs reports to the RCDOH. **All Bender Lab results for the month were satisfactory.**

We are investigating the "CORRELATION" method of leak locating in conjunction with the Troy Water System and with the NYRWA. Once again, this is a long term undertaking.

Worked with other Town organizations on various Town undertakings and problems (i.e.: various subdivision issues, for example) and other special situations. Also we keep in close contact with adjacent towns' water operations to stay on top of upcoming potential problems which could affect Poestenkill.

EPA – PFOA:

As discussed in prior reports, all levels of the federal, state, and local governments are focusing on all of the **Perfluorinated Compound chemicals.** In the past, I have alerted you to the expected increased testing costs this year. Reinforcement of this fact was detailed in the recent front Capital Region section of the Albany Times Union paper which was highlighted "**Petersburgh approves PFOA cleanup". (Attachment #1) This issue has also recently been highlighted on the TV regarding the Norlite Corp. in Cohoes. Until now there were questions as to the particulate conductivity of PFAS in air; this article seems to support the opinion that conductivity exists in air. With the PFOA conductivity carrying to the Hudson River. (Attachment #2)**

NYRWA (NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION)

On May 8,2020 we received a certificate presented to Poestenkill in recognition and appreciation of our ten year membership with the New York Rural Water Association. I bring this recognition to your attention to stress the fact of our benefitting from the free services provided by the NYRWA, including, but not limited to, training, consulting, on site leak detection efforts, representation at the national level (Congress), and energy

efficiency audits. We have maintained a very close working relationship with the NYRWA people and have continually benefitted from this close working relationship. In both the opinions of the NYRWA people and in my mind, we view the relationship as mutually beneficial in helping bring quality and safe potable water to our residents. (Attachment #3)

811 REPORT:

All 811 Dig Safe daily requests (tickets) were received and responded to appropriately and in a timely fashion. These tickets are generated by homeowners and by individual contractors. On each of these tickets I receive, I pull the respective Plats for the section of our water system, and I then call the Field Contact, discuss what they are planning to do. I provide the details of our system, mark out the pipe locations when appropriate, and exchange telephone numbers with him and ask to be kept informed if he changes the schedule. I then follow up (visit the work location) when the job is progressing to ensure that no problems occur. We recently received notification from the 811 organization that we should be prepared to handle a large number of locate and mark out requests due to the pent-up demand created by the COVID-19 pandemic; we are ready.

CAPITAL REGION

Petersburgh approves PFOA cleanup

Taconic Plastics and Covanta strike deal to pay \$500,000

By Rick Karlin

Petersburgh

Facing a March 16 deadline, the town board voted unanimously Monday to approve an agreement in which two companies — the Taconic Plastics manufacturing plant and Covanta waste disposal firm — will pay a total of \$500,000 toward cleanup of a PFOA-contaminated landfill that sat unattended for more than two decades.

And the town appears to have struck a better deal by delaying a vote on an

agreement from a few weeks ago that would have yielded less money.

The agreement is also with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which was poised to declare the 22-acre Jones Hollow Road landfill a state Superfund site if an agreement hadn't been reached.

A Superfund designation would be the least desirable outcome, since Petersburgh and nearby Berlin would have lost control of the cleanup process, said Petersburgh's attorney Kevin M. Young, of Young Summer.

"It's a hammer but it was also the only alternative the state had," Young said of the Superfund option.

He said over the next year or so engineering and hydrological studies will be done to see how to best contain the PFOAs that have been leaking from the landfill. Overall, the options appear to include filtering or capturing the leachate, or polluted water, or periodically trucking it to a water treatment plant. DEC said the agency will continue to monitor the landfill.

The decision to reach the agreement, known as a consent order, came after some initial resistance and debate among Petersburgh board members, and that led to some changes in the final deal.

Please see **LANDFILL C7** ▶

Final cleanup cost a concern for some

LANDFILL

▼ CONTINUED FROM C1

The original plan called for \$100,000 of the \$200,000 from Covanta to come in the form of a loan, but that has been changed to an overall \$200,000 payment, said Heinz Noeding, a board member who had earlier questioned the deal but agreed to it on Monday.

And Taconic Plastics had originally wanted to make a \$250,000 payment, but that was increased to \$300,000, said Noeding. Additionally, the agreements contain a reopener provision: That is, if a few years into the process the remediation costs are too high, the parties can renegotiate and possibly let the site get Superfund status.

Much of the concern has centered on the cost of a cleanup and there are still worries, especially about the timing.

Currently there is money from the state Environmental Protection Fund for cleanups of old landfills. But there are 10 communities ahead of Berlin and Petersburgh waiting to get

funding, said Young.

The grants are for construction and design while the Taconic/Covanta payments are for operation and maintenance. However, the communities can use the money to start building a treatment solution and they would get reimbursed once the state grant money becomes available.

The landfill has been owned by Berlin and Petersburgh since 1982. In 1991 they were supposed to have a waste management firm remediate it, but that never happened beyond capping and seeding the landfill. The reasons why the remediation didn't happen have been in dispute, said Noeding.

Noeding, who is new to the Petersburgh board, had earlier pushed to bring the discussions out in the open, rather than in executive sessions. One of the next steps, he said, may be to set up a committee between the two communities to work jointly on decisions regarding how to move forward.

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ATTN

ENVIRONMENT

Federal probe sought on foam burning

Schumer asks agencies to review impact of incineration in Cohoes

By Kenneth C. Crowe II

Cohoes

U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer is urging two federal agencies to investigate the impact of Norlite's incineration of firefighting foam with potentially hazardous PFAS compounds on a nearby public housing complex and the surrounding area.

In letters to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Schumer cited how aqueous film-forming foam containing perfluorocarbon chemicals — or AFFF con-

taining PFAS chemicals — have been "associated with increased risks of cancers and other serious health threats."

The Cohoes Common Council voted unanimously Tuesday to enact a one-year moratorium that stops Norlite from burning the foam to fuel one of its kilns. The actions by the senator and the council came after Bennington College released a study Monday that found unusually high amounts of PFAS compounds in the soil and water downwind from the Norlite facility.

Schumer asked the agencies to follow up on the Bennington College study to thoroughly investigate the PFAS impact and to coordinate their studies.

"Norlite has been contracted

to dispose of a large quantity of AFFF. However, there is serious concerns that these dangerous compounds were not fully destroyed in the incineration process and have been absorbed by the local soil and water sources,"



SCHUMER

The Norlite plant is situated near the Saratoga Sites apartments. The Cohoes Housing Authority manages the public housing complex which is home to about 70 families. Norlite is less than a mile from the Hudson River and about two miles from the city of Troy.

Schumer's letter to EPA Administrator Andrew R. Wheeler cited the environmental agency's own findings about PFAS, saying, "As EPA has said, the effectiveness of incinerating PFAS is not well understood, but the health effects of PFAS are increasingly well documented."

The city's order suspending burning at the facility would take effect this month. Mayor Bill Keeler and the council decided to act after learning about the burning of the chemicals two months ago.

The moratorium is in effect while the EPA, the state Department of Environmental Conservation or other interested parties can recommend that its incineration does not detrimentally impact city residents' health.

"Our utmost concern must be for the immediate and long-term health and safety of the people of Cohoes and the surrounding area potentially affected by the incineration of AFFF containing these PFAS chemicals," Keeler said earlier this week.

City residents have rallied to oppose the burning of the foam. Neighboring communities, and Assemblyman John T. McDonald III and State Sen. Neil Breslin have also supported Cohoes' decision.

The state has banned AFFF due to its environmental and public health threats.

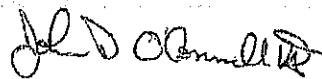
Norlite burned the materials to power one of the kilns at its plant to aggregate, or mined rock material used in construction and road building.

10 YEAR MEMBER

THIS CERTIFICATE PRESENTED TO

Poestenkill, Town of

IN RECOGNITION AND
APPRECIATION OF MEMBERSHIP
WITH THE NEW YORK RURAL
WATER ASSOCIATION



President, NYRWA

May 19, 2020

Date



ATT# 3



TOWN OF POESTENKILL

38 Davis Drive, P.O. 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Office of the
Building Inspector
Code Enforcement Officer

To: Town Supervisor- Keith Hammond

Town Board members- June Butler, David Hoss, Harold VanSkyke.
Eric Wohlleber (Deputy Town Supervisor)

Town Attorney – Jack Casey

From: Tracy Church – Code Enforcement Officer

Date: May 12, 2020

RE: April/May Monthly activities.

The Building department is continuing to operate efficiently, considering the current situations that we are all facing (COVID 19) and the restriction that accompany this uncertain time. We have continued to issue building permits to town residents and builders, as well as perform the necessary inspections in a timely manner, often after hours to make things a little less stressful for everyone. We have responded to one 911 call regarding a structure fire located at #15 Circle Drive, inspecting the structure for safety issues as a result of the incident. Necessary corrections were written and delivered to the owners and occupants, a follow-up inspection was performed the following day and all issues had been resolved to the satisfaction of the Building department guidelines. Regarding the Town of Poestenkill, our MS-4, 34-page annual report has been accurately filled out and submitted as per requirements to avert an E.P.A. audit. We have also been very busy with the Code Enforcement side of things regarding various and numerous complaints within The Town of Poestenkill, most have been resolved without incident, some are continuous and ongoing. The Code Enforcement classes have been paused for the time being and will hopefully resume soon. I have been able to navigate the NYS code library of code material effectively and am confident in my position as Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy Church

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Michelle Asquith

From: straydawg302@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Michelle Asquith
Subject: RE: Monthly Report

Dogs related calls - 7
Wildlife - 4

Bob Guyer
518.951.0213

From: Michelle Asquith
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Bob Guyer
Subject: Monthly Report

Hello,

Can I get your monthly report



Town of Poestenkill
Office of the Highway Superintendent
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140
(518) 283-4144

To: Town supervisor- Keith Hammond
Town Board Members Butler, Wohlleber, Hass, Van Slyke

From: Highway Superintendent- Toby Chadwick

Date: May 12, 2020

RE: Highway Activities
April 15, 2020-May 12,2020

1. Crew been out picking up brush and bags of leaves.
2. Crew been working on equipment
3. Crew been patching holes on Cropsey Road
4. Crew patching holes