

TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF POESTENKILL  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 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

Supervisor Hammond led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the floor for any public comments. D. Basle, Fire Company representative and town resident noted the upcoming 100-year Fire Company celebration which will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 3 p.m. Fireworks will be held as well as craft vendors and food and beverages will be available. B. Matthews, Town resident asked Town Board members if they were considering the Master Plan in the near future.

Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and carried that the bills were audited for payment.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler with 1 abstention from Supervisor Hammond and carried to accept to the Town Clerk's minutes of December 19, 2019 and December 27, 2019 as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Organizational Meeting.

Presentation-John & Sandy Shuhart PDD application-This presentation has been moved to the February 20<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.

Correspondence:

Letter-Dept of Financial Services-Letter dated January 4, 2020 from Department of Financial Services regarding Cybersecurity Risk alert.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board –There were no written meeting minutes for the January 7, 2020 Planning Board meeting but D. Heckelman Planning Board member elaborated on what took place during the scheduled meeting. D. Heckelman explained that the two-lot minor subdivision on Rt. 355 is partly in the Town of North Greenbush as well as Poestenkill. R. Brunet, Water Manager stated that he understands that the lot in Poestenkill is going to be sold and if the intent is to have a minor subdivision fine. However, if somebody is going to buy this land thinking they are going to come into Town and make a major subdivision a year later he has a problem with that. The law clearly states they would have to wait five years.

Zoning Board – The ZBA meeting for January 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the lack of agenda items.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of their December 2019 report.

Library – L. Lundgren reported on the activities taking place at the Library. She questioned if something could be worked out with the shoveling situation. Supervisor Hammond suggested that L. Lundgren sit down with Councilman Van Slyke to discuss the situation and try to come up with a solution and bring it back to the Board.

Youth Advisory Board-Youth Director Tiffany Buker reported on the happenings of the Youth Board. The Youth Director noted that the summer camp applications will be online this year for the convenience of the parents.

CAC- no meeting

#### Discussion Items:

Water Law 220-14 and Water La 220-30- Town Board members had copies of both sections from the 2010 Municipal Water Law and R. Brunet, Water Manager clarified some of the major points of the two sections and also the remainder of the Water Law-220. This discussion lasted for a while with Town Board members interjecting with any questions. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that everything was in order and formal action was needed at this time regarding acceptance of the water systems by the town at Lochvue and Quail Meadows. Mr. Casey will work with Mr. Brunet and provide a draft of the resolution. The Town Board has full authority regarding benefit units for the Town and the use of the monies derived from the benefit units. The only requirement is that the benefit unit dollars must be spent in the water district.

Lochvue – Town Board members were given the packet of all the information that will be discussed regarding the Lochvue Estates subdivision located off of Spring Avenue Extension. Town Attorney Casey gave some background information on the project and he further explained that he has been working with the actual attorney of the project, A. Gilchrist. Attorney Casey stated there were some paper roads that were within this project. However, A. Gilchrist stated that the property description had been redrawn and the paper roads have been removed. Attorney Casey stated that the road could be accepted tonight because the Highway Superintendent and T. Field, Town Engineer have agreed to sign off. There were also concerns over the easement and Attorney Casey stated that this easement has been already filed in the County Clerk's office. A. Gilchrist stated that the title has been updated and all the necessary documents have been prepared with bond amounts already being set. Councilmember Hass would like a letter from T. Fields stating that he has agreed to sign off on this dedication. Councilman Van Slyke stated he appreciates all the hard work that has been put in by the two attorneys, but he feels uncomfortable going forward this evening. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Ambulance Services – Supervisor Hammond would like a committee formulated and combine Sand Lake and Poestenkill into an Ambulance District. He feels it is an opportunity to work together and come up with an affordable ambulance service. He has discussed this idea with Councilman Wohleber, and he is willing to chair a committee and move forward. If it does go forward it will take well over a year. It would have to go to a referendum and voted on by both Towns in order to be created. If this moved forward, there would have to be joint Town Board meetings. Councilman Hass stated that he was not opposed to the discussion, but he wanted to know if Supervisor Hammond was going to identify the issues. A heated discussion ensued between Councilman Hass and Councilman Van Slyke over past issues with the time that it takes for the ambulances to arrive on scene during an emergency. Councilman Hass has no problem with the Mohawk service we now have but Supervisor Hammond feels that there is a problem with the service and if the people in the Town do not want an Ambulance District created they will have an opportunity to vote it down. Councilman Hass feels like this is “beating a dead

horse” and that you are trying fix something that is not broken. He said no facts have been presented to show that there is a problem. Councilman Wohlleber states there are problems with the arrival times, and they are getting longer and longer. Councilman Hass wanted to know if there was a conflict with Supervisor Hammond volunteering for Sand Lake’s ambulance service and pursuing his effort to create an Ambulance Service with our Town and Sand Lake and Supervisor Hammond didn’t feel so because he is a volunteer and not getting paid. The discussion continued. Motion by Councilman Van Slyke and seconded by Councilman Wohlleber to set up a committee to study the Ambulance Service. Councilman Hass would like to see that there is a problem identified before time is wasted on something where there may not be a problem. Councilwoman Butler wants to know why the town cannot talk to Mohawk and what it would cost. After more discussion it was stated that a motion was on the floor regarding setting up an Ambulance Committee and Councilman Van Slyke, Councilman Wohlleber and Supervisor Hammond voted YES, and Councilman Hass and Butler were opposed.

Action Items:

2020-2021 Veterans Agreement-Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Sullivan-Jones VFW Post 7466 Service Agreement for the year 2020.

2020-2021 Senior Agreement-Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and carried authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Senior Citizens Service Agreement for the year 2020.

Library Lease Agreement-Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Butler and carried authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Library Lease Agreement for 2020.

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society Agreement-Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society Shelter Agreement for 2020.

Act on remaining Organizational Meeting Items-Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Van Slyke and carried reaffirming the Youth Director/ Camp Director’s yearly salary as \$9,800.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Hammond and carried reaffirming the CAC members Jeffrey Briggs, Howard Cushing (Chairman), James deWaal Malefyt, Marcia Hopple and Walter Kerch.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and carried to pay the Assistant Water Manager Robert Young \$20 per hour.

Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Hass with 1 abstention by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to appoint Jack Casey as Chairman of the Ethics Board and reaffirming the members as Jill Gresens, Sue Pattenaude, Louise Wagner, and Connie Van Slyke. One vacancy is available, however there is someone interested in being on this Board.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to reaffirm the hourly salary of Felicia Dickinson, Court Clerk at \$20.87.

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report-Supervisor Hammond stated that he had a huge number of phone calls and a few pertaining to the light at the intersection and he met with the highway crew. He stated that he had a good couple of weeks.

Town Attorney Report-Mr. Casey stated that the majority of his time was spent on the Lochvue road dedication paperwork.

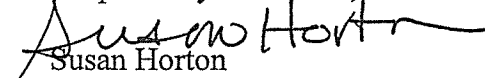
Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of December 2019. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$9,051.51 and of that amount \$8,989.01 was remitted to the Supervisor. The Town Clerk also presented her 2019 Revenue and Disbursement report and Town Board members had copies of this report. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, 811 report, Water report and the Highway Dept. report.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #1-2020 in the amount of \$2,778.32. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #2-2020 in the amount of \$43,239.45.

Motion by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Wohlleber and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and legal matters with no votes being taken in the Session. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and carried to exit from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and immediately adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Horton  
Town Clerk