

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 21, 2021
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present (via zoom)
Councilman Van Slyke	Present
Councilman Wohlleber	Present (via zoom)
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 at 7 p.m. for the Public Hearing to amend Zoning Law providing for lot line adjustment. Planning Board member Tom Russell spoke about being able to add flexibility to the current law when dealing with resident requests. Comments sent in by Judy Grattan were read into record by T. Buker. Copies of both statements are available at the Town Clerk's office. The Affidavit of Publication is on file in the Town Clerk's office. There being no other comments this hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor Hammond opened the floor for any public comments. Resident D. Basle asked about absentee ballots. Resident L. Basle asked if the Facebook group "Poestenkill Ambulance Advisory Committee" was monitored by the town. Supervisor Hammond commented that the page was not monitored by the town and had no direct affiliation.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried that the bills were audited for payment.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to accept to the Town Clerk's minutes of December 29, 2020 as written. Motion by Councilman Van Slyke seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes, with Councilman Wohlleber abstaining to accept the January 07, 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Presentation- There were no presentations.

Correspondence:

Charter Communications dated December 31st, 2020 notifying of upcoming changes.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – Planning Board member Tom Russell spoke about the meetings from January 5, 2021 and January 19, 2021. Councilman Van Slyke thanked Tom Russell for his hard work as Chairman to the Planning Board. Tom Russell said it was a privilege and honor.

Zoning Board – Zoning Board member Tim Hoffay reported there was no meeting due to lack of agenda items. Supervisor Hammond asked T. Hoffay if ZBA members had a nomination for the Town Board for their chairman. P. Jamison, ZBA member, stated he was sending out an email to see if anyone were interested in the position and that it would be discussed at the next ZBA meeting.

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

Library – L. Lundgren reported that the library is doing pick up only and the situation will be reassessed at the end of February.

Youth Advisory Board-Youth Director Tiffany Buker reported on the happenings of the Youth Board. Summer Camp will be happening this year and is scheduled to be back at Poestenkill Elementary School.

CAC- no meeting

Discussion Items:

Woodchipper and Plow Truck-

David Goyer, Deputy Highway Superintendent, requested to purchase a woodchipper to replace the 1986 woodchipper the town currently owns. He stated it is a 10-week turnaround time, so would need to be ordered soon to help with spring clean-up. D. Goyer presented multiple quotes. Councilman Wohlleber asked what this would be used for. D. Goyer responded for spring and fall clean up, trimming trees along the road and storm damage. Councilman Van Slyke is concerned with the timing of the purchase and the unknown of state funding. Supervisor Hammond stated this was a budgeted expense and using this line item is what it is intended for. D. Goyer stated this did not deplete the line item in the budget.

MOVED BY: Supervisor Hammond

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Butler

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler	Yes
Councilman Hass	Yes
Councilman Van Slyke	No
Councilman Wohlleber	Yes
Supervisor Hammond	Yes

D. Goyer also brought up purchasing a single axel plow truck to replace 104. He stated he looked at bonds as a payment option and was also looking at various other bank deals for purchasing of the truck. One of the deals was a lease to own option and you had 12 months after receiving the truck to make a purchase, so you could choose which month in the 2022 budget for it to be paid. Supervisor Hammond stated he wanted to give the board time to think and review the information and make no action on it. D. Goyer stated he just want to start the discussion time as it would take 10 months to be road ready. Councilman Van Slyke said to talk with Councilman Hass as he was familiar with the bonds program used previously.

Councilwoman Butler brought up a few issues that had been brought to her attention. Town residents are asking for planning board and zoning board minutes to be posted on the website in a timely fashion after meetings are held. Planning Board member, Tom Russell, stated he would talk to Planning and ZBA clerk, Lynn Kane. She also asked for Town Attorney to share his response to the Article 78 (Hitchcock vs Town of Poestenkill) with Planning Board, ZBA and Town Board members.

Action Items:

Woodchipper Purchase- This was discussed and voted upon during the discussion items portion of this meeting.

Appoint Don Heckelman to Planning Board Chairman- Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to appoint Don Heckelman as Chairman to the Planning Board, term to expire 12/31/21.

Planning Board Appointments for Laura Burzesi and Victoria Springs- Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to appoint Laura Burzesi as Planning Board member, term to expire 12/31/2027 and Victoria Spring as Planning Board alternate, term to expire 12/31/2021.

Special Election Absentee Plan- Town Attorney Jack Casey spoke about absentee ballots not being allowed in local special elections as per NYS Attorney General. Councilman Wohlleber would like absentee ballots available as it is now 2021. Attorney Casey spoke about the law and why it was not allowed. Supervisor Hammond stated if the attorney needs to defend the case in court, "I follow his advice and listen to my attorney". Councilwoman Butler stated we should be following the advice of the attorney. Councilman Hass and Councilman Van Slyke were also in agreement of following the advice of the attorney. Following the discussion, Supervisor Hammond said we applaud Councilman Wohlleber for his efforts, but we are listening to the council.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report-Supervisor Hammond stated the Emergency Preparedness Plan is being worked on by Martha Hass as she has experience completing the plan for her employer. This will save the town \$8,600. T. Buker has been working with Martha to help complete the plan. T. Buker acknowledged needing the information about essential vs. non-essential employees and who could work remotely and a communication plan to get information out to residents quickly needed to be in place. Supervisor Hammond asked to sit down with Councilman Hass, Martha, and Tiffany Buker to discuss the plan further. He also thanked Martha Hass for working on the plan. Supervisor Hammond thanked D. Goyer for working with the school and developing a plan with the school to assisting with ditch drainage on School Rd.

Town Attorney Report-Mr. Casey stated he has been working on the special election and Article 78 (Hitchcock vs. Town of Poestenkill).

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of December 2020 and the 2020 Revenues and Disbursements Report. The total amount of the December 2020 clerk's report received in the

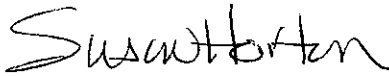
Clerk's office was \$9,864.09 and of that amount \$ 9,705.33 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of this report. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, 811, Water and the Highway Dept.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #4-2021 in the amount of \$43,380.74. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #5-2021 in the amount of \$2,219.57.

Motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Hass and carried to adjourn this meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Horton".

Susan Horton
Town Clerk