

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 18, 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 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. and on a motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried it was stated that the monthly bills had been audited for payment. Supervisor Hammond explained that the first item on the agenda was the Public Hearing which opened at 7 p.m. on proposed Local Law #1-2020 which would amend Town Code A240-8, Appendix, Road Improvement Specifications, Article II, Design and Construction. Supervisor Hammond asked if anyone had any questions/comments on the proposed local law. Councilman Van Slyke has concerns over the mailboxes being in a cluster. He feels that its unfair to ask the homeowners to get into their cars to drive down to retrieve their mail. He feels the homeowners should have their own individual mailbox. Supervisor Hammond is also in favor of individual mailboxes. D. Hass, Councilman believes that the Post Office determines locations of mailboxes, not Towns. After everyone was given the opportunity to speak, this Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

The affidavit of Publication is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office.

Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of May 21, 2020 as written.

Public Comment Period – A. Beck, Town Resident was concerned over the speed limit on Weatherwax Rd and asked the Supervisor if the speed limit could be lowered. L. Hammond, Town Resident also spoke about his concerns with the excessive speeding on Weatherwax Rd. D. Hass, Councilman stated this issue was brought to the County's attention several years ago and they rejected the town's request for a reduction in the speed limit. However, Supervisor Hammond stated he will send a letter to the County once again requesting a lower speed limit on Weatherwax Rd. K. Kronau, Town resident and local Developer voiced his concerns over the requirements needed for the road in the Quail Meadows Development. Mr. Kronau is developing Quail Meadows which is a (3) phase subdivision and is currently in phase 3. The issue is the 3-year Warranty that he has a problem with. He has researched other towns and was told they did not require a warranty. Mr. Kronau feels that if the road is built to Town Specifications, it should be accepted and then the Town owns it. He would like the Board to re-address this issue and perhaps they can come to a compromise. He understands there are cracks in the pavement that need to be fixed. Supervisor Hammond stated the proposal looks fine to him however, there are some concerns such as water coming up and cracking in the pavement that need to be addressed. Supervisor Hammond suggested that Mr. Kronau follow up with his engineers to set up a time that they can meet with the Town's Engineer and Toby Chadwick, Highway Superintendent to rectify this issue. T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman asked Supervisor Hammond not to make any decisions until everyone had a chance to discuss this issue at the meeting which is being scheduled. K. Seifridserger, Town resident stated she has called several times asking for brush to be picked up. However, it has not been picked up yet and she called in May.

Supervisor Hammond stated that he and Sue Horton, Town Clerk have informed the Highway Superintendent and he stated he would pick it up as soon as his crew is available, as they are working on another project in the Town. With no other comments this portion of the meeting was closed.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board-Town Board members had copies of the Planning Board meeting minutes from June 9th in their packet. T. Russell spoke about the zoom meeting and discussed agenda items with the Town Board. Supervisor Hammond asked about the issue on Lynn Rd. regarding the wood processing business. T. Russell stated all aspects of a SUP (Special Use Permit) have been exhausted. Therefore, it was recommended by R. Ryan, Planning Board attorney, that this go directly to the ZBA. T. Russell also stated that Mr. Gush will make his presentation at the July Planning Board meeting to discuss his eight (8) lot major subdivision on Route 355.

Zoning Board- ZBA did not have a meeting, but P. Jamison spoke regarding Mr. Hitchcock and that no application had been received yet.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the May 2020 Fire Co. report.

Library – E. Gresens reported that at this time the Library is on limited services. If you need to get in touch with the Library, you can call when open or text. E. Gresens was concerned over the stairs to the Library not being completed yet. Supervisor Hammond stated that he spoke with the contractor doing the work to make sure the stairs are up to code and this contractor said that he would do so.

Youth Advisory Board- T. Buker reported on the Youth activities and that summer camp will be happening. She also stated due to COVID19 group sizes will be much smaller and there will only 50 campers per week accepted.

CAC- no meeting

Correspondence:

Letter of Resignation- Vivian Kelly

Supervisor Hammond sadly stated Vivian Kelly has resigned as Deputy Town Clerk. Vivian has worked for the Town for over 30 years and she will be sadly missed.

Charter Communications

Memos dated June 1st and June 16th from Charter Communications regarding upcoming changes.

Kronau Group- Quail Meadows

This was discussed during the public comment period of the agenda.

Letter of Resignation- Dennis Bates

Supervisor Hammond stated Dennis Bates had submitted his letter of resignation dated June 15th, 2020 from the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Hammond said Betsy Pinho, Town Assessor, will be advertising for a replacement.

Governor Andrew Cuomo Juneteenth Letter- A letter dated June 17th from the Governor's office announced that all NYS offices will be closed on Friday, June 19th, 2020 in observance of 155th anniversary of Juneteenth, an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States.

Discussion Items:

Kara Seifridsberger- Trees – This was addressed during the Public Comment period of the agenda and will be voted on during the Action Items part of the agenda.

Grant for Culvert- Poestenkill's attempt in 2018 and 2019 to obtain funding to replace the Reichard's Farm Rd bridge (culvert) were unsuccessful under the Bridges New York Program because we were not able to score a high priority ranking. T. Russell talked with Bob Wright from NY DOT/Bridge Engineer and discussed the current condition of the bridge and the attempts to replace. B Wright will do research on his end and respond by mid-week on his thoughts and suggestions. T. Russell talked with F. Dunwell from EnCon's Region 3 offices on possible alternative funding sources. Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber an oral vote of 5 ayes to allow Supervisor Hammond to apply for a grant if needed.

Kronau Group- As discussed during the public comment period of the agenda there will be a meeting with K. Kronau's Engineer and the Town's Engineer along with Toby Chadwick, Highway Superintendent to discuss outstanding issues.

Action Items:

Adopt Local Law#1-2020 – IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL, NY TOWN CODE A240-8, Appendix/Road Improvement Specifications, Article II, Design and Construction, is hereby amended to add a new paragraph; I. Road specifications, improvements

MOVED BY: Councilman Hass

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Butler

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler: YES

Councilman Hass: YES

Councilman Van Slyke: YES

Councilman Wohlleber: YES

Supervisor Hammond: YES

Approval Pending Kara Seifridsberger - Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber on the proposal of Kara Seifridsberger, 63 Snyder's Corners Rd. to appear in front of the Planning Board at their next scheduled meeting for their approval to consider a mining application. (If and when the Planning Board gives their ok, it is understood by the homeowner, she would have to follow up with DEC).

Appoint Betsy Pinho as Assessor – Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to appoint Betsy Pinho as the Town Assessor, effective immediately to fill the unexpired term of the previous Assessor, Brian Jackson. Betsy Pinho's term will expire September 2025.

Appoint Tiffany Buker as Deputy Town Clerk - Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to recognize the Town Clerk's appointment of Tiffany Buker as Deputy Town Clerk, and Deputy Tax Collector with an hourly wage of \$18.00

for said positions to be paid monthly to fill the unexpired term of the previous Deputy Town Clerk, Vivian Kelly. Term will expire 12/31/2020. Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to appoint T. Buker, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics at no salary, term to expire 12/31/2020.

Deputy Town Clerk's Training Hours – Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber to authorized 40 training hours at \$18/per hr. (\$720) to be used to train Tiffany Buker, Deputy Town Clerk.

Accept Plank Road Parcel – Town resident D. Shackett wanted to “donate” her parcel of land (0.04) to the Town which is located on Plank Road. After a discussion, Board members had no interest in this matter. Supervisor Hammond stated he would notify the town resident of the Board's decision.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond stated he would start the appropriate process regarding the concern's town residents are having over the excessive speeding on Weatherwax Rd. He will send a letter to the County regarding this on-going issue.

Town Attorney's Report – Mr. Casey reported on the matters that he worked on since the last Town Board meeting which included working on Public Hearing notice for tonight's meeting and working with the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer on a personnel matter.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of May 2020. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$4,838.97 and of that amount \$4,580.88 was remitted to the Supervisor.

Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. T. Church, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer stated he was very busy this month especially with pool permits. He also stated his training classes will resume in July. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, Water Manager/811 report and the Highway Dept. report. R. Brunet, Water Manager reported that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was submitted and approved to the County and State. He also reported that for the first time the Town was required by EPA to do lead/cooper testing which was completed this week. R. Brunet also stated that he has been very busy filling pools for residents in the water district. He feels this is a benefit to both residents and the town, as the residents save money and the town generates more revenue.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #11-2020 in the amount of \$120,360.36. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #12-2020 in the amount of \$53,904.77.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber, and carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Horton Town Clerk

