

TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2024
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present
Councilman Bursezi	Present
Councilman Wohlleber	Present
Supervisor Russell	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney
Susan Horton, Town Clerk

Supervisor Russell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. Supervisor Russell welcomed everyone and discussed the Star and the Enhanced Star Programs. He said that applications were available at Town Hall and that the deadline for submitting the applications is March 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fane Trucking- Fane Trucking's Consultant, Jeff Laing, explained the company originally received approval for a 9.985-acre parcel on Perry Bros gravel access through Callanan pit for a 2-year extension. J. Laing proposed to have a three-year extension which would be in line with the expiration of the DEC permit of May 2027. No extension request has been filed with the planning board at this time. The area previously approved is not changing, only the time frame. Excavation was not done quickly due to Covid, therefore there is still excess material remaining in the area and they are seeking to go down to the original proposed grade which hasn't been achieved. A. Gilchrist recused himself from providing council but provided review of the existing code and permit.

Amend Local Law on Land Use Code using suggestions from Planning Board- Supervisor Russell repeated the proposed suggestions from the Planning Board. Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Wohlleber, Supervisor Russell, and Councilman Hass discussed the disadvantages and advantages of this proposed change. Supervisor Russell requested that A. Gilchrist advise the Town Board on two specific points, and they will have further discussions in the future.

Amend current Water Code- Supervisor Russell stated that new antenna's have been shipped to help mitigate this issue. This change to the code will allow estimations for emergencies and would have to be approved by the Town Board. Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Wohlleber, and councilman Bursezi discussed potential scenarios with the updated code. A. Gilchrist provided explanation of existing the code and the proposed draft.

Sidewalk Snow Clearance- A resident previously commented about the sidewalk responsibilities with regards to snow removal on Main Street. This comment was brought up in 2023 in the winter months. A Gilchrist explained the potential options the town has in response to sidewalk snow removal. Some suggestions were creating a special snow removal district and creating a local law

identifying responsibility of sidewalk snow removal to the property owner. Superintendent D. Goyer stated the quoted equipment price range in 2023 and stated the use of general funds would be used to maintain the sidewalk. Members of the Town Board expressed their views of the options listed and the Town Board will have future conversations.

Local Law providing Defense and Indemnification- A draft of the document was provided to the town. There are rules and regulations that the employee/ Officer would have to follow if served. Supervisor Russell requested that members of the Town Board review the draft and see if this is something we should bring to Poestenkill. J. Butler requested a final draft for February's Town Board meeting and set a public hearing.

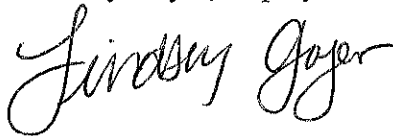
PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #3-2024 in the amount of \$29,231.47. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #4-2024 in the amount of \$3,724.05.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Supervisor Russell and carried to enter Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with no votes taken. Motion by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Supervisor Russell to exit Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Goyer, Deputy Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey Goyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the signatory.