

TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2024
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney

Supervisor Russell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. He then went on to welcome everyone in the audience and introduced the Board members and other Town Officials to the audience.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler, and carried that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

P. Plante, Town resident, questioned the Town Board on a number of items including who is on the Ethics Board. How do you address a complaint to the Ethics Board? The status of the Averill Park lawsuit, and what is the status of the public hearing for Water District #2.

Supervisor Russell responded to each of Mr. Plantes' questions. He stated that the Town is awaiting the LaBerge report on Water District #2.

L. King, Town resident wanted to follow up on a couple of items discussed at prior Town Board meetings.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES

Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of January 4, 2024, as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of January 11, 2024, as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of January 25, 2024, as written.

2023 Revenues and Disbursements – Motion by Hass, seconded by Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the 2023 Revenues and Disbursements, as written.

Correspondence -

CheckWise Payroll – Letter dated February 1, 2024, informing the Town that CheckWise will be merging with ConnectPay. The merger will continue to provide superior payroll services at the same costs with combined resources to meet the growing challenges of the payroll industry.

Waste Management – On February 24, 2024, from 8 a.m. – 12 Noon there will be a Poestenkill Bulk Item Day. The location for this event will be held at the Waste Management Transfer Station on 9002 NY66 in Averill Park. The Cost will be \$30 per item, and you can pay by check or with credit card, no cash is allowed.

Poestenkill Senior Citizens - Supervisor Russell stated that the Town received a Thank You card from the Poestenkill Seniors thanking the Town Board for the generous check for the Poestenkill Senior Citizens.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – Town Board members had copies of the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes in their packets. Vicki Spring reported on the February 6, 2024 agenda items. She informed the Board that N. Orsini changed the site proposal for the proposed venue and that the Public Hearing was still open for this application. S. Polaro submitted a Lot Line application for his residence at 541 NY 355. This application was accepted.

Zoning Board – Town Board members had copies of the January 18, 2024, meeting minutes in their packets. Paul Jamison reported that officers were elected at the meeting. He is going to continue as Vice Chairperson and N. Heckelman will be secretary.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. January 2024 report in their packets. D. McIntyre, reported on the number of calls the Fire Co. received for the month. He also asked the public to be cautious when it comes to smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The shelf life for carbon monoxide detectors is 5-7 years after they are manufactured, (not installed) whereas smoke detectors are good for ten years.

Library – S. Kalafut, library Board of Directors, reported that circulation, which is physical items such as DVD's, books, etc., was 1,335. Total visits to the library for the month of January was 788. Upcoming events include the Childrens STEM Program, which will be held on February 21st at 6:00 p.m. Also, on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. “Weekly Meals made Easy” will be held at the library and on March 2nd the puzzle sale will be held at the Evangelical Church from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon.

Youth Advisory Board – Supervisor Russell reported on the Youth Director's report. T. Russell reported that K. Horton, Poestenkill Youth Director, and J. VanRoy, Youth Director have worked together to organize materials and resources from the previous youth director's files to begin planning for 2024 summer camp. They met with both the Poestenkill and Sand Lake Supervisors on January 8th to discuss where camp would be held and other important information to move forward with planning. They have secured a location for camp, week one will be held at the Fire House and weeks two through five will be held at Algonquin Middle School. Updates will be available on the Youth Director's Town website.

CAC – There was no meeting this month. Councilman Wohleber will be scheduling a meeting.

Discussion Items:

Revising Current Density Law with Planning Board Recommendations – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney, supplied Town Board members with copies of the draft of the proposed local law amending the Town of Poestenkill Land Use Law. After a brief discussion all members were in agreement with the language of this law. A. Gilchrist will put this law into final language and the board will decide to schedule a public hearing at the next Town Board meeting in March.

Shuhart’s Proposed PDD – M. Bond, Hart Engineering, represented the Shuhart’s and presented an update on the Shuhart’s Proposed PDD. He said that he and the Town Engineer, Wayne Bonesteel were in agreement on the update which he was presenting. He said that an additional 1.75 acres were added to provide better access to the Proposed PDD. The main item of discussion is the driveway. He stated that the permit process was underway with the DOT and that the updated proposal is also being reviewed by the DOH. A current item being discussed is the Stormwater Plan. Wayne Bonesteel mentioned that the Proposal should be an amended application for review by the County and Referred to the Town Board as well as to the Poestenkill Fire Company for review. He also questioned if the Planning Board should update the Environmental Plan and the EAF.

Veterans Memorial Monument Restoration update – Councilwoman Butler updated the Town Board on the progress of restoring the Veterans Memorial Monument. She stated she and DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent along with the Historical Society have been working hard on trying to piece together the names affiliated with the Monument. She is getting prices for a new monument compared to trying to restore it. She will report back to the Town Board with her findings. Supervisor Russell thanked Councilwoman Butler and DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent and the Historical Society for their work on this project.

Update on Poestenkill – Sand Lake Summer Youth Camp - Supervisor Russell stated that K. Horton, Poestenkill Youth Director and J. VanRoy, Youth Director for the Town of Sand Lake have been working together to get the Summer Camp up and running and to make the camp a successful program.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION #3-2024 – A RESOLUTION HONORING HAROLD VAN SLYKE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill wishes to recognize the service of Harold Van Slyke to the community of Poestenkill and to recognize his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Harold Van Slyke was a founding member of the Poestenkill Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Harold Van Slyke actively worked on the drafting of the Town of Poestenkill Comprehensive Plan in the early 2000’s; and

WHEREAS, Harold Van Slyke has actively worked with the Poestenkill Library for many years, with this service being especially important to many members of the Poestenkill community; and

WHEREAS, Harold Van Slyke served honorably for five years on the Town of Poestenkill Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Harold Van Slyke served honorably for eight years on the Town of Poestenkill Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Poestenkill community has been benefitted by Harold Van Slyke’s public service, and the Town Board hereby recognizes and thanks Harold Van Slyke for all he has done for the Poestenkill community.

MOVED BY: Councilman Burzesi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hass

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

- Councilwoman Butler YES
- Councilman Burzesi YES
- Councilman Hass YES
- Councilman Wohlleber YES
- Supervisor Russell YES

RESOLUTION #4-2024 – A RESOLUTION HONORING KEITH HAMMOND

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill wishes to recognize the service of Keith Hammond to the community of Poestenkill and to recognize his achievements; and

WHEREAS, over many years, Keith Hammond has held many leadership positions in both Town and County government, providing public service and representing the interests of the residents of the Town of Poestenkill; and

WHEREAS, Keith Hammond served honorably on the Town of Poestenkill Planning Board for four years, as a councilman on the Town of Poestenkill Town Board for eight years, as a County Legislator for eleven years, and most recently as Supervisor of the Town of Poestenkill for the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Keith Hammond, prior to elective or appointive public service, was actively involved in the community as a founding member of the Poestenkill Business Association and actively participating in the preparation of the Town of Poestenkill Comprehensive Plan in the early 2000's; and

WHEREAS, the Poestenkill community has been benefitted by Keith Hammond's public service, and the Town Board hereby recognizes and thanks Keith Hammond for all he has done for the Poestenkill community.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Butler

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler	YES
Councilman Burzesi	YES
Councilman Hass	YES
Councilman Wohlleber	YES
Supervisor Russell	YES

RESOLUTION #5-2024 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF UTILITY TRAILER

The Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby authorizes the purchase of a utility trailer, Towmaster Model T-40LP, as set forth in the written proposal issued by Monroe Tractor, quoted through Sourcewell Contract Number 092922-MNR, in an amount not to exceed \$36,240.00.

MOVED BY: Councilman Hass

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Butler

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler	YES
Councilman Burzesi	YES
Councilman Hass	YES
Councilman Wohlleber	YES
Supervisor Russell	YES

Introduction of Local Law #1-2024 - A Local Law Amending Section 220-26(D) of Chapter 220 of The Code of The Town of Poestenkill - This proposed local law was introduced by Supervisor Russell. The Town of Poestenkill operates meters for all water services connected to a public water system in the Town of Poestenkill. Many meters in the Town are in a state of disrepair and require maintenance. Parts required for maintenance of such meters have become difficult to obtain in a timely manner. Section 220-26(D) of the Town Code allows water billing based on estimated water consumption only for one billing period. The Town Board seeks to allow the

issuance of water bills based on estimated water consumption for more than one billing period. The Public Hearing for this proposed Local Law #1-2024 will be held on March 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Local Law #2-2024 – A Local Law Providing for the Defense and Indemnification of Officers and Employees of the Town of Poestenkill – This proposed local law was introduced by Councilwoman Butler. This proposed local law will provide defense and indemnification protections to its officers and employees in connection with civil actions or proceedings, state or federal, arising out of an alleged act or omission which occurred or allegedly occurred while the officer or employee was acting within the scope of his or her public employee employment or duties. The Public Hearing for this proposed Local Law #2-2024 will be held on March 14, 2024, at 7:15 p.m.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Russell stated that he had the opportunity to meet with town residents, answering their questions regarding the sidewalk situation. He has been working with Betsy Pinho, Town Bookkeeper, regarding the town's financial status. Betsy has been working on getting the proper reports to the State. Supervisor Russell thanked Betsy for her tireless efforts. He also stated that Lee Audio was in and did a security check for Town Hall, Highway Garage and the library. He also stated that he, DJ Goyer, and Sue Horton attended the Fire House banquet, and a good time was had by all.

Town Attorney's Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney reported that aside from routine matters, he has been working on the proposed Local Law #1 and proposed Local Law #2. He also reviewed the proposed Shuhart PDD and has been working with the Assessors Office regarding tax questions.

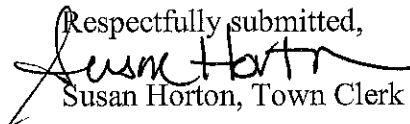
Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of January 2024. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$12,932.04 and of that amount \$12,088.62 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, 811 report, Water Dept., and the Highway Dept.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #5-2024 in the amount of \$410,006.29. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #6-2024 in the amount of \$33,194.10.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber and seconded by Councilman Hass to exit Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk