

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
YEAR-END MEETING
December 28, 2023
(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	Absent

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk

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

Deputy Supervisor June Butler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m. She stated Supervisor Hammond had an emergency bus run today but wanted to thank him for his years of service to the Town. She also wanted to thank Councilman Van Slyke for his years of service to the Town. She then opened the floor for Public Comments. There being none, Deputy Supervisor Butler moved on to the business portion of the year-end meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Land Use Code - T. Russell updated the Board regarding the Land Use Code. He stated the Planning Board had several ideas for updating the Land Use Code. He will send A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney, a copy of the proposed revisions that the Planning Board came up with.

ACTION ITEMS –

CAC – Recommendations – Councilwoman Butler stated that several people were interviewed for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Hopefully, those not chosen for those Boards would consider being on the CAC Board.

Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes being taken in the Session. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and an oral vote of 4 ayes to exit from Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. and immediately resume the meeting.

Planning Board – Recommendations – Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to appoint R. Benz member of the Planning Board, term to expire 12/31/2030.

The Alternate for this Board will be interviewed after the Organizational Meeting ends on January 4th. The (3) names that have been forwarded to the Town Board are B. Harris, B. Nikles, and G. Pattenaude.

Zoning Board – Recommendations – Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded Councilman Hass and carried to appoint Tim Hoffay, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 12/31/2025.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried to appoint Donna Kamkar as a member of the Zoning Board, term to expire, 12/31/2028. Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried to appoint Abigail Kronau as the Alternate for the Zoning Board, term to expire 12/31/2024.

Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried to reappoint Paul Jamison to the Zoning Board, term to expire, 12/31/2028.

Standard Workday Reporting Resolution – NYS Local Retirement System – Betsy Pinho
 Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials for Betsy Pinho, Bookkeeper for the Town.

S. Kalafut, town resident, expressed her concerns regarding married couples serving on the Boards for the Town. She feels this is ethically wrong and should be considered an Ethics issue.

Deputy Supervisor Butler stated that there has been a lot of “talk” on social media regarding the State of the Town being broke. She wanted to clarify that the Town is not broke and is financially sound with over \$1.8 million in financial assets.

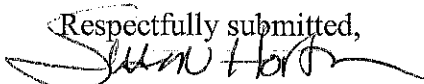
Betsy Pinho, Town Bookkeeper reported that there was an open IRS issue in which the IRS requested payment from the Town involving two quarters from 2021. Betsy is following up on this item and will report the results to the Town Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay to pay Warrant #38-2023 in the amount of \$121,587.23. Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #39-203 in the amount of \$4,969.64.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Horton, Town Clerk