

TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
March 28, 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 the public comment period where L. Basle requested time for agenda item 2-G.

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

Discussion Items:

Acknowledging & Thanking Poestenkill Fire Company- Supervisor Russell expressed his sincere appreciation for opening their doors as a warming center if the power outage had continued.

Water District #2 Info Session- Information session at the Poestenkill Fire Company on 4/3/2024 at 7pm. Supervisor Russell explained a change in price due to the operation & maintenance estimated cost per year for benefit unit charge. Councilman Wohlleber had questions regarding funded vs borrowed money, potential expansion, and cost per foot. Andrew Gilchrist, Town Attorney, discussed the timeline for this project. A. Gilchrist suggested holding the public hearing at the Poestenkill Fire Company on April 25th, 2024, if available. Councilman Wohlleber expressed his concerns about leaving out certain roads/houses in the proposed water district map. He also is looking into an expansion to Water District #2.

Supervisor Russell had public service announcements for: April 15-19th, 2024 is Spring Clean-up, Easter egg hunt at 8:30 am on March 30th, 2024, limited Town Hall hours on March 29th, 2024, Property Taxes are due March 31st, and Paint recycling event Saturday April 6th, 2024, at Hudson Valley Community College.

Revising Current Land Use Code- A. Gilchrist stated he made the recommended adjustment that the Planning Board suggested. A. Gilchrist stated that the Planning Board began the discussion regarding current open projects, and how the potential adjustment to the code would affect them. Councilwoman Butler discussed the potential revision of the Land Use code affecting the proposed Senior Housing PDD. There was a lengthy conversation addressing the proposed revision of the Land Use code, and the effect on open Planning Board applications. A vote was taken of 2 ayes

and 3 days to add a provision to the tentative Land Use Law to be applicable to any applications filed on or after the effective date.

Social Media Emergency & General Info Broadcast Options- Supervisor Russell stated that during the power outage, there was no internet connection to spread town information. He then requested feedback from the board on how we could resolve this issue. Councilman Hass explained a similar conversation happened when Water District #1 was created. Highway Superintendent D. Goyer and Councilman Hass described a service that can send out mass text messages to registered users.

Revising Employee Handbook- Councilwoman Butler explained revisions to the handbook were made and requested the board's final review. More information at the next Town Board Meeting. The Health Emergency Handbook required changes specifically to the list of essential workers and updated new guidelines.

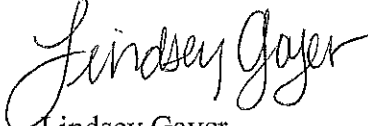
Establishing consistent Public Comment to 3 Minutes-Supervisor Russell stated that public comment should be limited to 3 minutes per resident, and this would not apply to public hearings. L. Basle asked if this was necessary since most comments from residents range from 3-5 minutes. He explained that we are a small community and we do not require a timed public comment. The Town Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this timed public comment period. G. Patenaude voiced his concerns about allowing all residents equal time to get their point across. He explained that three minutes should be a guideline to all that wish to speak during a public comment period, but Supervisor Russell has the authority limit people's time if necessary.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #13-2024 in the amount of \$14,023.75. Motion by Hass, seconded by Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #14-2024 in the amount of \$11,885.18 Motion by Hass, seconded by Russell and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #15-2024 in the amount of \$2,323.44.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and carried to enter Attorney Client Private Session at 8:10pm. Motion by Hass and seconded by Russell to exit Attorney Client Private Session and immediately enter Executive Session at 8:45pm. Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Hass and carried to exit Executive Session at 9:27pm and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsey Goyer
Deputy Town Clerk