

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
May 11, 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	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney

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

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Wohlleber at 7:00 p.m. and immediately opened the Public Hearing portion of tonight's meeting on the proposed Water District #2. This meeting was available via YouTube with the link on the Town Website for those not able to attend.

Laberge Presentation on Water District #2 – Supervisor Hammond introduced Ron Laberge, VP Laberge Engineering who would be presenting the background, current status, and future steps for the proposed Water District #2. R. Laberge presented details regarding the legal requirement for the Public Hearing, the reasons for the proposed water district, the project activity from December 2021 thru the present, the estimated project costs, the public funding, the annual user costs, and the estimated project schedule from June 2023 thru the project completion of December 2024. He specifically noted that the project includes the installation of a curb stop to the resident's property. The installation from the curb stop on the resident's home is the responsibility of the resident. At the conclusion of his presentation a number of residents took the podium to voice their concerns and questions. Among them were T. Jacangelo, D. Jacangelo, Paul Plante, Greg Pattenaude, and M. Gibbons. Among their concerns were the need for a resident vote versus approval only by the Town Board, the need for approval without final costs, overestimating costs, and the resident affordability. Supervisor Hammond replied that the estimates were high, they were not yet finished, and more information would be made public as it became available.

Supervisor Hammond stated this Public Hearing will remain open.

*The Affidavit of Publication is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.

PROPOSED DOG SHELTER

Various items brought up from prior meetings include costs, and other legal and procedural issues. Town Engineer, Wayne Bonesteel, presented his findings regarding the environmental impacts associated with the proposed dog shelter. Councilman Wohlleber requested clarification on several issues. There are still some residents that feel that their concerns have not yet been fully addressed, including the water issue and costs. Other residents, including Lee King and Bob Dore, discussed possible wastewater problems and asked the Town Board to look into this. They felt that the residents needed to be involved.

TOWN CLERK’S MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of April 13, 2023, as written. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of April 27, 2023, as written.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – Town Board members had copies of the Planning Board’s meeting of May 2nd. B. Daniels reported on the agenda items.

Zoning Board – F. Burzesi stated that there was no Zoning Board meeting but would like to address the Board about an issue. He wanted to know when an application comes into the Zoning Board, and it is denied by the Building Inspector would it be possible to bypass the first meeting and schedule the Public Hearing. A. Gilchrist will review this issue with L. Howard, Attorney for the Zoning Board.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Company’s April 2023 report in their packets.

Library – Susan Kalafut reported on the library’s current activities.

Youth Advisory Board – T. Buker, Youth Director updated the Board on the availability of Summer Camp. She stated that Summer Camp is quickly filling up, anyone interested should get their registration in as soon as possible.

CAC – no meeting

Action Items:

Dog Shelter EAF, Resolution Neg Dec -
RESOLUTION #17-2023 ADOPTING NEGATIVE DELARATION PURSUANT TO SEQRA REGARDING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 9002 NY ROUTE 66 FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A SHELTER FOR DOGS. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Poestenkill in regular session duly convened as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby determines that the lease of premises located at 9002 NY Route 66 for the purposes of establishing and maintaining a shelter for dogs as described herein shall not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, and therefore adopts a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hass

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

- Councilwoman Butler YES
- Councilman Hass YES
- Councilman Van Slyke YES
- Councilman Wohlleber YES
- Supervisor Hammond YES

Dog Shelter Lease Authorization Resolution –

RESOLUTION #18-2023 AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 9002 NY ROUTE 66 FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A SHELTER FOR DOGS

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Butler

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hass

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

- Councilwoman Butler YES
- Councilman Hass YES
- Councilman Van Slyke YES
- Councilman Wohlleber NO
- Supervisor Hammond YES

Speed Limit Study Resolution –

RESOLUTION #19-2023 REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON QUAIL MEADOWS ROAD, FOX HEN DRIVE, REDWING COURT, AND LOCHVUE DRIVE IN THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill in regular session duly convened as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill urges Rensselaer County to join in the request that NYS DOT conduct all necessary and required evaluation of Quail Meadows Road, Fox Hen Drive, Redwing Court, and Lochvue Drive, with the recommendation that the speed limit on such Town roads be established at 30 mph.

MOVED BY: Councilman Hass

SECONDED BY: Supervisor Hammond

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

- Councilwoman Butler YES
- Councilman Hass YES
- Councilman Van Slyke YES
- Councilman Wohlleber YES
- Supervisor Hammond YES

Surplus Items –

DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent stated that by auctioning off the surplus equipment will bring added revenue to the Town.

RESOLUTION #20-2023 DECLARING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill in regular session duly convened as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby declares the vehicles and equipment described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto to the surplus and to be sold and/or auctioned in accordance with law.

MOVED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

SECONDED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler	YES
Councilman Hass	YES
Councilman Van Slyke	YES
Councilman Wohlleber	YES
Supervisor Hammond	YES

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond reported that it was a very busy month. He stated he has been working with the Town of Brunswick on a contractual item.

Town Attorney's Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney, along with routine matters, he has been working on the Proposed Dog Kennel's lease agreement and working with the Building Department and Highway Department.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Butler, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of April 2023. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$23,373.46 and of that amount \$23,026.07 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 report and the Highway Dept.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #10-2023 in the amount of \$51,952.81. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #11-2023 in the amount of \$620.00.

Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Wohlleber to exit Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. and immediately adjourned this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk

