

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 2020

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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
Jack Casey, Town Attorney

Due to the ongoing issue with Covid-19, the Town Hall remains closed and for that reason the Town continues to host their meetings via "Zoom Conference" which was held on May 21st.

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. and on a motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 4 ayes with Councilman VanSlyke recusing himself when it was stated that the monthly bills had been audited for payment; he had not reviewed the bills.

Motion by Hass, seconded by VanSlyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of April 23, 2020 as amended.

Public Comment Period – K. Seifridsberger, Town resident spoke regarding her ongoing request to start the process of having trees removed and excavation work done on her property. She also stated she has submitted paperwork for the Boards review. Supervisor Hammond stated that all documentation was received and passed on to Board members. This issue will be discussed during the Discussion Items part of the meeting. With no other comments this portion of the meeting was closed.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board- T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman stated they will be holding a "Virtual" Planning Board meeting Tuesday, May 26th. The Vanderhyden two lot subdivision will be part of the agenda. He also stated that there will be a second meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Zoning Board– no meeting

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the April Fire Co. report. L. Basle, Fire Co. member asked Supervisor Hammond if the Fire Company was being reimbursed for the Exhaust System" that was just installed. Supervisor Hammond stated after the bills are approved the Fire Company will be reimbursed. However, when first elected he did not think it was necessary for the exhaust system. He was under the impression that there was a Grant for this system. Unfortunately, there is no Grant, but the monies were put into the budget therefore, the exhaust system will be paid by the Town.

Library – L. Lundgren reported on the Library. She stated that they have been notified that they can re-open but will be dependent on passing a plan on how to re-open and must implement an emergency policy that overrides our present policy during this crisis.

Youth Advisory Board-T. Buker updated the Board on where Summer Camp stands at this point. She stated that Summer Camp is still in the planning stages and was looking to have more guidance at the beginning of June. She feels she is in a good spot to be able to hold camp on a smaller scale which means there will be no field trips but has a good plan in place. She's hoping to have more direction in the next couple weeks and has kept the families updated on where the camp stands. Supervisor Hammond stated if there is any way we can have camp; we will have it.

CAC- no meeting

Correspondence: Poestenkill Fire Company salute to 2020 graduates –
On June 20th the Fire Company did a drive-by for each graduate to honor them for job well done.

Discussion Items:

Road Dedication Specification - Town Board members had copies of the 2020 "Possible Road Specifications Improvements." – Supervisor Hammond explained to Board members that the guidelines were created by our Highway Department and he would like to move forward with these specifications. However, Councilman Van Slyke and Councilwoman Butler had some concerns. Councilman Van Slyke was against the fact that cul-de-sacs would be included and for that reason he was against this moving forward. Councilwoman Butler explained to the Board that all developments must be paved according to DOT requirements in the Town. Her concern was these new specifications would require a change to the Code, which means it would be necessary to have a Resolution and Public Hearing on these specifications. J. Casey, Town Attorney agreed that there needed to be a Resolution and Public Hearing on this matter if going forward. Supervisor Hammond reiterated he would like to move this forward and the majority of the Board was also in favor. J. Casey will prepare a Resolution and Public Hearing for next month's meeting.

Councilman Wohlleber stated he sent an email to Town Board members regarding "live streaming" meetings. E. Wohlleber explained the benefits of live streaming. Several Board members stated their views and it was determined not to incur this expense this year. Supervisor Hammond stated if the Board agrees this can be brought up during the Budget process. L. Basle, Fire Company member expressed his views regarding the ventilation system being installed and the cost involved. He realizes that the Supervisor was concerned with the cost and was under the impression that a "Grant" would cover the cost. L. Basle was informed that the Fire Co. would not be eligible for a Grant since no one "lives" there. Therefore, the cost that was in the budget will be paid to the Fire Company for the ventilation system.

Tree Removal/Excavation of Property – K. Seifridsberger, Snyder's Corner Rd resident provided informational material for the Board's review. Supervisor Hammond expressed his views on moving forward with this matter. However, it was the consensus of the Board to have time to review documentation provided by K. Seifridsberger. This matter will be brought up at the June Board Meeting.

Action Items: Approval Pending Road Dedication Specification - J. Casey, Town Attorney will prepare Resolution/Public Hearing for next month's meeting.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond stated that it was a very busy month. He has been receiving many calls and stated that people are very anxious to get back to work. He appreciates everyone's patience. He also wanted to congratulate our Town Attorney, Jack Casey on his new book release.

Town Attorney's Report – Mr. Casey reported on the matters that he worked on since the last Town Board meeting which included matters regarding the Library and a personnel question.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of April 2020. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$23,079.05 and of that amount \$23,049.43 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members also had copies of the Clerk's 2020 Tax Warrant Settlement Report. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, Water Manager/ 811 report, Highway Dept. report. R. Brunet, Water Manager reported that the Water Department was doing very well this month. He also reported that the "2019 Annual Drinking Quality Report" was submitted to the County and they were very pleased with the findings.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #9-2020 in the amount of \$87,872.08. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #10-2020 in the amount of \$963.39.

Motion by Butler, seconded by Hass, and carried to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes being taken. Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Hass and carried to exit Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and to immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Horton Town Clerk

