



Town of Poestenkill
Town Board Meeting
6:00pm- Town Hall
May 25, 2022

(Not Approved at Time of Distribution)

Voting Members

Keith Hammond, Town Supervisor
Eric Wohlleber, Deputy Supervisor
June Butler, Councilwoman
David Hass, Councilman
Harold Van Slyke, Councilman

Non-Voting Members

Tiffany Buker, Deputy Town Clerk
Andy Gilchrist, Town Attorney

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting at 6:00pm with the pledge.

I. **Public Comment Period**

Town resident, L. Basale, asked why a town board meeting needed to be scheduled two weeks later, when nothing on the agenda looked like it was an emergency to meet on. Supervisor Hammond stated a little more research was needed on paper streets before it could be acted upon. Town resident, D. Jacangelo, asked if the AUD had been submitted and why the water budget continued to have payments to Brunswick in it, when the bond had been paid off. Supervisor Hammond said the AUD had been submitted and the bond was paid off, but the money remained in the water district and can be used for expenses within the water district. Supervisor Hammond discussed leaks that had been repaired using money in the water district fund since he was in office and he would not be amending the budget in the middle of the year. Town resident, T. Jacangelo, asked about the \$10,000 being used for legal fees for the code enforcement officer. Supervisor Hammond said the fees were approved.

II. **Paper Streets**

Town Attorney A. Gilchrist gave an update on the research that had been completed since the last board meeting. Highway Superintendent Goyer spoke about the discussion he had with North Greenbush Highway Superintendent. The town along with Mr. and Mrs. Russo discussed which streets were completely in the Town of Poestenkill. Written notice was sent out to the abutters, but no comments were received back, and no abutters were present at the meeting. Leaving paper street labeled L street allows the other properties to have access via the paper street. Town Attorney said he would make some more amendments to the resolution and then present it to the Town at the next meeting.

III. Zoning Board Meeting Date- Third Tuesday

The Town Board and the Zoning Board have agreed to change the date of their monthly meetings to the third Tuesday of each month to make it easier for the flow of information between planning and zoning board. This will start in June of 2022. A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to make an amendment to the organizational meeting for the zoning board to meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

IV. Hitchcock Agreement (pending)

Supervisor Hammond gave an update and it was close to being finalized.

V. Paving Roads

Highway Superintendent, D. Goyer, brought up the increase cost of paving and discussed the amount of money in the budget would only cover a portion of the six roads he had hoped to pave. He is asking for additional money so more roads could be paved especially since the July 2021 storm put them behind with paving. The prices he had were May prices and prices could go up. Due to the paving schedule, paving will happen in July. The budgeted amount could do the 1.3 miles of Fifty Six Road. D. Goyer explained the price break down. Supervisor Hammond asked for the board to look over the information prior to the next meeting.

D. Goyer brought up the bridge on Legenbauer Rd and it received a yellow flag during DOT inspection. He was doing some research on the design of the bridge but so far has not found anything. He said replacing the bridge or fixing the rod would be an additional cost to the town but would need to be completed. Replacing or fixing will not be determined into further research is completed. A discussion about the weight of trucks on the bridge was had and D. Goyer wants to do a weight study after the bridge is fixed for recommended speed and weight of the trucks. D. Goyer didn't have an estimated cost for the bridge as it will have to go out to bid as this is not something they can do. The yellow flag means yearly inspections and at any point it could be red flagged. He also brought up the monitoring wells DEC would like to put in the middle of the road on Ford, Liberty and Mohawk. DEC said they would be in for 1 year and then out and is asking to do it in the middle of the road due to the utilities and the ability to get the drilling rig in the correct spot on the side of the road. D. Goyer is not comfortable with this and is continuing to have meetings on this with DEC as he worries about the integrity of the road, structurally and with the money that was spent last year to pave. Town resident spoke about the vacant parcel on Mohawk. A Gilchrist gave some suggestions to DJ of things to think about as he continues to talk with DEC.

VI. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue at 6:45pm.

During executive session, Councilman Wohlleber had to leave for a family matter and left at 7:05pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to exit executive session with no votes taken at 7:30pm.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Hass seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Buker
Deputy Town Clerk