

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
May 25, 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

Andrew Gilchrist, Town Attorney

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

Supervisor Hammond opened the Workshop with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss a number of town issues and to discuss the current town policies as well as other town business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Hass discussed the Town's Farmer Market at Town Hall which will start around the middle of July, and he will be participating this year. T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman asked if any action has happened on the speed limit request to NYS DOT for Weatherwax Road. Also, he reiterated his concerns about lowering the speed limit on Main Street and Snyder's Corner Rd. T. Russell was also concerned about the look of Town Hall (outside). Lastly, he voiced his concerns about the land use revisions to affect new subdivisions.

Councilman Wohlleber said that he and T. Buker had been reviewing the first round of bids regarding the Town web site. A Town resident mentioned that the proposed Water District #2 did not go past his house, likely because of bedrock issues. Supervisor Hammond said that they had looked into this and that he was aware of the issue.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Front Door at Town Hall – Supervisor Hammond asked Councilman Van Slyke to report on the status of his research. Councilman Van Slyke reported that the door repair was critical since it is the town's handicap entrance. Town Board members had copies of a quote received by Joseph P. Mangione in the amount of \$11,700.00. Town Board members decided to continue to pursue additional quotes. Councilman Van Slyke will report back to the Board with his findings.

Employee Handbook – Councilwoman Butler updated her work on preparing the handbook since the last workshop on April 27th. Councilwoman Butler along with T. Buker spent considerable time, soliciting other Town Board members' input, discussing details of the update, including holidays, part-time and full-time employees (hours worked), insurance aspects, buyouts (Highway Contract), past town Resolutions (2013 and 2016), sexual harassment, drug and alcohol, workplace conduct, civil service issues, and legal requirements. All Town Board members and A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney contributed with their thoughts. Councilwoman Butler will continue working on with this important item and report back to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Purchase of Skid Steer- RESOLUTION#21-2023- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR TOWN OF POESTENKILL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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 authorizes the purchase of a new track skid steer (Caterpillar Model 259D3), as set forth in the proposal issued by the Milton Cat (Sales Order dated May 12, 2023), in a total amount of \$28,356.00.

MOVED BY: Supervisor Hammond

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Butler

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Approval of Purchase of 30 meters and 50 antennas for Water District #2 –

RESOLUTION #22-2023 – AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT. The Town of Poestenkill hereby approves the purchase of water meters and related equipment for the Town of Poestenkill Water District No. 1 as described above and as set forth in the written proposal submitted by The Kennedy Companies, dated May 16, 2023 (Quote No. JAY05161226), in the amount of eight thousand eighty-five dollars and zero cents (\$8,085.00).

MOVED BY: Councilman Hass

SECONDED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #12-2023 in the amount of \$25,303.62. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #13-2023 in the amount of \$67.98.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes being taken in the Session. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to exit from Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk

