

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2020
(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

Tiffany Buker, Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Hammond opened this Special Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He stated to the residents that this was not a public hearing and this meeting was for the sole purpose to start a process; it does not create an ambulance service and it does not cost a penny and is solely for our Town Attorney to file the proper paperwork needed for the (MPR) Map, Plan and Report with the Town Clerk so that the process can begin. It is important to hold this meeting so the Board can vote on whether a public hearing will be scheduled. Supervisor Hammond stated he would have a public comment period tonight for residents to address the Board. A town resident asked what is the process of starting an Ambulance Service? Supervisor Hammond reiterated that the Town Attorney needs to file the proper paperwork and a public hearing will be held to see if it goes to a public vote.

Councilwoman Butler read a statement from the former Chairman of the EMS Committee, Owen Goldfarb. (which can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office). Councilman Hass also read a statement outlining his concerns on the proposed Ambulance Service. He stated that our present emergency response system is excellent. Mohawk is part of the system and it works very well. He is concerned over the lack of transparency on this issue and the future costs to the town residents. (Councilman Hass's comments can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office)

Councilman Wohlleber stated that he felt he was being totally transparent when it came to this issue. He also stated that both our Town Attorney and the Supervisor's Administrative Assistant were both under quarantine and therefore, the notice was delayed. Councilman Wohlleber stated he submits a summary of Town Board meeting minutes to the Advertiser each month.

Councilman Van Slyke stated Councilman Hass was incorrect when saying that he and Councilman Wohlleber had never had discussions with Mohawk Ambulance, when in fact, they sat down with them in 2017 and a Mohawk Ambulance representative stated that they serve their contract customers first.

During the meeting there were many lively discussions concerning where the money was coming from to maintain the proposed Ambulance Service. The group discussed past history regarding ambulance service. L. Basle – Town resident requested to know what the Ambulance Committee has come up with. The response was that little has happened so far due to covid-19.

E. Fahrenkopf – Town resident stated that he believed Mohawk Ambulance was doing a good job. He further stated that any further actions should be put (on hold) until the Covid-19 situation is concluded and our residents could be part of this discussion. Many residents expressed their concerns over two issues; one being starting this process during the Pandemic and the other regarding the purpose of the meeting.

RESOLUTION #8-2020 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL, NEW YORK, TO COMMENCE THE CREATION OF THE POESTENKILL AMBULANCE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill, in compliance with Town Law 209-e, hereby instructs the Town Attorney to file with the Town Clerk no later than August 13, 2020 a “Map, Plan and Report” (MPR) concerning the creation of the Poestenkill Ambulance District with the requisite information required by Town Law 209-c; and

Be It Further Resolved that the metes and bounds of the proposed Ambulance District shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the Town of Poestenkill; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing regarding the establishment of this ambulance district to be held September 17, 2020; and

Be It Further Resolved that effective August 13, 2020, the Town Board adopts and issues an order pursuant to Town Law 209-d, directing the Town Attorney to publish a notice of a public hearing in the Troy Record on the MPR and the proposed Ambulance District to be held September 17, 2020; and also directs the Town Clerk to post such order and notice in the Office of the Town Clerk on August 13, 2020 as well; and

Be It Further Resolved, that said order shall state, as set forth in the MPR the boundaries of the proposed ambulance district and what the maximum annual expenditure for such services shall be and how such services will be provided; and

Be It Further Resolved, that any resolution presented to the Town Board to create such ambulance contain a provision requiring a mandatory referendum so that a vote of a majority of voters in the Town of Poestenkill must approve the district before it can be established.

MOVED BY: Supervisor Hammond
SECONDED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

RESOLUTION #9-2020 – FURTHER RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL, NEW YORK, TO COMMENCE THE CREATION OF THE POESTENKILL AMBULANCE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM
WHEREAS, by Resolution 8-2020 the Town Board has voted pursuant to Town Law Article 12-A to commence the process to create an ambulance district subject to mandatory referendum, NOW BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED that the following order shall issue:

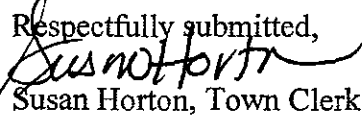
BY ORDER OF THE POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD – In order to begin the process of establishing an Ambulance District in and for the Town of Poestenkill, and subsequent to the filing of the Map, Plan and Report (MPR) for such district in the Office of the Town Clerk pursuant to Town Law 202-c, the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill hereby ORDERS, that the Town Attorney publish in the Troy Record at least ten and no more than twenty days before September 17, 2020, a Notice of Public Hearing setting forth the date and time for such hearing, the purpose of the meeting, the boundaries of such proposed district being coterminous with the town boundaries, and the maximum amount the district proposes requires to fund its services.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber
SECONDED BY: Supervisor Hammond

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber and carried to enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes being taken. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to exit Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and to immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk