

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2021
(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
Jack Casey, Town Attorney

Supervisor Hammond led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the floor at 7 p.m. for Public Comments. L. Basle, Town resident asked several questions about the Mohawk Ambulance proposal including if the Town had met with Mohawk, had the 911 (FOIL) provided dispatch information been received and questions about potential cost to the taxpayers. There was a discussion on these items and Supervisor Hammond said that he would further discuss these issues later in the meeting. There being no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried that the bills were audited for payment.

Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried to accept to the Town Clerk's minutes of January 21, 2021 as written.

Correspondence:

Charter Communications – Memo dated January 30, 2021 notifying of upcoming changes.

Lee Audio N Security – Memo dated January 28, 2021 notifying the Town of upcoming changes to our alarm system.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – H. Teal, representing the Planning Board, reviewed the recent Planning Board items, including the approval of a Lot Line Adjustment at Lochvue and the outstanding issue surrounding the Wood Processing activities in the RRI District. Tom Russell, Planning Board member also addressed these issues, indicating that the Lot Line Adjustment case was reviewed with Tracy Church, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. There was significant discussion of the subject of Wood Processing activities in the RRI District, including the various involvements of both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zoning Board – Susan Kalafut discussed recent ZBA issues, including the fact that she and Frank Burzesi had “switched” positions on the Board. This will be voted on during the Action portion of the meeting.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Company’s January 2021 report.

Library – M. McClellan reported on the Library’s activities including opening for appointments at the end of February replacing lights with the high efficiency bulbs by Ed. Gressens, obtaining a grant for a Storywalk for the Community Forest. and the increase in circulation numbers. It was all “good news” for the library.

Youth Advisory Board-Youth Director Tiffany Buker reported that the registration for the Summer Camp was going well and that the Food Pantry was going well.

CAC- no meeting

Discussion Items:

Plow truck lease program – Town Board members had copies of the proposals submitted by DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent regarding the 2022 International Model HV 507 4x4 Truck that he would like to purchase for the Highway Department. Also, included were several proposals for financing this truck. Councilman Hass discussed the financials of the issue and it was agreed that the decision would be made during the Action Items portion of the meeting.

CDTC – Representative - email dated February 8, 2021 from Michael Franchini, Executive Director, Capital District Transportation Committee requesting a volunteer to represent the Towns and Villages in Rensselaer County. E. Wohlleber, Councilman agreed to volunteer for this committee.

Wood Processing – This issue was addressed by J. Casey, Town Attorney, including his review of the status of the Article 78 proceedings. J. Casey stated that he had completed his work and provided the required information to the Court. He further stated that he does not believe that the case has “merit” and that he has asked that the case be dismissed. Councilman Wohlleber questioned the wisdom of the proposal to allow Wood Processing (with a Special Use Permit “SUP”) with the Article 78 still pending. J. Casey did not think that the Town’s approach or timing would be a problem. Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Supervisor Hammond with 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilman Wohlleber) to schedule a Public Hearing on the subject of Wood Processing in the Town of Poestenkill which will be scheduled for March 18th at 7 p.m.

Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Poestenkill – This item was discussed and agreed by Board members to pass this document onto the Highway Union Representative for his review.

Updating of 2002 Town of Poestenkill Emergency Plan - This item was discussed, and Town Board members agreed to have J. Casey, Town Attorney make the necessary changes and this document will be voted on at the next Town Board meeting.

Action Items:

Appoint Susan Kalafut – Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to appoint Susan Kalafut as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Term to expire 12/31/21) Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber to appoint Frank Burzesi as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Term to expire 12/31/2022)

Appoint Frank Burzesi Chairman to Zoning Board – Motion by Councilman Van Slyke, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to appoint Frank Burzesi as Chairman to the Zoning of Appeals Board. (Term to expire 12/31/2021)

The Town Board thanked S. Kalafut for stepping down and becoming an Alternate, which made it possible for F. Burzesi to become Chairman.

Dedication of Quail Meadows – Supervisor Hammond questioned DJ. Goyer, Highway Superintendent on the status of the pending acceptance of the Quail Meadow Roads. DJ stated that he would go ahead after a signed agreement to complete the items which Quail Meadow had proposed was completed. DJ will provide J. Casey, Town Attorney with the wording of the items for preparation of the agreement. This item will be voted on at the next Town Board Meeting which will be held March 18th.

Approval of Service Agreement for the Veterans – Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to authorize Supervisor Hammond to sign the 2021 Sullivan-Jones Service Agreement.

Approval of Service Agreement for the Library – this item was tabled until the next Town Board meeting. J. Casey, Town Attorney, had problems with the Library Agreement wording. In some respects, it seemed to contradict itself and will be discussed further on March 18th.

Approval of Service Agreement for the Poestenkill Seniors – this item was tabled until the next Town Board meeting which will be held March 18th.

Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended 12/31/2020 – The Town’s bookkeeper, Michelle Asquith, reported that the AUD for 2020 is complete. She stated that she and A. Kleiber, Accountant, worked on this document. She reported that there was a lot of “cash” on hand but not too many investments and to keep that in mind for the upcoming year. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to accept the Annual Financial Report for the Town of Poestenkill for the Fiscal Year ended 12/31/2020.

Purchase of Highway Truck – IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL AUTHORIZING DAVID GOYER, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL TO PURCHASE A NEW 2022 INTERNATIONAL MODEL HV 507 4x4 TRUCK WITH A STANLESS-STEEL COMBINATION SANDER/DUMP BODY, WING AND ALL NECESSARY HYDRAULICS AND ATTACHMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,966.00 FROM NAVISTAR INC. – ALBANY FLEET, 399 ALBANY SHAKER RD. SUITE 202 LOUDONVILLE, NY 12211.

MOVED BY: Councilman Butler
 SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke
 VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:
 Councilwoman Butler: Yes
 Councilman Hass: Yes
 Councilman Van Slyke: Yes
 Councilman Wohlleber: Yes
 Supervisor Hammond: Yes

Truck Financing – Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to accept the proposal from KS State Bank for the financing of the New 2022 International Model HV 507 4x4 Truck with Stainless- Steel Combination Sander/Dump Body, Wing and all necessary hydraulics and attachments for \$207,966.00.

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report-Supervisor Hammond stated he has been very busy with answering questions regarding the upcoming vote for the Ambulance District which will be held on March 30th. He also wanted to thank our Building Inspector, Tracy Church and D. Basle, Assistant Fire Chief, for all their help with a Town resident’s home whose pipes froze. He also thanked the Poestenkill Business Association (for their generous donation). Supervisor Hammond discussed the Algonquin Middle School’s water situation. He said that the school was in compliance in the past, but now that the PFOA/PFOS MCL (Maximum Contamination Levels) were lowered to 10 ppt, they were no longer in compliance. He stated that the school would like to connect to the Poestenkill Municipal Water System. He also stated that there is some interest in providing water to Sand Lake. These options will be discussed when the Town is provided with further information. R. Brunet, Water Manager has been staying informed to the school testing situation and will be pleased to work on this with their representatives.

Town Attorney Report -Mr. Casey answered some of the discussion items that were asked earlier in the meeting. He spent considerable time reviewing the process involving the Tuesday, March 30th Special Election, and the November election. Mr. Casey stated that everything is based upon a positive vote at the Special Election. If that Election vote fails, then the entire issue was “dead”. He also discussed procedures regarding the ballots, who would be eligible to vote, and who would approve the ballots. Mr. Casey complimented Tiffany Buker on the quality of her questions and would look into a question which required additional research.

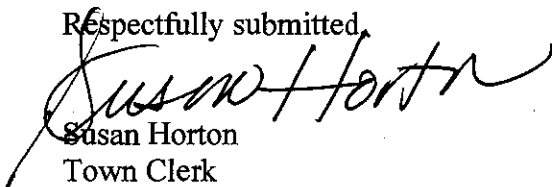
Town Clerk’s Report – Motion by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Supervisor Hammond and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s report of January 2021. The total amount received in the Clerk’s office was \$9,778.50 and of that amount \$9,687.26 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer’s written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, 811/Water report and the Highway Dept. report.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #6-2021 in the amount of \$414,211.10. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #7-2021 in the amount of \$943.49.

Motion by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Hass and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes being taken in the Session. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to exit from Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and immediately adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Horton".

Susan Horton
Town Clerk