

TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF POESTENKILL  
Special Meeting  
March 31, 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

Discuss/Action Items:

Internet – Supervisor Hammond highlighted potential Internet problems and the subject was discussed in some detail. Michelle Asquith, Administrative Assistant, discussed a Wifi Booster unit as a possible solution to the problems. Betsy Pinho, Assessor, highlighted the problems which she has recently encountered while on a very tight schedule to meet the County schedule for the Assessment Reports. She discussed an e-mail issue, or possibly a Windows 10 issue as contributing to the problem. She further mentioned that an IT Town person who does a very good job is not always available when needed. Additional comments regarding remote access to the Town computers were reviewed. The various discussions resulted in Supervisor Hammond asking Councilman Hass to contact Digital Towpath to see if a solution could be determined and to set up a time to discuss this further with Michelle, Tiffany and Betsy.

Kronau White Church Road PDD – Sketch Plan Review

Mr. Matthew Bond, P.E., representing Barber Engineering discussed the proposed Planned Development District (PDD) details including the Sketch Plan of the proposal. He talked about the Cluster Style approach being proposed. Supervisor Hammond questioned why it was proposed as a PDD. It is proposed as a PDD for several reasons including the facts of the present zoning and the Town Code regarding a group of structures designed for single use and intended to be maintained and operated as a unit in single ownership (a cooperative or association) and which has certain facilities in common, such as open space, utilities, and parking facilities (Cluster Septic Field). Councilman Van Slyke questioned if the road would be turned over to the Town and other aspects of the proposal were discussed in detail. There being no other comments this discussion was closed. Motion by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Hass with an oral vote of 5 ayes to entertain the PDD application and move it forward to the Planning Board for their review. The appropriate fee has already been paid to the Town Clerk.

Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for Poestenkill –

The Plan, written by Marth Hass, was praised as being very professional with only a few minor changes to be made. After its review it was decided that it would be submitted. Motion by Councilwoman Buter, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke with an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Poestenkill.

Highway Superintendent – DJ Goyer discussed an employee who is classified as part time but is actually working and getting paid full time. It was mentioned that another Town is offering this employee a full-time position and that Poestenkill did not want to lose him. Much discussion involved budgets, both dollars and head count for the Highway Department, should he not win the election in November. Both Michelle Asquith and Supervisor Hammond assured DJ that they would provide the dollars required if the individual were made a full-time employee. Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler with an oral vote of 5 ayes to approve full-time status to Highway Garage employee.

Body Wear Camera with Audio – Supervisor Hammond stated that Tracy Church, Code Enforcement Officer, would like to purchase a camera (with audio capability) for certain site visits. It was mentioned that some recent visits became “difficult” and audio and visual proof could be helpful. After a discussion it was considered a good idea for safety reasons and he has the money in his budget to make the purchase (approximately \$135). Councilman Wohlleber requested when the camera is used, he would like T. Church to document the incident and present the findings to the Town Board.

Wood Processing – Councilwoman Butler reviewed the status of her discussions with Jack Casey, Town Attorney, regarding the status of the documents which he submitted for her review. There was a discussion regarding “grandfathering”. Supervisor Hammond stated that the Town proposal is meant to help individuals regarding the zoning and their ability to perform wood processing functions. He stated that Mr. Hitchcock was not “grandfathered” in but that he would be able to apply for a SUP from the Planning Board.

Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Van Slyke, and carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Horton  
Town Clerk