

TOWN OF POESTENKILL  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 8, 2023  
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present
Councilman Van Slyke	Absent
Councilman Wohlleber	Present
Supervisor Hammond	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk  
Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney

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

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. and he immediately opened the public comment period. There were numerous speakers including P. Plante, D. Jacangelo, T. Jacangelo, G. Pattenau, S. Kalafut, G. Blauvelt and several others. A number of speakers were concerned with issues involving various aspects of two specific projects, the Water District #2 project and the proposed Dog Kennel using the Waste Management Transfer Station. The concerns voiced involved planning, transparency, lack of information available, the need to get answers to open questions, the lack of public voting with only the Town Board members voting, the benefit to Poestenkill residents as opposed to other towns in Rensselaer County, lack of detailed cost analyses available and the need for further detailed study.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of May 8, 2023, as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of May 11, 2023, as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of May 25, 2023, as written. (Van Slyke absent)

**Correspondence -** There was no correspondence.

**Liaison Reports:**

Planning Board – L. Burzesi, Board member reported on the June agenda items.

Zoning Board – N. Heckelman informed the Board that there was no meeting this month.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. May 2023 report, in their packets. D. Ruppert reported on the number of calls the Fire Company received for the month of May. He also thanked DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent, and his crew for all their help in assisting the Fire Department with their excavator, which saved them many hours of work.

Library – M. McLaren spoke on the recent activities at the library which included the kickoff of Summer Reading on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. She also informed the Board that there is a Scholarship on behalf of the Clement Family in the amount of \$1,000 offered to a High School Senior. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Advisory Board – T. Buker, Youth Director informed the Board that space is limited for this year’s summer camp.

CAC – There was no meeting this month.

**Discussion Items:**

Library – The Town Board received a letter from the Poestenkill Library dated May 24, 2023, requesting additional funding in response to rising costs and increased demand for the library’s services. They are asking for a one-time payment of \$10,000. After a brief discussion among Town Board members, it was decided to address this request at the next town board meeting in July. Councilwoman Butler requested a copy of their budget before the July meeting.

**Action Items:**

Approval of Surplus Equipment - RESOLUTION #23-2023 – ACCEPTING BIDS UPON AUCTION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. 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 accepts the bids on certain surplus equipment as listed in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and directs that such surplus equipment be sold for the amounts as listed therein.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hass

**VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:**

Councilwoman Butler: YES

Councilman Hass: YES

Councilman Van Slyke: ABSENT

Councilman Wohlleber: YES

Supervisor Hammond: YES

**Reports:**

Supervisor’s Report- Supervisor Hammond reported that it was a very busy month. He informed the residents in the audience that the new roof was completed this month. He also stated that Mr. Hoffay, a local mason repaired the chimney and cement walls at the Town Hall. Supervisor Hammond stated that the town was financially in good shape.

Town Attorney’s Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney reported that along with routine matters he has been working with Supervisor Hammond on the current Kennel issue, the Assessor’s office and with the Building Department.

Town Clerk’s Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s report of May 2023. The total amount received in the Clerk’s office was \$10,508.74 and of that amount \$10,164.02 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 report, Water Dept., and the Highway Dept.

**Payment of Bills:**

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #14-2023 in the amount of \$106,217.67. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #15-2023 in the amount of \$92.77.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Wohlleber and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber and seconded by Councilman Hass to exit Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk