

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
July 13, 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

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 and the floor was opened for public comment at 7:00 p.m. L. Basle, town resident voiced his concerns over the new Water bill format. He stated there was not enough pertinent information on the bill and would like the bill modified. S. Horton, Town Clerk/Water billing Clerk, spoke and assured Lou that the next bill would be changed. G. Pattenaude, a town resident asked how the “Special Town Fundraising monies collected are accounted for. Supervisor Hammond stated they have a “line” in the budget for special fundraising projects.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes (Van Slyke abstained) to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of June 8, 2023, as written. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of June 22, 2023, as written.

Correspondence -

Charter Communications - Memo’s dated June 28, 2023, and June 30, 2023, regarding upcoming program changes to Spectrum customers.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – Town Board members had copies of the Planning Board’s meeting of July 5th in their packets. S. Valente, Board member reported on the agenda items.

Zoning Board – P. Jamison informed the Board that there was no meeting this month.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. June 2023, in their packets. D. Basle informed the Board that the Chief will drop off the monthly call(s) report.

Library – S. Kalafut reported on the library’s activities for the month of June. Susan stated that the library’s report is typically narrative in nature but going forward they will show “numbers” which they think will be helpful. Susan then went on to explain in detail a group of statistics for the library during the month of June.

Youth Advisory Board – T. Buker, Youth Director informed the Board that the first week of camp went very smoothly and is looking forward to the next few weeks.

CAC – There was no meeting this month.

Discussion Items:

Water District- Antennas – B. Sansone, Water Manager reported that he and the Water Department crew have been changing out antennas that no longer work. There were an estimated (59) antennas that did not read when he went out and read the meters for the water billing in June. Therefore, all those antennas need to be replaced which is very time consuming, but he and his crew will have it done before the next water reading.

Library - The library requested a “one time” payment for their budget due to rising costs and increased demand for the library’s services. After a brief discussion among Town Board members a vote was taken by the Town Clerk.

MOVED BY: Supervisor Hammond

SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler NO

Councilman Hass NO

Councilman Van Slyke YES

Councilman Wohlleber NO

Supervisor Hammond YES

*This request did not pass on a vote of 3 nays to 2 ayes.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION #28-2023 – RESOLUTION HONORING GWENDOLYN JAMISON FOR HER EARNING THE GOLD AWARD.

Now let it therefore be resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill congratulate Gwendolyn Jamison, an exemplary young woman on her impressive achievement, and to wish her every success in her studies, in her community involvement and in any leadership position her career might offer.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber

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

RESOLUTION #29-2023 – RESOLUTION RECINDING ACTION AND CONFIRMING THAT THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL WILL NOT PURSUE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 9002 NY ROUTE 66 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A SHELTER FOR DOGS.

Now let it therefore be 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 rescinds Resolution No. 18 of 2023, and hereby determines not to pursue the lease of premises located at 9002 NY Route 66 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a shelter for dogs.

MOVED BY: Supervisor Hammond
 SECONDED BY: Councilman Hass

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

RESOLUTION #30-2023 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPARATION AND SERVICE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM.

Now let it therefore be 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 confirms its authorization to cause the preparation of a Notice of Claim on behalf of the Town of Poestenkill to the Averill Park Central School District, and to serve the same upon the Averill Park Central School District, with respect to all legal and/or equitable rights and remedies that the Town of Poestenkill may have against the Averill Park Central School District with respect to groundwater contamination and costs incurred by the Town of Poestenkill and which maybe incurred by the Town of Poestenkill with respect to proposed Town of Poestenkill Water District No. 2.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber
 SECONDED BY: Councilman Van Slyke

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Public Comment – S. Sauer, town resident spoke about the petition process of collecting signatures for the proposed dog kennel. He also thanked the Board for revoking the dog kennel.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Hammond reported he met with the Averill Park School Superintendent regarding an issue with a road in town. He stated that overall, it has been a busy month.

Town Attorney's Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney reported along with routine matters, there were two primary issues he has been working on: the Resolution for Notice of Claim and an issue with a certain public road.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of June 2023. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$8,006.69 and of that amount \$7,644.56 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 report and the Highway Dept.

DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent informed the Board that he was notified last week that the grant he and Wayne Bonesteel, Town Engineer, worked on for the Reichard Farm Road bridge was once again denied. This is the third time applying for this grant since 2018. DJ stated it was important to sit down and discuss the next steps to obtain funding for this bridge. He estimates the costs to be between \$500,000-\$700,000, however the longer we wait the more expensive this project will be. Supervisor Hammond stated he would like to meet with DJ, and Wayne Bonesteel to discuss this important topic.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #18-2023 in the amount of \$39,810.87. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #19-2023 in the amount of \$5,800.72.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Supervisor Hammond and carried to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber and seconded by Supervisor Hammond to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk