

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
Workshop
October 26, 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 Butler, seconded by Van Slyke, and carried that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to accept the Preliminary Budget and to set the public hearing to adopt the 2024 Budget and to discuss certain agenda items.

Discussion Items:

Decorum Resolution – From prior meetings Councilman Wohlleber continued his proposed need to establish “Decorum Standards” for Town Board meetings. He presented his draft of a “Decorum Resolution”. Several Town Board members provided their input regarding the draft resolution and a resident said that such a resolution was needed to minimize inappropriate activities at the meetings.

Hudson Valley Greenway – Planning Board Chairman, T. Russell distributed the basic information for the proposal N. Allen from Laberge Group followed up with in regard to the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Planning Board was in the process of obtaining a \$10,000 Grant from Hudson River Valley Greenway. T. Russell was looking for the Town Board to support this Grant. He asked for their cooperation in reviewing a letter of support and returning it no later than Wednesday to Nicole Allen, Laberge Group, as all documentation needs to be sent to Hudson River Valley Greenway no later than Friday, November 3rd. This Grant will allow the Town to complete its Comprehensive Plan and will set forth a coherent program of strategic and sustainable community growth and conservation.

Ms. Allen from Laberge Group - N. Allen addressed the Town Board stating that the Laberge Group put together the scope of work that can be used as part of the application for the Grant for the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that she met with T. Russell and other committee members to understand what level of effort was still needed regarding the “Draft” Comprehensive Plan that was started years ago but needed to be completed. She spoke on what was needed in the Comprehensive Plan, outlining the need for public involvement in the community. She also stated that the Plan was in the final stages of completion. The only thing left was completing the graphics and mapping.

Supervisor Hammond asked what the next step would be to this process. N. Allen detailed the steps. If this scope looked acceptable to the Board, it would be used for the application process. Hudson Greenway would fund \$10,000 and the Town would match that amount to get this funded. N. Allen stated what she outlined is the starting point of what it takes to complete the application process and thanked the Board.

ACTION ITEMS – Service Agreement with Rensselaer County and Town of Poestenkill – Motion by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Service Agreement between Rensselaer County and the Town of Poestenkill to provide all snow plowing and sanding services on an “as needed” basis to Plank Road, from NYS Route 351 to County Route 79, total mileage 1.50. This agreement shall commence on October 1, 2023, and shall terminate on March 31, 2024.

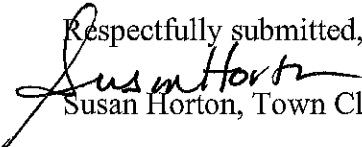
2024 Budget – Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Supervisor Hammond and an oral vote of 5 ayes to adopt the Preliminary Budget as amended and to set the Public Hearing date for November 9th at 7:15 p.m. to Adopt the 2024 Town Budget.
“As discussed and amended this evening”.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Hass and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #31-2023 in the amount of \$1,110.15. Motion by Hass, seconded by Supervisor Hammond and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #32-2023 in the amount of \$9,908.34. Motion by Hass, seconded by Supervisor Hammond and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #33-2023 in the amount of \$15,748.35.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and carried to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss an Official Undertaking Resolution with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Hass and seconded by Supervisor Hammond to exit Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk