

## **Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting**

**January 13, 2025**

**The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:15 PM, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.**

Members Present: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee; and Mark Dobrzynski, Trustee.

Absent: Jeffrey Fowler, Deputy Mayor; and Melissa Wadkinson, Trustee.

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Michael Martin, Chief of Police; Catherine Spinney, Village Clerk/Treasurer; John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer; Dustin Wood, DPW Supervisor; and Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk.

Guest(s): Paul M. Baxter and Tim Crouch

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Tighe at 7:15 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Report from Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Paul M. Baxter was here to offer a briefing on the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments January 2025 report. The report was passed out to the Board.

Agenda Item #4: Minutes from the Haldane Board and the Comprehensive Planning Board

The Haldane and the Pulaski/Richland Comprehensive Plan Review Committee minutes were unavailable. The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee meeting was cancelled twice due to weather.

Agenda Item #5: Minutes

Amy Dobrzynski made a motion to accept the December 9, 2025, minutes without correction. Mark Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Staff Reports

The motion to approve the staff reports was made by Amy Dobrzynski and seconded by Mark Dobrzynski. The Dobrzynski's mentioned they heard a complaint from a tenant on N. Jefferson regarding sewer issues. Mayor Tighe said she would have the Code Enforcement Officer look into it. The motion passed 3-0.

#### Agenda Item #7: General Vouchers

Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to approve the General Fund (\$70,425.98), and TA (\$1,568.75), and Stormwater Mitigation (\$878.04) vouchers. Mark Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Jan Tighe noted that we received a million-dollar grant for stormwater mitigation about two years ago. There were three areas the Village was concentrating on including: Lake Street area, Haldane/Maple Ave area, and Bridge Street area. Since then, the price of the project has doubled. It will take two million dollars at this time to complete all three which FEMA is requiring the Village do in order to receive the funds. The Village is looking at different options.

#### Agenda Item #8: Treasurer's Report

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2024 was made by Amy Dobrzynski and seconded by Mark Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #9: Old Business

##### A. Grants

1. The Village is tying up a few loose ends before closing out the Sidewalk to the Highschool Project.
2. The Village is working on the contract for accepting the Climate Smart Community grants received totaling \$155,000.00. Once under contract the Village will be able to buy the two electric vehicles for the DPW and Police Department, using the balance for energy efficient landscaping equipment for the DPW.
3. The Village received a notification letter from the Village Attorney that there will be a modest increase. The increase will be 27%. Amy Dobrzynski asked if the Village was able to go out to bid for attorneys or are we locked in. She was also concerned about the conflict with the Attorney representing both the Town of Richland and the Village of Pulaski regarding the court fee MOU before the Town now.

#### Agenda Item #10: New Business

- A. The Village will have an energy audit before continuing with the repurposing of the Police Department and Code Enforcement Office space.
- B. BCA Architects and Engineers would like to schedule a meeting/presentation to review the suggestions and drawings they completed for the Village Board. The Village received a grant for an engineering study to address updates and upgrades to Dunbar Field.
- C. The Village has not heard from Butler Disposal Systems about an increase yet. The Village now even with sticker sales is subsidizing the cost of residential garbage removal. The Village is looking at other options such as adding removal to taxes, or eliminating removal and residents can contract removal privately, or researching different removal companies.
- D. The Village has received two CFA grants from the CNY Regional Economic Development Council. One for the Village dam and the other for the Delano sidewalk project that the NYS

Comptroller's Office is reviewing. We also received funding for the car chargers and the bathrooms at the Maple Ave parking lot, Dunbar Field, and the DPW.

- E. The Village is in the process of applying for a 4076C Governmental information letter which would open the Village for more grants.
- F. There was a brief discussion of residential sidewalk maintenance and whether the Village should send out violations and other options are available to encourage the residents responsible for maintaining their sidewalk. No decision was made.

Agenda Item #11: Other

There was no other business.

Agenda Item #13: Executive Session or Adjournment

Mark Dobrzynski made the motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM with a second from Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on February 10, 2025, at 7:15 PM.**

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**Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk**