

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

September 9, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 9th of September at 7:15 PM, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Members Present: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Jeffrey Fowler, Trustee; Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee; and Scott Pello, Trustee.

Absent: Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor.

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

Guest(s): Mark Dobrzynski, Heidi Tompkins, and Robin Ford.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Tighe at 7:21 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

Heidi Tompkins summed up the Tug Hill monthly report for September 2024. She noted that National Grid will be adding new transmission lines and new volunteer fire department OSHA regulations are being introduced.

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

The Haldane Board will be meeting September 23, 2024. The Comprehensive Planning Board minutes should be ready soon, the Board met on September 5, 2024, and Jan Tighe will pass them on when they are ready.

Agenda Item #5: Minutes

The August 2024 minutes were tabled until next month. A couple of Board members were not here for that meeting.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Staff Reports

The motion to approve the staff reports was made by Amy Dobrzynski and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #7: General Vouchers

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to approve the General Fund (\$30,442.41) and TA (\$922.00) vouchers. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #8: Treasurer's Report

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2024 was made by Scott Pello and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9: Old Business

A. Grants

1. The DRI/NY Forward grant applications are due October 18, 2024. The Village may have an edge because of our pro-housing status.
2. The engineering company BCA will be here to walk Dunbar Field to get a lay of the park before beginning engineering study.
3. A motion to allow the Village office to apply for a grant from the NYS Vacant Rental Improvement Program (V-RIP) in partnership with a to be determined entity was made by Amy Dobrzynski. The grant would help vacant property owners with 5 rental units or less improve their property to put back into productive use. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed 3-1 with Scott Pello voting no.

B. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to hold a public hearing to allow the community to comment on an updated subdivision law on Tuesday October 15, 2024. Scott Pello seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. The Village has gone out to bid for the sidewalk to the high school project. The Village has \$130,000.00 invested in the project and should be able to self-fund the project.

Agenda Item #10: New Business

A. The Village is negotiating pay rates for the Village Police to work at the Town of Richland Court on Wednesday nights. Scott Pello asked where the Village stood on fees from the Court and the status of reestablishing a Village Court. Jan Tighe replied that the Village is still doing research.

B. Scott Pello made the motion to fix the paving error by the Ford's chiropractic business next year when the Village continues the yearly paving. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. There was no other new business.

Agenda Item #11: Other

Thank you note will be going to the Ford's for the installation of a new sidewalk on James Street and the owner of a home on Glen that completed work on the outside of their home.

Agenda Item #13: Executive Session or Adjournment

Scott Pello made a motion to go into executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss personnel. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to go out of executive session with a second from Scott Pello at 8:19 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The motion to compensate an employee for time taken for family matters and health issues was made by Scott Pello and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed 4-0.

The motion to adjourn was made by Scott Pello at 8:20 PM and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on Tuesday October 15, 2024, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk