

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

April 9, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 9th of April 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; Scott Pello, Trustee; and Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor.

Absent: None

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

Guest(s): Mark Dobrzynski, Ann and Art Dekalb, Heidi Tompkins, and Rod Campbell.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

Ann Dekalb has a question about accessory housing in the Village. Mayor Jan Tighe explained that accessory/auxiliary housing is not allowed in R-1 areas and requires a special permit in other areas. While NYS is requesting municipalities ease their zoning codes to allow more, there would be planning and zoning hurdles the Village would have to overcome before the Village could change its codes.

Agenda Item #3: Report from Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Heidi Tompkins reviewed the Tug Hill Commission's monthly newsletter.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 11, 2024, Village Board meeting was not available.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Staff Reports

The motion to approve the Building & Code, DPW, and Police staff reports was made by Scott Pello and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Vouchers

Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to approve the General and TA vouchers with a second from Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #7: Treasurer's Reports

The motion to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Reports was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Scott Pello. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: Old Business

- A. The Village Board members received a copy of the Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski Comprehensive Planning Board minutes and the Haldane for their review.
- B. The Village reviewed the SEQRS for the Local Law changes and a motion for a negative declaration was made by Scott Pello and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Review of Grants
 - 1. The motion to have a permissive referendum to borrow for the Sidewalk to School program for half of the total costs of the project was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. It was noted that the other half of the other project will be reimbursed through an already awarded New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant and the Village has already borrowed from this grant for project expenses as the Board previously approved the project. The pros and cons of the project were discussed. In a roll call vote, Jan Tighe, Jeffrey Fowler, and Amy Dobrzynski voted yes. Alan Engelbrekt and Scott Pello voted no. The motion failed.
Scott Pello made a motion to investigate holding a Village wide vote on the sidewalk project. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
 - 2. The Letter of Intent submitted to Restore NY Round 8 was accepted.
 - 3. The Letter of Intent for an application for a grant from Northern Border Regional Commission for purchase of the daycare building and a grant from Community Development Block Grant (CBGB) Programs for the lead/copper waterline survey and the water meter project.
 - 4. The Village is sending out letters to notify residents of the meter project and asking them to fill out a survey for the NYS DOH Lead/Copper Survey.
 - 5. The Village is on is just 200 points away to receive a \$150,000 grant to apply towards energy saving projects including possible EV's added to our police and/or DPW fleet.
 - 6. The Village partnered with the Central New York Planning Development Board for a grant for trees for communities across the five-county area.
- D. Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to approve the Workplace Violence Prevention Program. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Mayor Tighe reminded the Board to bring in their policy books for updates.
- E. The Village is just waiting for the check from the DEC for the fishing rights at the Haldane Center.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

- A. The annual local governance conference hosted by the Tug Hill Commission will be held May 2, 2024, at Turning Stone. The office will be closed for the day.
- B. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an updated hourly rate to rent out the sweeper to neighboring villages. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- C. There will be another public meeting to review and approve the budget on April 10, 2024.
- D. The DPW is looking for summer help. The office will advertise it.
- E. There is a webinar April 10, 2024, for the harassment prevention training at 9:00AM.

Agenda Item #10: Other

- A. The new benches are in that PROP donated.
- B. Bella is back from repair.
- C. PROP has arranged for painting and landscaping at the South Park.
- D. There are over twenty vendors working at the farmer's market this year.

Thank you notes will be sent to the following:

- PROP for all the work they do.
- Mr. Parker and Petrocci for the demolition.

Agenda Item #11: Executive Session or Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeffrey Fowler to go into Executive Session at 8:09 PM. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:41 PM. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the purchase for \$5,000.00 of a used ambulance to convert to a water/sewer emergency response vehicle. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on May 13, 2024, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk