

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

**April 14, 2025**

**The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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; Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee; and Mark Dobrzynski, Trustee; Jeffrey Fowler, Deputy Mayor; and Melissa Wadkinson, Trustee.

Absent: None

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

Guest(s): Brittany Pupello, Jeff Edict, Heidi Tompkins, Shawn Doyle, and Zana Gervaise.

### **Agenda Item #1: Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Tighe at 7:22 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Agenda Item #2: Public Comment**

Brittany Pupello of the Sugaree addressed the Board about her disappointment with the pricing for vendors of the Pulaski Farmers Market and the fact that food vendors are not guaranteed a spot each week for the Friday market. She is a local vendor and sources much of her ingredients locally, feels that the farmers market should feature or prioritize local vendors. It was noted that the Preservation Revitalization of Pulaski (PROP) is now running the farmers market, and the Village does not have any decision-making capabilities regarding the market, however Mayor Jan Tighe would be glad to pass along her concerns. Jeffrey Fowler noted that while he is a member of PROP, he is not on the market committee but there will be a meeting that is open to the public, coming up on Monday April 21, 2025, at 7:30 AM at Bridge Street Market.

### **Agenda Items #3: Report from Tug Hill Circuit Rider**

Heidi Tompkins reviewed the April 2025 Salmon Rivers Council of Governments Monthly Bulletin.

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

There are no new minutes from either the Haldane Board or the Comprehensive Planning Board. The energy audit at the Haldane Center was conducted in March. Waiting for information from National Grid to see what can be done.

### **Agenda Item #5: Village Board Minutes**

Mark Dobrzynski made a motion to accept February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes without changes. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #6: Approval of Staff Reports**

The motion to approve the March 2025 Code Enforcement, Police and DPW monthly reports was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Mark Dobrzynski. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### Agenda Item #7: General Vouchers

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to approve payment of the TA (\$1,063.69) and General Fund (\$21,719.59) vouchers. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

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

The motion to approve the April 2025 Treasurer's Report was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Mark Dobrzynski. The motion carried.

#### Agenda Item #9: Old Business

##### A. Grant Status Review

1. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to allow the Village Office to apply for a grant for Dunbar Field through MVP. Mark Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
2. Mayor Jan Tighe answered questions regarding the DRI and provided a brief review of the basics. More information will be coming soon and be disseminated. There will be a walk through with the planning committee. There will be a call for projects in June. The DRI will not fund 100% of any project. The grant cannot be used for parking lots or operational expenses.
3. The back ordered sign required to close out the Sidewalk to High School Project has been put up.
4. The Restore NY 6 grant projects should be starting soon. The Office has not yet heard the results of Restore NY 9.
5. The Mainstreet Anchor Grant must be completed by November 2025.
6. Oswego County applied and received a grant for homeowners to help with lead pipe abatement. More information should be coming soon.
7. Amy Dobrzynski made a motion to have Mayor Jan Tighe sign a letter to give permission to the Pomeroy Foundation and the Syracuse SAR to erect a marker in our village cemetery to commemorate the service of the Revolutionary Patriots who are buried in the Pulaski Cemetery. There are 53 veterans buried there. The Village will split the cost with the Syracuse SAR.
8. The mayor is researching matching funds for the grant to rectify the NYDEC village dam complaint.
9. The mayor will be meeting with the Alliance States for money to plant trees along the Village Roads.

##### B. The review of proposed subdivision law was tabled.

#### Agenda Item #10: New Business

- A. Shawn Doyle pointed out that the two State historical signs, one in front of the River House Restaurant and the other in the North Park are in desperate need of sand blasting and repainting. Jeffrey Fowler noted that Fulton Companies may be able to help with the sandblasting.
- B. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to accept the resignations of Robert Adamski from the Sewer Board and Clayton Waite from the ZBA. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- C. Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to allow PROP to pay for electrical upgrades at the South Park to support the Farmers Market. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion and the voted carried with Jan Tighe, Melissa Wadkinson, Mark and Amy Dobrzynski voting yes, and Jeffrey Fowler abstaining.
- D. The motion to appoint Craig Waite to Chair the Sewer Board was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed 4-0. Mark Dobrzynski stepped away from the meeting for a couple minutes.

#### Agenda Item #11:

The motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler at 8:25 PM.

There was no public comment.

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to close the hearing at 8:25 PM. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed adding snowplowing to the personnel line and talked about the low utilization rate of stickers for trash compared to the amount of village residences. The bid for garbage removal will be posted soon.

#### Agenda Item #12: Upcoming Dates

Egg Extravaganza April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 5:00 PM; Clean Up Pulaski/Arbor Day April 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00 AM South Park; and PROP's Cocktails for a Cause May 1st 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

Thank yous: Secretary Walter Mosley, Clayton Waite, Bob Adamski, Paul M. Baxter, and David Turner.

The green truck received one bid for \$500.00. The Board discussed scrapping the car and donating the vehicle to the fire department. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to try to gift the vehicle by the end of April, if not to go ahead a scrap it. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

#### Agenda Item #13: Executive Session

Mark Dobrzynski made the motion to go in executive session to discuss union negotiations at 8:52 PM. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Mark Dobrzynski made the motion to go out executive session at 10:13 PM. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski at 10:14 PM. The motion passed 5-0.

**Next Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on May 12, 2025, at 7:15 PM.**

**Presented & Approved**

**Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk**