

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

October 15, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 15th of October 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; and Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee.

Absent: Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor; and Scott Pello, Trustee.

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): Paul M. Baxter

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 Baxter was here to offer a briefing on the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments October 2024 report. The report was passed out to the Board.

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

The Haldane minutes were unavailable. The Pulaski/Richland Comprehensive Plan Review Committee minutes from September were mentioned. Dawn Holynski will be leaving the Committee after December and the committee will be looking for a replacement.

Agenda Item #5: Minutes

Amy Dobrzynski made a motion to accept the September 2024 minutes without correction. Jeffrey Fowler 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 Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed 3-0.

Agenda Item #7: General Vouchers

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to approve the General Fund (\$119,912.35), Stormwater Mitigation (\$1,381.50), 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 September 2024 was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. 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, Bill Noreault and Mayor Jan Tighe walked Dunbar Field to get a lay of the park before beginning engineering study.
 3. The Village will not be participating in the R-VIP grant program.
 4. The sidewalk to the High School should be finished in about three weeks.
 5. The Village should have enough points to level up in the Climate Smart Community Program and be eligible for additional grant money for energy saving projects.
- B. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to hold a public hearing to allow the community to comment on an updated subdivision law on Tuesday November 12, 2024. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- C. The Board tabled the business regarding the shed for the police department.
- D. There was a complaint regarding a person using a scooter on the Village trails. The Board will look into whether "No Motorized Vehicle" signs or speed limit signs should be placed on the trails.
- E. There was no other old business.

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. The Village Clerk, Cathy Spinney and the Clerk to the Town Supervisor Tammie Whaley have a tentative agreement that will be presented to the Richland Town Board.
- B. The Board discussed the bids submitted by Delaney's Natural Landscaping and Charlie Trust Landscaping and Maintenance for replacing the trees that were in the planters in front of the Snow Memorial Building. The Board would like the proposals to be adjusted to add stone space in between the planter boxes and add hydrangeas instead of trees.
- C. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to allow the Ringgold Fire Dept. to help with lights and assistance for Trick or Treating on Halloween. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.
- D. Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to have the mayor submit a letter of intent for the Restore NY #9 grant program. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- E. The motion to allow the Village to hire a DPW employee when an acceptable candidate was found was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed 3-0.
- F. The Board discussed the possible repurpose of space of part of the auditorium, codes office and maintenance closet for the police station and moving the building and codes office to the police station.
- G. The motion to accept Michelle Hughes resignation from the Planning Board was made by Amy Dobrzynski and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: Other

Thank you notes will be sent to various homeowners that made improvements to their homes and people below have submitted letters of support for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant program:

- Austin Wheelock – Operation Oswego County and IDEA
- Tricia Peter Clark – Connex Care
- Rep. Claudia Tenney and George McNerney
- Robert North – Town of Richland Supervisor
- Edward Gilson – Oswego County Legislator
- Bonnie Finnerty – Owner of Via LaBelle
- David Walker – Commander of American Legion Post 358
- David Bottar – CNY Regional Planning Board
- Michael L. Schenk – NYS Senator Walczk’s Representative
- Tom Jennings – Pulaski Schools Superintendent
- Patty Ford – Owner of Peter’s Realty and Manager of Springbrook Apts.
- David Rockwell – Resident and Planning Board Member
- Elizabeth Woods – Chair of Historical Society

Agenda Item #13: Executive Session or Adjournment

Jeffrey Fowler made a motion to go into executive session at 7:49 PM to discuss personnel. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

The motion to go out of executive session at 8:20 Pm was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to hire Dustin Wood as DPW supervisor with a four-month probationary period and training requirements. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jeffrey Fowler at 8:42 PM and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on Tuesday November 12, 2024, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk