

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

July 10, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 10th of July 2023, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Members Present: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Scott Pello, Trustee; Ryan McGrath, Trustee; and Jeffrey Fowler, Trustee.

Absent: Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor.

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Cathy Spinney, Village Clerk/Treasurer; John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk.

Guest(s): Carl Falk, Paul M. Baxter, Heidi Tompkins, Lauren Darcy, Ernie Wheeler, Ed Gilson, Amy Dobrzynski, Mark Dobrzynski.

Agenda Items #1: Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Public Hearing:

On changing language in Local Law that short-term rentals in R-2 to "owner occupied," with the exception of those properties that were approved before the Planning Board from August 25, 2022, to the present July 10, 2023, until that property is sold.

Ryan McGrath made the motion to open the hearing at 7:16 PM with a second from Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Falk commented on the fact that many people buy houses to rent out for some of the year while the balance of the year the houses often sit vacant and are not maintained.

It was noted that short-term rentals are not permitted in R-1 zones.

At 7:19 PM Scott Pello made the motion to close the public hearing. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

Carl Falk gave his thanks to the police department for handling an incident with professionalism and care.

Paul Baxter reviewed the July 2023 report from the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 12, 2023, were not complete and the Board could expect to have them by the next regular meeting August 14, 2023.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Staff Reports

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to approve the DPW, Code Enforcement and Police reports from June 2023. The motion was seconded by Ryan McGrath and passed 4-0.

Jan Tighe noted that the DPW has been behind on picking up debris because they have been working on the Water Tower inspection and the water project. Once the Village closes on the loader it should take just two people instead of three to pick up yard debris.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Vouchers

The motion to accept the Vouchers was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Scott Pello. The motion passed unanimously. There was no discussion.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Scott Pello made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second from Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- A. There was no Haldane Report.
- B. Review of Local Laws
 1. The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Village code regarding lawn maintenance. The purpose of changing the code is to simplify and expedite enforcement. Village currently enforces a 9" height. Jeffrey Fowler noted that there was nothing in the code that defines the distance from the sidewalk that must be mowed for undeveloped lots. The changes will be tabled until the next regular meeting to allow for additional research.
 2. The Board reviewed a reworking of the City of Fulton's junk law on public and private property. The purpose of changing the code is to make it more enforceable by creating a process that notifies a resident of violations, allowing time for the resident to solve the matter, and/or a way for the resident to argue the matter at an administrative hearing, while also allowing the Village to expedite clean up and create penalties for violations. It was agreed that additional language should be added that the municipality are willing to work with residents to solve any violations. The changes will be tabled until the next regular meeting to allow for additional research.
 3. Scott Pello made the motion to approve the changes to the language in Local Law that short-term rentals in R-2 to "owner occupied," with the exception of those properties that were approved before the Planning Board from August 25, 2022, to the present July 10, 2023, until that property is sold. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 4. The Board reviewed suggested revisions to language in the solar law to reflect the following:
 - Residential and B1 districts would be allowed private solar only and require a special permit for any ground mounted solar.
 - B2 districts commercial solar would be allowed but would require a special permit for ground mounted solar.

- Industrial districts would be allowed commercial and private whether roof or ground mounted. The ground mounted would require a special permit.

Jeffrey Fowler suggested that the code note that all rooftop solar is allowed and all ground mounted solar would require a special permit.

The Board will revise the language and revisit the changes at the next regular meeting.

5. It was agreed that the ZBA should have an alternate member as well as the Planning Board. This would allow members to have time to learn the ropes before jumping into making decisions.
- C. Ryan McGrath made the motion to approve the Town of Richland's and the Village of Pulaski's Climate Action Plan with a second from Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. The Storm Water Mitigation Project is on hold while the replacement of the engineer at c2ae is caught up to speed.
- E. Highlander will be back by the end of July to work on restoration. The Water Board and the Village will be negotiating an amount to repay the water fund for replacing sidewalks that were not part of the water project. The water tower will be drained for inspection July 17, 2023.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- A. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2023 authorizing the mayor to make and sign the CFA grant application requesting \$55,000.00 to make improvements to Dunbar Field. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed with Jan Tighe, Ryan McGrath, Scott Pello, and Jeffrey Fowler voting yes. Alan Engelbrekt was absent.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2023 authorizing the mayor to make and sign an application for a CFA grant to fund repairs to the Pulaski dam. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed with Jan Tighe, Ryan McGrath, Scott Pello, and Jeffrey Fowler voting yes. Alan Engelbrekt was absent.

- B. The Board reviewed the three bids submitted for the stabilization of the Arches. Heritage Masonry Restoration Inc. totals \$174,383.00, Masonry Services of NY totals \$400,000.00, and Lupini Construction, Inc. totaled between \$525,864.00 and \$718,126.00. The Board agreed to table the decision until the Village received a scope of work from Heritage Masonry Restoration Inc. and an attempt to receive a bid from R.E. Kelly.
- C. The Pulaski Public Library submitted a memorandum of understanding between the Village and the library for the Village Board to review.
- D. The Pulaski Police Department received its certification from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for an additional two years.
- E. Scott Pello made a motion to accept the resignation from the ZBA of Elizabeth Woods. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Mark Dobrzynski to the ZBA was made by Scott Pello and seconded by Jan Tighe. It passed 4-0.

- F. There will be a meeting on July 19, 2023, at Fairways and Dreams concerning updating the Oswego County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Village of Pulaski will participate in the updating of the plan.

Agenda Item #9: Other

- A. Schoeler was nominated for a Top Award by Operation Oswego County. The Village will send a letter congratulating the company.
- B. Thank you notes will be going to 49 Park Street for landscaping, 4897 N Jefferson for maintaining their lawn and starting the painting project, Mr. Hafner for a letter of support for the Phase II of the water project WIIA grant application and Liz Woods for her service on the ZBA.
- C. The Cannabis Establishment on Main Street was issued a violation and were to come to the Planning Board July 6, 2023. No one representing the business attended. The Planning Board gave them until the regular August meeting to address the violation and submit a site plan.

Agenda Item #10: Executive Session/ Adjournment

Scott Pello made the motion to go into executive session at 8:14 PM. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Ryan McGrath made the motion to go out of executive session at 8:30 PM with Scott seconding. The motion passed with all in favor.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on August 14th, 2023, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk