

Village Board of Trustees
Public Hearing & Special Meeting

August 25, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 25th of August 2022, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Members Present: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Robin Ford, Trustee; and Ryan McGrath, Trustee.

Absent: Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor; and Jack Jennings, Trustee.

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Cathy Spinney, Village Clerk/Treasurer; and Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk.

Guest(s): John Parker; Melissa Wadkinson; and Ernie Wheeler.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Public Hearing on Amending Zoning Ordinance for Supervising Short-Term Rentals

Ryan McGrath made the motion to open the public hearing and Robing Ford seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

It was determined that a property owner can list multiple people to manage the short-term rental as this would add more coverage if an issue came up and that the manger should live be within 30 miles of the property.

Robin Ford made the motion to close the public hearing and Ryan McGrath seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Vote on Change to Zoning Ordinance

The motion to approve the changes to the Zoning Ordinance was made by Robin Ford and seconded by Ryan McGrath.

* Note: Items one through three were voted on and passed at the Village Board Meeting July 11, 2022.

1. Change definition from Airbnb to Short-Term Rental to update and reflect that there are other companies providing the same services as Airbnb. The definition will be:

“Short-Term Rentals” an online community marketplace and hospitality service, that operates as an online marketing and hospitality service which is accessible on websites or subscription apps. The service connects people looking to rent living space in their home or property with people who are looking for accommodations on a temporary basis. Airbnb is an example of such a company offering this service.

2. Short-Term Rentals, Tourist Homes, Boarding Houses, and Bed & Breakfasts would all be treated the same and require a Special Permit to operate in R-2, R-3, B-1, B-2, or I Zones.
3. Remove the term “Airbnb” and replace it with the term “Short Term Rental.”
4. Definition to be included in Zoning Ordinance 160-97 for Short Term Rentals:

OFF-SITE HOSTING: the off-site presence of a manager or managers who monitors the property that is a short-term rental. The manager or managers must be available (in person or by phone) 24 hours and live within 30 miles of the short-term rental they are responsible for monitoring.

In Section C, add #4

Off-site hosting is allowed with a special permit, in addition to the special permit issued by the Planning Board for the Short-Term Rental.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #5: Opening of Bids

The paving bids were tabled due to the high cost and there were no bids submitted for the gazebo roof in the South Park.

The motion to accept the tree removal bids as recommended by Bill Noreault, the DPW Supervisor, was made by Robin Ford and seconded by Ryan McGrath.

The bids provided and accepted are as follows:

- The Arches, A Better Cut for \$2500.00.
- The McNitts, A Better Cut for \$1500.00.

- On the Trail at the end of River Street, Parker's Service for \$500.00.
- At the Park, Parker's Service \$1400.00.
- The Cemetery, Parker's Service \$400.00.

The motion passed 3-0.

Agenda Item #6: Resolution to Accept Payment from USDA

Ryan McGrath made the motion to accept the payment of \$294,000 from the USDA to pay for the streetsweeper. Robin Ford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: Resolution to Survey Land to be Exchanged with Rick & Linda McNitt

A Resolution was made by Robin Ford and seconded by Ryan McGrath to agree to survey the property located on Lake Street that are included in the following parcels:

059.10-01-12

059.10-01-15.01

059.11-00.01.2

059.11-09-02

The survey is necessary to locate the sewer easement and determine the new property line and to begin the process of transferring the sewer easement to the Village of Pulaski.

The resolution passed with Robin Ford, Ryan McGrath and Jan Tighe all voting in favor. Alan Engelbrekt and Jack Jennings were absent.

Agenda Item #8: Resolution to Accept the Letter of Intent for the Exchange of Property

A Resolution was made by Robing Ford and seconded by Ryan McGrath to approve the "Letter of Intent" and enter into an agreement with Rick and Linda McNitt to exchange property located by parcel number 059.10-01-15.02 and 059.11-09.01.2 on Lake Street.

The resolution passed with Robin Ford, Ryan McGrath and Jan Tighe all voting in favor. Alan Engelbrekt and Jack Jennings were absent.

Agenda Item #9: Waive Hook-up Fees for Homes Involved with the Water Project

Robin Ford made the motion to waive water connection fees for the customers involved in the current water improvement project. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #10: Other

The Village is just 200 points away from a \$30,000 New York State Energy Research & Development Agency (NYSERDA) grant. The Village can reach that goal by ordering the electric police car first and then using the \$30,000 to apply towards the DPW EV. The Board had no objections to ordering the first car.

Scott Pello came in toward the end of the meeting and Jan Tighe asked if he would like to address the Board. He said that he just received a criminal summons filed by the Code Enforcement officer, Josh Smith, for harassment. He asked if the Village Attorney or any of the Village resources were used to draft or file the complaint. He was informed that, no, Josh Smith used his own attorney for the complaint and no Village resources were used in the filing the complaint. Mr. Pello also asked if the Village was using extra resources to use John Howland to do the inspections at LD's on the River and any other business Mr. Pello would have with code enforcement and the answer was, no. John Howland has been on the Village payroll since the previous Code Enforcement officer left and stayed on to continue to help the Code Enforcement office separately from the Village Police Department.

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Ryan McGrath at 6:55 PM. Robin Ford seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting September 12, 2022, at 7:15 PM

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk