

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

May 8, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 8th of April 2023, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

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

Absent: None

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

Guest(s): Janice Kozma, Paul M. Baxter, Robert J. Adamski, Robin Ford, Roy Randall, Nikole Ives, David Allen, Roy Hunt, Chuck Balcom, Kelly Balcom, and Michael Boccuzzi.

Public Hearing for A Local Law to Regulate the Maintenance of Grease Traps in the Village of Pulaski

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:15PM. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Scott Pello was not here for this part of the meeting.

There was no comment from the public. At 7:16 PM Ryan McGrath made the motion to close the meeting with a second from Alan Engelbrekt. The motion passed 4-0.

Presentation by Mike Boccuzzi of the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board (CNYRPDB)

Mr. Boccuzzi reviewed the updates on the Climate Action Plan the Joint Comprehensive Planning Board of the Town of Richland and the Village of Pulaski have been working on.

Agenda Items #1: Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

Chuck Balcom requested that the Village properly place the parking signs on Forest Drive that have been moved or removed by various individuals in the area. Fisherman and residents have been parking in areas that are not permitted.

Mr. Balcom also informed the Board of the problems he had with the sewer line backing up into his home. There was 18" of water in his basement on Veteran's Day of last year and his insurance paid out \$20,000 for repairs for the damage. He thanked the DPW for coming so quickly to help pump out the water. Mayor Jan Tighe notified Mr. Balcom of the upcoming improvements that will be made to the sewer system that should alleviate these types of problems.

Paul Baxter of the Salmon River Council of Governments reviewed the Council's monthly report.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2023, and April 17, 2023. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was no discussion.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Staff Reports

Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to approve the DPW, Code Enforcement and Police reports from April 2023. The motion was seconded by Scott Pello and passed 5-0. There was no discussion.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Vouchers

The motion to accept the Vouchers was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Ryan McGrath. The motion passed unanimously. There was no discussion.

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

Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to approve the Trust and Agency and the General Vouchers with a second from Scott Pello. The motion passed with all in favor. There was no discussion.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

A. The motion to approve the purchase of a lawn mower for the cemetery was made by Scott Pello with the condition that the Village purchase from the vendor that uses Source Well pricing. Bill Noreault noted that this would save the Village \$900.00. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The three bids came from Tug Edge \$7899.00, Outdoor Power \$6199.99, and Hammer & Wrench LLC at \$6199.00.

B. Nikole Ives updated the Board on the status of the Pulaski Public Library and the ceiling. The DPW removed the ceiling tiles around the edge of the library and office so they could reopen. The library has received just one quote so far for repairs. The Board agreed to discuss the library at the next meeting on June 12, 2023, when more information about funding and quotes for repairs have been gathered.

C. Alan Engelbrekt told the Board that he was unable to get the Haldane Center minutes from the previous meetings yet.

D. The Board tabled the discussions on short-term rentals, increasing the minimum for requiring 3 quotes for purchasing, and littering/trash disposal until the June meeting to allow for more time to research necessary changes.

John Howland explained a process of holding administrative hearings for residents who fail to clean up trash in order to hold people accountable.

E. Jan Tighe updated the Board on the various grants that have been applied for and granted. The Village received \$250,000 in ARPA funds to contribute to the payment of the wastewater treatment plant improvements and have applied for \$150,000 for the restoration/stabilization of the arches. The Village

was not granted the applied for funds from Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's office to stabilize the dam. The awards have not been granted yet for Round 7 of Restore NY.

F. Scott Pello made the motion to approve Local Law #4 of 2023 that would require restaurant owners to keep a log on hand to document who and when grease traps are cleaned out. The point of the law is to prevent grease from backing up in the sewer system, business, and residential home. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion. The motion failed with Jeffrey Fowler and Jan Tighe voting yes. Scott Pello, Ryan McGrath, and Alan Engelbrekt voting no.

G. The Village will be sending the informational tri-fold with the taxes this year and Jan Tighe requested the Board members notify the office with any changes they may recommend.

Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to send the relevy list for water rents to the County. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Ryan McGrath made the motion to revely unpaid sewer rents to the County and the motion was seconded by Scott Pello and passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

A. Ryan McGrath made the motion to add Seiter Law Firm as an additional legal counsel for the Village Board in an effort to save money. Jeffery Fowler seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 with Jeffrey Fowler, Ryan McGrath, and JanTighe voted yes. Alan Engelbrekt and Scott Pello voted no.

B. The motion to pass a resolution to accept the delivery of the Loader and authorizing final payment and financing with USDA was made by Ryan McGrath and seconded by Scott Pello. The motion passed unanimously.

C. The motion to appoint Bryan Craig to the Water Board. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #9: Other

Thank you notes will be sent out to the High School Students who helped with clean-up on Earth Day, David Turner and Kyle Boeckmann, the Pulaski Tree Committee, PROP and Elizabeth Wermer of the Office of the aging.

Agenda Item #10: Executive Session/ Adjournment

The was no executive session. Ryan McGrath made the motion to Adjourn at 9:06 PM and Scott Pello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on June 12th, 2023, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk