

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 8th of January 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; Scott Pello, Trustee; and Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor

Absent: Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee.

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

Guest(s): Steven Totten, Paul M. Baxter, and one other person.

Agenda Item #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.

Agenda Items #2: Public Comment

Paul Baxter reviewed the Tug Hill Commission's monthly newsletter. It was agreed that the Tug Hill Commission Board of Directors will be held here at the Snow Memorial Building at 10:00AM on March 18, 2024.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 2023 were not available.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Staff Reports

The motion to approve the Building & Code, DPW, and Police staff reports was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Vouchers

Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to approve the General, TA and Capital vouchers with a second from Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

The motion to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's Reports was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- A. There was no Haldane report. The Board did receive a copy of the December Comprehensive Board Minutes for review.
- B. Proposed Code Changes

1. There will be no action on changing the solar code or standalone solar law until a long SEQR and a 239 is completed for each.
 2. There is an opportunity to receive funds for reimbursing costs to the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski Joint Comprehensive Planning from Oswego County.
 3. Mayor Jan Tighe requested that the Board review the Subdivision Law for suggested updates.
- C. Grant updates.
1. The TAP Grant update will be submitted by the end of the evening January 8, 2024.
 2. The tree inventory maintenance grant was denied. The Village is a part of the CNY Central Regional Planning Board grant that will be receiving 12,000 trees for CNY.
 3. The Tree City Application for renewal was submitted last month.
 4. The Village was denied the CFA Grant submitted for the Village dam. In the interim Gomez & Sullivan is required to submit the final report to the DEC.
 5. The Village Water Board received a \$5,000,000.00 grant for Phase II of the watermain replacement project. The final engineering plan is in process.
 6. The CFA grant for upgrades to Dunbar Field was rewarded for the amount of \$67,500.00.
 7. There has been no word on the DRI/NY Forward rewards yet. Mr. Vavalo is still working with the DEC regarding the Main Street Anchor Project renovations.
- D. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to hold a public hearing on the stand alone local solar law. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- A. The Board reviewed the current public works project worksheet. Scott Pello noted that the Village should look for additional money to help low-income homeowners install the water meters.
- B. The 33rd Annual Tug Hill Conference on Local Government is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Turning Stone Conference Center. The Board members are encouraged to attend the training sessions.
- C. Scott Pello made the motion to approve the addition to cemetery policy allowing as follows:

There are no refunds for cemetery lot sales at the Village Pulaski Cemetery, under current laws.

Please note that if any personnel associated with the cemetery are involved in reselling previously purchased lots at the Village of Pulaski Cemetery, the new deed owners will be required to pay based on the current rate for a deed, as per our standard policy.

The Pulaski Cemetery allows lot owners to sell their lots to other parties, but funeral homes and brokers are not permitted to purchase them. The Village will provide a letter that permits the owner of a lot in the cemetery to sell their lot to another party. This letter will need to be renewed annually.

Agenda Item #9: Other

- A. Thank you notes will be going out to Dawn Holynski, PROP, U.S. Representative Claudia Tenney, County Legislator Ed Gilson, Operation Oswego County, and State Assemblyman Will Barclay for

the letters of support for the TAP grant. A thank you note will also be going out to the Hax family for the renovations made on their home.

Agenda Item #9: Executive Session/ Adjournment

A motion was made by Alan Engelbrekt to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on January 8, 2024, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk