

Village Board of Trustees Special Meeting

August 18, 2023

A special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 18th of August 2023, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

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

Absent: Ryan McGrath

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk

Guest(s): None

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Hire New Code Officer

The Board discussed hiring a Code Enforcement Officer to replace the current officer that intends to retire at the end of 2023. The considerations before the Board were whether it was best to hire one or two part-time employees or one full-time employee, and what specific responsibilities and hours are expected to be fulfilled. Alan Engelbrekt and Scott Pello requested that the job description include more details such as minimum office hours in writing. Jan Tighe pointed out that we have received just one applicant for the job, he was interviewed back in March, and at this time we have an opportunity to evaluate the new hire before the current officer retires. There is an opening for this position because the previous officer resigned. The previous officer was full-time. Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to hire William Hamacher at \$20,000.00 \$22,000.00 part-time at a minimum of 10 hours a week in addition to what is currently in the job description. Scotte Pello seconded the motion. The motion failed with Alan Engelbrekt and Scott Pello voting no and Jeffrey Fowler voting yes. The Board decided to advertise and do further research on what the Code Enforcement Office requires before hiring an additional person.

Agenda Item #4: Memorial Stone for North Park

The VFW has been asked to put a down payment on a monument that will be placed in North Park. The monument reads "Honoring All Veterans for All Conflicts Past, Present and Future. All Gave Some, Some Gave All." The Board agreed that the format of the inscription should be adjusted. Jan Tighe said she will pass along those suggestions.

Agenda Item #5: MOU

Mike Sacco, the chairperson of the Water Board, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Richland agreeing to share water operators while The Town of Richland hires and trains a new operator.

Agenda Item #6: Letter of Intent for DRI/NY Forward Grant

The Letter of Intent to apply for the grants has been submitted. An online community outreach survey and printed surveys, to gauge the needs of the Pulaski residents, have been shared online and placed at businesses. The surveys will be submitted to the Village by September 1, 2023. Requests for letters of support will be sent out and a form for business applicants for the grant will be distributed. A public meeting at the Snow Memorial building will be held on August 30, 2023, for residents and business owners that would like more information.

Agenda Item #7: USDA Grant/EV's

The Village has received a grant and a loan from the USDA for two electric vehicles. It would cost \$58,000.00 for each EV with a financing rate of 3.9%. Currently the Ford Lightning is selling at \$54,000.00 without the USDA loan. If we ordered a Lightning for the DPW first, we would receive a \$30,000.00 Climate Smart grant to apply towards a second vehicle. The Board discussed other possible options such as hybrids or smaller EV's. No decision was made.

The motion to adjourn was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler at 12:46 PM. The motion passed 4-0.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on September 11th, 2023, at 7:15 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk