

## Village Board of Trustees

May 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

**Members Present:** Jan Tighe, Mayor; Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor; Ryan McGrath, Trustee; and Robin Ford, Trustee.

**Absent:** Jack Jennings, Trustee

**Village Staff/Officials in Attendance:** Cathy Spiney Village Clerk/Treasurer; Joshua Smith, Code Enforcement Officer; Mike Martin, Chief of Police; and Jennifer Gibbs, Part-time Clerk.

**Guest(s):** Amy Brosnan & Mark Dowrzynski, Village Residents and Genny Miller and husband, Village Residents.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Agenda Item #1: Public Comment:** Amy Brosnan/Peabody & Mark Dowrzynski, Village residents introduced themselves and asked questions regarding the amenities the Village offers its residents. Mayor Jan Tighe informed the residents that the Village has sewer, water, a police department, and trash pickup.

### **Agenda Item #2: Presentation by OMNI Renewables**

Sam Doubleday of OMNI Renewables updated the Board on the status of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Community Distributed Generation (CDG) (Note: CDG = Community Solar utility bill crediting) in the Village of Pulaski. A few of the main points made were that:

- The program is voluntary, residents can opt-out.
- The program provides little risk to the Village and residents.
- The program's cost is \$0 to Village government/residents.
- The program is not yet law by the NYS Department of Public Service.
- The program can operate independently with a CDG firm (OMNI) or in conjunction with gas and/or electric CCA Administrator.

### **Agenda Item #3: Previous Minutes**

Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to approve the minutes for April 11, 20, and 28, 2022. Robin Ford seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Mayor Jan Tighe noted that Mr. Stephen Balcom will be meeting with a representative from Oswego Soil and Water on May 19, 2022, to inspect the drainage problems of Mr. Balcom's field.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Approval of Staff Reports**

The motion to accept the Staff Activity reports was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Ryan McGrath. The Board discussed the Intermunicipal Agreements made in 2012 that dissolved the Village Court, and the Town of Richland's Town Justices will collect fines for Village matters. Mayor Jan Tighe will follow up with the town. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **Agenda Item #5: General Vouchers**

Robin Ford made the motion to approve the Vouchers. Alan Engelbrekt seconded the motion, there was no discussion and it passed with all in favor.

#### **Agenda Item #6: March & April Treasurer's Report**

The motion to accept the Checking Account and Treasurer's Report was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Robin Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan Engelbrekt made a motion to accept Laird Petrie's offer to review and analyze the NY Class accounts for the Village. Robin Ford seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- A. The Haldane Report was not available.
- B. Mayor Jan Tighe reviewed the recent update from the DEC regarding the Dam.
- C. The motion to make a resolution to amend and restate the bond resolution for the Salmon River Greenway Trial and Streetscape improvements was made by Ryan McGrath and seconded by Robin Ford. Ryan McGrath, Robin Ford, Alan Engelbrekt voted in favor. Jack Jennings was absent.

Jan Tighe has not yet received a response about fishing rights from the DEC and will be contacting our NYS State representatives to continue to resolve the issue.

- D. Updates on Projects.
  - 1) Highland is scheduled to begin the Route 11 part of the Water Project which will be too late to put in the sidewalk and the DOT has been slow to move on the crosswalk. The Water Board will contact Highlander to see if they can move the Route 11 segment up.
  - 2) The Water Main Project will begin on Bridge Street. The Water Board is still negotiating with BCA and Highlander on the pipe surcharges.
  - 3) The Board reviewed the Water Meter Project Budget Sheet submitted to the Village by BCA. The Water Board is in negotiation with the funders of the project in regard to installation of the meters.
  - 4) Notices regarding the Sewer Improvement Project have been sent out with the sewer bill May 1, 2022. The project should begin in October.

- 5) 10 trees were planted on Rome Road in celebration for Arbor Day. The Tree City Grant is still in the works because the chairman of the Tree Committee has resigned and a vote on a new chairperson is necessary to complete the grant.
  - 6) The Village Board reviewed, and Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to accept Part 1 of the SEQR for the Stormwater Improvement Project as it was completed. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Jan Tighe and DPW Supervisor Bill Noreault met with c2ae and Oswego Soil and Water, to review areas each will be working on for the Mitigation Study, so there will be no overlap between the two.
  - 7) A motion was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Ryan McGrath to ask for an application extend the Main Street application for Cusetown LLC, with the understanding that this is the last extension, until October 15, 2022. The motion passed 4-0.
- E. The Village agreed to set the Budget Review and Public Hearing for May 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM.
  - F. The RFQ's will be sent out for repairs to the Dam, Gazebo, and Maple Ave Wall when we receive an account with the NYS Contract Reporter website.

#### Agenda Item #8: New Business

- A. The motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan at the Budget meeting on May 23, 2022.
- B. With changes agreed on by the Village Board to change the hours of operation allowed in the Village Cannabis Law on Sundays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM to 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Robin Ford made the motion to enact Local Law #1 for 2022. Alan Engelbrekt seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.
- C. The Village Board voted to approve Janice Kozma as a member of the Planning Board from May 2022 to May 2027. Robin Ford made the motion and Ryan McGrath seconded the motion. It passed with all in favor.
- D. Alan Engelbrekt made the motion to set the Connex Care Building Permit Fee to \$2,350.00. Robin Ford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- E. The motion to accept the resignation of Desiray Tanner was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Robin Ford. The motion passed 4-0.
- F. Robin Ford made a motion for the Village to complete a "Home Rule Request" for to send to NYS Senator Pattie Ritchie to pass a bill allow Donald Quehl to take the competitive civil service examination and be placed on the eligible list for appointment as a full-time police officer for the Village of Pulaski, county of Oswego. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- G. Genny Miller a resident of the Village came to the Village Board to speak of the water that has been pooling on her property and possible fixes that the Village may be able to

provide. Mayor Jan Tighe informed Mrs. Miller of the current Stormwater Mitigation studies are to begin.

**Agenda Item #9: Executive Session**

At 8:22 PM Ryan McGrath made the motion to go into executive session and Robin Ford seconded the motion. It passed with all in favor.

At 9:00 PM Alan Engelbrekt made a motion to come out of executive session. Ryan McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn was made by Alan Engelbrekt and seconded by Robin Ford at 9:01 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Next Regular Village Board Meeting June 13, 2022, at 7:15 PM**

**Presented & Approved**

**Jennifer Gibbs**

**Part-time Clerk**