

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2018 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, N.Y., COMMENCING AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN; COUNCIL MEMBERS: DANIEL PASCHKES, JODY SULLIVAN, DAVID DOW AND DIANE BRIGGS

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, LYNN PRINCISVALLE
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ALISON BOAK

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Sullivan reminded everyone to be a donor volunteer as February 14, 2018 is National Organ Donor Day.
- Councilman Paschkes confirmed that there is a public Q & A meeting scheduled in Pound Ridge with Representative Sean Maloney at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, February 11, 2018 in the Courtroom.

MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of Town Board Meetings on February 1, 2018

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of Town Board Meetings on February 1, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING: Economic Development Committee

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Economic Development Committee.

The concept of creating the Committee is to promote, encourage and support local businesses in Pound Ridge which is now under the Business Association and Pound Ridge Partnership. The Committee will try to include all businesses in Pound Ridge even if they are not in the Business District. It will be formed to improve business and get the word out to the public to come shop Pound Ridge. The Committee will take the input of residents and the public and provide feedback to the business owners. This would be an advisory committee made up of local residents and businesses. Supervisor Hansan drafted a proposal for the committee with preliminary set of ideas that could easily evolve through community input.

Many residents spoke in a positive acceptance of the Economic Development Committee and want to encourage business in Pound Ridge. There is some concern about over

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development and they wanted to make sure that doesn't happen. Another resident asked that we pay more attention to the PB-C district and suggested putting in more sidewalks at that end of the business district to encourage business owners to walk into Town for their shopping and dining. Some residents spoke about how vibrant the business district was in the 1980's but it somehow lost its appeal. The improvements through the TEP Project and this Committee can bring back the appeal. There should be a coordinated effort with the various Boards and Commissions we have in Pound Ridge as well.

Another resident mentioned that the various home-based businesses should be included and they should be allowed from time to time to actually display their wares or inform the residents of their businesses. It was also mentioned that we have a Comprehensive Plan that needs to be revisited from time to time because of all the important information it holds.

Supervisor Hansan asked that we close the Public Hearing and then have a discussion amongst the Town Board members for their thoughts.

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to close the Public Hearing on the proposed Economic Development Committee.

Discussion followed by the Town Board members. Councilwoman Briggs started by saying she is very excited about the concept of the Committee and loves the fact that all business owners can come together and share resources and support the district.

Councilwoman Sullivan wanted to remind people that this is strictly an advisory committee and they cannot enforce anything. Their opinions and ideas are always welcomed. She is concerned that their ideas may exceed the actual business district as we are limited to one street and how much can be put in that district. Over the years businesses have changed as new people and demands came in. There is also the use of on-line shopping for everything that has hindered the local businesses. The Committee would also have to be mindful of the septic problems we have in our business district and think of possible solutions. Councilwoman Sullivan is in favor of the business growth but warns to be realistic and flexible in their thinking.

Councilman Paschkes is very excited about this Committee and hopes for success. His only concern is with item # 6 of the outlined draft that states: "Provide prospective business owners with assistance in site selection, business expansion, listings of available properties, and understanding existing zoning regulations and restrictions". It is not appropriate for a Town Committee to be involved with site selections or giving legal advice to potential business owners. That is up to the Boards and Commissions of the

Town of Pound Ridge. He feels that item should be eliminated or rewritten. Counsel Harrington will work on that.

Two business owners who could not be present for the Town Board meeting sent in their thoughts and both are positive. Donna Simons expressed that the three business districts, PB-A, PB-B and PB-C should all be represented and included and that she is willing to serve on the Committee. Fred Albano wanted to say he is very supportive and hopes that there wouldn't be any duplication of what has already been done.

The issue to create the Economic Development Committee was tabled for a vote at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Community Choice Aggregation: Sustainable Westchester update**

Dan Welsh, Westchester Power, a program of Sustainable Westchester addressed the Town Board regarding Community Choice Aggregation updates. Sustainable Westchester, Inc., a not-for-profit organization comprised of several municipalities in Westchester County, including the Town of Pound Ridge, created a Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA") program in Westchester County, which would allow local governments to participate in a Sustainable Westchester program to procure energy supplies from energy service companies ("ESCOs") for the residents of the municipalities. In 2015, the Public Service Commission of the State of New York approved implementation of the first community choice aggregation ("CCA") pilot program in New York State, which allows Sustainable Westchester to put out for bid the total amount of natural gas or electricity being purchased by local residents or small businesses. The program provided consumers with the ability to lower their overall energy costs, and the potential benefits of CCA programs include price stability for a fixed contract term, lower prices, more favorable contract terms, and the ability to design a program that reflects local preferences and needs, including a preference for cleaner power sources.

Twenty municipalities have joined the CCA program and fourteen of them chose the 100% renewable energy option. Dan Welsh provided a residential rate comparison: NYSEG vs. WP and it shows an average of \$90 savings per account which includes the supply cost savings and the delivery sales tax that is avoided. The NYSEG contract currently runs through 2019, so there is no guarantee that they can take Pound Ridge in on it. Dan Welsh said that Sustainable Westchester will try to get them to take us on mid contract if the Town Board wanted to go that route. They would have more public sessions prior to signing up for the CCA program. If Pound Ridge joined, it would mean that the residents would automatically be signed up with the option to opt out at any time.

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Councilman Paschkes reminded the Town Board that a Local Law was adopted in 2015 establishing a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program in the Town of Pound Ridge to move on this once the Town was ready and had enough information to see if it was a savings to the residents and was a program that truly worked. Dan Welsh explained that there were a few glitches/issues that have been worked out. Councilman Paschkes feels that it is worth revisiting and that Dan Welsh should hold follow up informational sessions to inform the public about this program. After the informational sessions, a Public Hearing would need to be scheduled to get feedback from the public and to see if the majority of the residents are actively in favor of the program for Pound Ridge.

RESOLUTION #: 36 -18

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Hansan to write a letter expressing interest in Pound Ridge joining the Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program, assisting Dan Welsh in getting the information he needs regarding the aggregation numbers from NYSEG and scheduling a Public Hearing for April 5, 2018 to consider joining in the CCA Program.

• **Recreation: Request for approval for basketball hoop purchase**

David Goldberg, Recreation Superintendent, received three bids for the basketball equipment for the Town Park. The three quotes are as follows:

HOOPS	\$8,292.00
TITAN	\$8,496.00
FUTURE PRO	\$10,500.00

He is requesting that the Town accept the bid from HOOPS, Inc. in the amount of \$8,292.00 as they were the lowest priced.

RESOLUTION #: 37 -18

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes David Goldberg, Recreation Superintendent, to purchase the Basketball system from HOOPS, Inc., Tomball, TX in the amount of \$8,292.00. This has been budgeted in the 2018 Budget.

- **Appointments to Town Boards and Commissions**

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye to expand the Water/Wastewater Task Force to nine (9) members.

RESOLUTION #: 38 -18

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints the following members to various Boards and Commissions:

Board of Ethics, Suzanne Novak, Mark Rosenbloom, Sallie Stelter; **Conservation Board**, John Cosetti, Ellen Grogan, Bob Siegel; **Energy Action Committee**, Laura Evans, **Landmark and Historic Commission**, Craig Padawer, Patrick Trostle, Cahal Whelan, **Water/Wastewater Task Force**, Peter Marchetti, Max Mosolino and **Board of Assessment Review**, Roxanne Wasserman.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- **Receiver of Taxes: request for refunds**

RESOLUTION #: 39 -18

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the following refunds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Chambers	9817-41.9-6	\$10,147.01	duplicate paymt
Ricca	10047-15.9	\$ 9,749.09	duplicate paymt
Spevak	10263-32	\$ 5,371.94	duplicate paymt
Balkovski	9458-24.9	\$ 6,167.79	duplicate paymt
Duvally	9830-13	\$ 4,576.10	duplicate paymt
Klotz	9031-18	\$ 7,560.52	duplicate paymt
Petreski	9031-123	\$ 4,000.10	duplicate paymt
Best	9031-153.9	\$ 5,769.87	duplicate paymt
Fernald	9317-92	\$ 8,953.24	duplicate paymt
Hui	9318-1.26	\$13,694.48	duplicate paymt
Rosenstock	9318-1.40	\$10,385.76	duplicate paymt

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Bernacchia	9457-3.18	\$10,743.89	duplicate paymt
Dorgan	9457-6	\$ 5,769.87	duplicate paymt
Sit	9816-55.1	\$ 2,387.53	duplicate paymt
Zizic	9816-67.3	\$ 8,953.24	duplicate paymt
Hesse	9816-72	\$ 1,392.72	duplicate paymt
Hesse	9816-80	\$ 1,392.72	duplicate paymt

- **Monthly Reports**

The monthly reports have been received for January 2018 and are available in the Town Clerk's office.

- **Pay Bills**

RESOLUTION #: 40 -18

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, the Board polled and motion passing 4-0 with Councilwoman Briggs abstaining to authorize payment of the bills:

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Briggs has audited claims for payment and has reported that same could be paid, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to pay the following claims for payment provided there are sufficient funds in the account to which a claim may be charged:

GENERAL FUND	G		\$232,239.32
HIGHWAY FUND	D		\$ 32,654.25
TRUST AND AGENCY	T		\$ 141,611.96
CAPITAL	H		\$ 0

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the regular meeting at 9:32 p.m.

RECONVENE: As Parking District Commission

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to reconvene as Parking District Commissions.

- **Pay Bills**

RESOLUTION #: 41 -18

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Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, the Board polled and motion passing 4-0 with Councilwoman Briggs abstaining to authorize payment of the bills:

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Briggs has audited claims for payment of Parking District bills and has reported that same could be paid, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to pay the following claims for payment provided there are sufficient funds in the account to which a claim may be charged:

PARKING DISTRICT ST \$ 0

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Joanne Pace
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
February 12, 2018