

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE 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 AND DAVID DOW

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN CLERK, JOANNE PACE
TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON

ABSENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ALISON BOAK
COUNCILWOMAN DIANE BRIGGS

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Supervisor Hansan mentioned that the Recreation Department is having Sunday Concerts by the Pool from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in June, July and August and on June 30th there is Open Mic**
- **The Recreation Department will have Movies in the Park on Wednesday nights, July 10, July 25 and August 7 at sundown.**
- **Food Truck Friday-June 21st from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Scotts Corner**
- **Fourth of July celebration will be held on June 29th in the Town Park from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The 5K race is also Saturday June 29th at 9:00 a.m.**
- **There will be a Vintage & Artisan Flea Market and Outdoor Arts and Crafts Fair on Thursday, July 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Scotts Corner.**
- **Councilwoman Sullivan announced that our Senior Coordinator Louise Paolicelli will be receiving an award on Friday, June 14th from WRAPS (Westchester Recreation and Parks Society).**

MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 6, 2019

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Dow, to accept the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 6, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recreation Commission – authorization to apply for parks, recreation and historic preservation funding**

Richard Wetchler, Chair of Recreation Commission and David Goldberg, Recreation Superintendent learned about a grant that is available through New York State Parks,

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Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program including rehabilitation of swimming facilities. Grant awards up to \$600,000 are available and if the project is greater than \$4 million, then \$1 million is available. The project must be completed in 5 years and there is a 50% match required including cash, payroll expenses for staff work on the project; professional services, supplies and materials, volunteer labor. The Town kiddie pool needs to be replaced and the recreation and competition pool need permanent repairs. There is a timeline to follow, so they are looking for authorization to apply for the grant tonight then they will get at least two professional quotes/proposals for the job/project. Dave Goldberg mentioned that he has a quote from Lothrop Associates from a time before and he will reach out for 2 other quotes.

RESOLUTION #: 120-19

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Richard Wetchler, Chair of Recreation Commission and David Goldberg, Recreation Superintendent to apply for the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund Grant and to solicit additional quotes for the work that needs to be done on the Town Park pools which includes replacing the kiddie pool and making permanent repairs to the recreation and competition pools.

- **Finance Department-Request to approve 2018 budget transfers**

RESOLUTION #: 121-19

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Steve Conti, Director of Finance, to make the following 2018 Budget transfers:

Fund	Department	Account	Transfer to	Transfer from
001-1010-400	Town Board	Expenses	\$128.00	
001-1220-102	Supervisor	Conf. Sec.	\$1,124.00	
001-1930-400	Judgement & Claims			\$2,852.00
001-1420-415	Attorney	Advisory	\$220.00	
001-1910-400	Insurance	Expenses	\$470.00	
001-1920-400	Municipal	Dues	\$450.00	

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001-3120-404	Police	Fuel	\$6,070.00	
001-3010-201	OEM	Equipment		\$6,070.00
001-5010-102	Hwy Admin.	Wages	\$626.00	
001-5182-403	Street Lighting	Electricity	\$581.00	
001-5132-406	Highway	Maintenance		\$1,207.00
001-7620-400	Senior Programs	Expenses	\$81.00	
001-7550-400	Celebrations	Expenses		\$81.00
001-8020-410	Planning	Consulting		\$47.00
001-8090-400	Conservation	Expenses	\$47.00	
001-9015-801	Police	Retirement	\$5,805.00	
001-9030-801	Social Security	Expenses	\$6,000.00	
001-9040-801	Workers Comp	Expenses	\$522.00	
001-9050-801	Unemployment	Expenses	\$714.00	
001-9060-801	Medical Ins.	Expenses		\$13,041.00
001-1990-400	Contingency		\$460.00	
015-9040-801	Workers Comp	Expenses		\$4,922.00
015-9060-801	Medical	Expenses		\$28,092.00
015-5142-400	Snow	Supplies	\$33,014.00	
015-5112-232	CHIPS	Expenses	\$62,203.75	
015-015-3501	State Aid			\$62,203.75
TOTALS			\$118,515.75	\$118,515.75

- **Highway Department – Discussion of speed humps on West Lane**

Councilman Paschkes asked the Town Board to discuss the speed humps on West Lane. Currently, the three speed humps are not built to code and could potentially cause problems. He would like to see them built to code and gave an example of the newly placed humps in the Town of Bedford off Route 172. Apparently there are two different types of speed humps, one for pedestrian crosswalks and the other for traffic roadway. They have been proven to successfully slow traffic. He would like the ones on West Lane reconstructed or replaced to meet NYS Department of Transportation code guidelines.

Many residents from West Lane were present at the meeting to voice their opinions on the speed humps. Wendy Weinberg of 52 West Lane asked why they were put there in the first place. Councilman Paschkes answered to make vehicles slow down and to try to eliminate the volume of cut-through traffic. Mrs. Weinberg also asked who decided where to put the three humps and Councilman Paschkes said it was the Town Highway Department who placed them where they thought it would get the greatest impact. She doesn't feel they are effective and finds the vehicles slowing down just to go over the humps and then speeding back up for the rest of the roadway. She said it is very

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dangerous trying to get out of her driveway and getting the mail. She would like more done to eliminate the volume and speed of vehicles and suggested posting signs.

Clay Bassett of 15 West Lane said that the speed humps have blunted the danger but didn't solve the problem. He would like to have more speed humps added and keep the height of them. That may deter vehicles from using it as a cut-through road. He also finds it hard to get out of his driveway and fears the life of anyone walking on West Lane or riding a bicycle. Something has to be done and the answer is not to make it up to code.

Richard Danzker of 44 West Lane agrees with the other neighbors that spoke and mentioned that double yellow lines were recently put in and it causes people to believe it is a faster road to drive on. He suggests taking the yellow lines away and that may help deter the speeding.

Andrew Philip of 27 West Lane suggested putting up signage that would eliminate the cut-through use of commercial vehicles and also if a sign said there were speed humps ahead, some vehicles may decide to take another road.

Samantha Brown of 41 West Lane also said she is very concerned about the speed and volume of vehicles and she has small children to worry about all the time. She also asked who would be reconstructing the humps if the Town decided to do that and who would pay for the work. The Town's Highway Department would be responsible for the work and the Pound Ridge taxpayers would be responsible for the cost.

Councilwoman Jody Sullivan of 74 West Lane mentioned that she has received 13 e-mails from residents of West Lane stating that they all believe it is dangerous and it was suggested to add more humps on every curve of West Lane to help slow down traffic and eliminate some of the dangerous situations.

Councilman Dow asked if anyone has a record of how many accidents occur on West Lane and it was mentioned that Chief David Ryan may have the statistics on that.

Another suggestion was given to paint the humps to be more visible. It was also suggested to have Vinnie Duffield, Highway Superintendent, come before the Town Board to discuss what is involved with getting the speed humps up to code.

Council Harrington suggested putting together a sub-committee consisting of the residents of West Lane, a Town Board representative, Highway Superintendent and the Chief of Police to discuss all of the suggestions and concerns. There are a few ideas to oversee West Lane challenges and this should be discussed and possibly come up with a solution. Councilman Paschkes offered to represent the Town Board. The residents left saying that was a great idea and will follow through with setting up the sub-committee.

- **Town Clerk - Sale of Cemetery Plot**

RESOLUTION #: 122 -19

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

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby authorizes the sale of cemetery Plot #: 381, 1 & 2 Section 3 and Plot #: 382, 1 & 2 Section 3 to Edward and Alice Hand, 20 Lower Shad Road, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 in the amount of two thousand (\$4,000) dollars for four gravesites.

- **Liaison Reports**

The Town Board members reported on their Boards and Commission meetings.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- **Receiver of Taxes – refund request for duplicate payments**

RESOLUTION # 123 -19

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Turano	9828-12	\$4,858.29	Duplicate

- **Monthly Reports**

The monthly reports have been received from the various departments for May and are on file with the Town Clerk's office.

PAY BILLS:

Councilwoman Briggs was absent from the Town Board meeting. There will be a Special Town Board meeting scheduled for next week to approve the bills.

ADD-ON: Ratify decision made at Executive Session

RESOLUTION #: 124-19

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to hire Police Officer Michael Smushko and Police Officer John Kolesar as part-time police officers effective July 15, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Joanne Pace, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
June 14, 2019
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