

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, N.Y., COMMENCING AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR RICHARD LYMAN; COUNCIL MEMBERS: DANIEL PASCHKES, BONNIE SCHWARTZ, JODY SULLIVAN AND DAVID DOW

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN CLERK, JOANNE PACE
TOWN ATTORNEY, WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR JONATHAN POWERS

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

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

WORK SESSION:

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Schwartz, all voting aye to cancel Work Session for December 14, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 9, 2017

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Schwartz, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 9, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: Continue discussion of High View Road sign

Councilwoman Sullivan explained that the feedback she got from the discussion to remove the High View Road sign limiting pass through during certain hours wasn't received positively, so she withdrew her request for the time being.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- To consider adoption of the 2018 Town Budget & Parking District Budget

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Schwartz, all voting aye to open the Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2018 Town Budget & Parking District Budget.

Steve Conti, Director of Finance, reviewed the highlights of the 2018 Town Budget & Parking District Budget as follows:

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General Fund appropriations - \$6,034,697
Highway Fund appropriations - \$2,186,267
Land Reserve - \$374,762

Total Town Budget: \$8,595,725

Total Proposed Town Budget \$8,595,725 of which we have revenues of \$2,441,152
and Fund Balance of \$480,000; which leaves the Town \$5,674,573 to be raised by taxes.
The tax rate for 2017 was 13.8019 and is 14.1418 for 2018.

The 2018 Budget Highlights are as follows:

GENERAL & HIGHWAY FUNDS COMBINED:

Appropriations Increase = 3.13% -\$249,402
Revenues Increase = -4.63% -\$107,952
Total Tax Rate Increase – 2.30%

TAX CAP ANALYSIS:

2017 Tax Levy Amount
Growth Factor-1.04% -\$5,637,202
CPI Cap 1.84% - \$5,735,927
2018 Levy Limit – \$5,735,927
Increase Allowed by Tax Cap - \$161,697
2018 Tax Levy - \$5,717,756
Increase over 2017 - \$143,526
Amount Over/(Under) Tax Cap - (\$18, 170)

APPROPRIATIONS:

Repayment of Bonds = \$131,429
Repayment of BAN's = \$240,000
Health Insurance = \$1,131,000
NYS Retirement = \$564,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Advanced Life Support Ambulance - \$123,869
Senior Support Programs & Van Service - \$36,191
Recycling Program - \$21,500

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

New BAN Issued –Vehicles - \$370,000
New BAN Issued- TEP - \$1,500,000

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New BAN Issued – Roads - \$250,000
Technology Improvements - \$40,000

Richard Mendes, resident, asked Supervisor Lyman to write a letter to our Congressional Delegates to express our concern with the new Tax Plan and how it could affect the sale of our homes. Supervisor Lyman will write a letter on behalf of the Town.

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Schwartz, all voting aye to close the Public Hearing to consider to adopt the 2018 Town Budget & Parking District Budget.

RESOLUTION #: 163-17

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2018 Town Budget and Parking District Budget as presented.

Steve Conti, Director of Finance, was thanked by Supervisor Lyman and the rest of the Town Board members for a great job with the 2018 budget. The entire staff was also thanked for being fiscally responsible.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discuss a Proclamation request**

Andrew Campanella, representing the Proclamation Department and President of National School Choice Week, is requesting the Town of Pound Ridge to consider joining city and county leaders across the country in officially recognizing January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week in the Town of Pound Ridge. They issued a proclamation to raise awareness, among parents, of the public and nonpublic K-12 education options available to their children. The proclamation reads as follows:

SUGGESTED PROCLAMATION LANGUAGE

A Proclamation Commemorating [Government] School Choice Week

WHEREAS all children in [Government] should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS [Government] recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in [Government] to be successful adults; and,

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WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of [Government]; and,

WHEREAS [Government] is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [First] [Last] do hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as **[GOVERNMENT] SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

The Town Board decided not to weigh in on this matter. There may be a host of other issues that go with this.

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Schwartz, seconded by Councilman Dow, all voting aye not to adopt the Resolution for School Choice Week.

- **Highway Department – authorization to purchase dump truck**

RESOLUTION #: 164 -17

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2018 International Dump Truck from Arkel Motors following the proper bidding process. The funds have been designated in the 2018 budget.

- **Maintenance Department – authorization to purchase dump truck**

RESOLUTION #: 165-17

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2018 Chevy Dump Truck Karl Chevrolet in the amount of \$49,345. The funds have been designated in the 2018 budget.

- **Police Department – P.O. title change; create 2nd uniformed detective position**

Chief David Ryan is respectfully requesting designation of Police Officer Gregory Walz to Uniformed Detective to assist Uniformed Detective Mulcahy with his caseload which is increasing. This is within the 2018 budget and would require no additional funds.

RESOLUTION #: 165-17

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Chief David Ryan to promote Police Officer Gregory Walz to Uniformed Detective.

ADD-ON:

RESOLUTION #: 166-17

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made at Executive Session to hire two new part time Police Officers, Francis Christian and Erik Marvin effective immediately. They will replace two Police Officers that retired earlier this year.

- **Discuss Eminent Domain proceedings- tabled**

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- **Receiver of Taxes – authorization to refund overpayment**

RESOLUTION #: 167-17

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

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

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Bernacchia	9457-3.18	68 Dann Farm Rd.	\$2,056.68	overpayment
Corelogic	10301-21		\$5,071.44	duplicate
Corelogic	9320-112		\$1,050.52	duplicate
Corelogic	9830-3		\$2,387.53	duplicate
Drupals	9830-14		\$1,000.00	overpayment
Schoenfeld/Letcher	9817-42		\$9,152.20	overpayment

- **Recreation Department – authorization to refund deposits**

RESOLUTION #: 168-17

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the refund of five hundred (\$500) dollars to the Pound Ridge Elementary School PTA for the use of Conant Hall for a party on June 20, 2017, AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the refund of five hundred (\$500) dollars to Maureen O'Connor, 35 Major Lockwood Lane, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 for the use of Conant Hall for a birthday party. The premises were inspected and found to be in acceptable condition, AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the refund of five hundred (\$500) dollars to Patrick and Erin Trostle, 9 Bayberry Way, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 for the use of Conant Hall for an event held on November 3, 2017. The premises were inspected and found to be in acceptable condition.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Joanne Pace
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
December 8, 2017