

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2018 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 KEVIN HANSAN; COUNCIL MEMBERS: DANIEL PASCHKES, JODY SULLIVAN, AND DIANE BRIGGS

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN CLERK, JOANNE PACE
TOWN ATTORNEY, WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ALISON BOAK

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN DAVID DOW

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

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to call for an Executive Session on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for a legal matter and personnel matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Briggs reminded everyone that there is a shopping event in Scotts Corner this weekend.
- Councilwoman Sullivan reminded everyone of the cookie walk at the Pound Ridge Community Church on Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 8, 2018

Board Action: Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 8, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **To consider adoption of the 2019 Town Budget & Parking District Budget**

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye to open the Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2019 Town Budget & Parking District Budget.

Steve Conti, Director of Finance, reviewed the highlights of the 2019 Town Budget & Parking District Budget as follows:

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General and Highway Fund appropriations	\$8,632,044
Revenues	-\$2,857,452
Fund Balance	-\$ 340,000
Tax Levy	= \$5,434,592

Total Proposed Town Budget \$9,008,442 of which we have revenues of \$2,857,452 and Fund Balance of \$340,000; which leaves the Town \$5,810,990 to be raised by taxes. The tax rate for 2018 was 14.1418 and is 14.4384 for 2019. The 2019 Budget Highlights are as follows:

GENERAL & HIGHWAY FUNDS COMBINED:

Appropriations Increase = 2.92% -\$246,079
Revenues Increase = -10.29% -\$251,300
Total Tax Rate Increase – 1.96%

TAX CAP ANALYSIS:

2018 Tax Levy Amount - \$5,717,756
Growth Factor-0.83% -\$5,770,213
CPI Cap 2.00% - \$5,880,618
2019 Levy Limit – \$5,880,618
Increase Allowed Above 2018 Levy - \$162,862
2019 Tax Levy - \$5,855,020
Increase over 2018 Levy - \$137,264
Amount Under Tax Cap - \$ 25,598

APPROPRIATIONS:

Repayment of Bonds = \$259,500
Repayment of BAN's = \$145,000
Health Insurance = \$1,145,000
NYS Retirement = \$576,000

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 - \$350,000
New BAN Issued- TEP - \$1,500,000

New BAN Issued – Roads - \$550,000
Technology Improvements - \$70,000

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Carrie Sears, Chair of Conservation Board, as well as Carla Brand and Richard Mendes, members of Conservation Board, addressed the Town Board about putting the Community Compost Program in the 2019 Budget. Initially, the start up program will cost \$6,225 with approximately \$3,000 being recouped from the residents that would buy the compost kits and applied to year two of the program. Discussion took place and Councilman Paschkes suggested not outlaying the cost of the compost kits and pre-selling them to the residents who will pay for them. The Conservation Board has reached out to the community and they have approximately fifty (50) residents interested.

Supervisor Hansan explained that the Intern they requested has been budgeted for 2019 as well as the GIS upgrade and training. He feels the compositing equipment and kits are pretty much supplies and suggested they work with the Town Board liaison to the Conservation Board to see how it will work.

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye to close the Public Hearing to consider to adopt the 2019 Town Budget & Parking District Budget.

RESOLUTION #: 174-18

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2019 Town Budget and Parking District Budget as presented.

Steve Conti, Director of Finance, was thanked by Supervisor Hansan and the rest of the Town Board members for a great job with the 2019 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Westchester Power update**

Jenna Amundsen, Operations, Outreach for Westchester Power, updated the Town Board on Westchester Power, a program of Sustainable Westchester, is a non-profit membership organization, consisting of 42 out of the 45 municipalities in Westchester. They promote sustainability initiatives that benefit those in the County. They include Clean Transportation (Electric Vehicles), Community Solar, HeatSmart Westchester and ZeroWaste Westchester (composting programs). Westchester Power Program is a community bulk-purchasing program for electricity supply, also known as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). This was launched in April 2016 with 20 municipalities in

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Con Ed & NYSEG. They now have 24 including Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers. Overall savings for the County were shown in graphs. Green residential accounts averaged approximately \$5.00/monthly savings and Green commercial accounts averaged approximately \$3.00/monthly savings. Overall, there is savings but more important, there was 41,423 tons of carbon dioxide avoided.

- **Town Clerk:**
 - **Call for Public Hearing for Engineering Services to develop long-term water supply and wastewater treatment and disposal solution for Scotts Corner**

Board Action: Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to call for a Public Hearing for Engineering Services to develop long-term water supply and wastewater treatment and disposal solution for Scotts Corner on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town House.

- **Accept resignation of Highway Department Employee**

RESOLUTION #: 175 -18

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts with regret the retirement announcement of Highway MEO James B. Hunter effective 12/31/2018. The Town Board thanked him and appreciates his thirty (30) years of service to the Town.

- **Supervisor's Office :**
 - Request for approval to apply for Brownfield's funding from Environmental Protection Agency for 77 Westchester Avenue**

*This was tabled for the time being.

-Boards and Commissions Appointments

RESOLUTION #: 176 -18

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the appointments of Theodore Dixon as member of the Economic Development Committee effective immediately.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION #: 177-18

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 refund:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Rob Marano 240 Eastwoods Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576	\$135.00	basketball registration

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Joanne Pace
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
December 7, 2018