

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE POUND RIDGE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NY, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

**PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN, COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK, COUNCILPERSON CARLA BRAND, COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS, COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES**

**ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE**

**NOT PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON, ESQ**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Bedford–Pound Ridge Lighting baseball team will host a casino night Friday, February 28, 7:00–11:00pm, at Conant Hall as a fundraiser for its Cooperstown trip. The cost to participate is \$75 for the entry fee alone or \$125 for the entry fee plus \$2000 worth of chips. The event includes a Texas hold 'em tournament, as well as blackjack, roulette, and craps.
- Congratulations to Louise Paolicelli and David Goldberg on a highly successful Project Cupid. Over 175 goody bags were delivered to seniors around town.
- Pound Ridge Police Lieutenant Tom Mulcahy has been recognized for his outstanding service with a First Responder Award, presented by State Senator Peter Harckham and Police Chief David Ryan in a ceremony held at the Town House on Friday, February 7.

**MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of Town Board meeting of February 11, 2020.**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting of February 4, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Deer Management Program – Presentation of 2019 Final Report**

Police Chief David Ryan provided an overview of the Deer Management Program, which completed its fourteenth year in 2019. This is a long-term plan

that can best be evaluated after a minimum of twenty years of implementation; however, the number of motor vehicle accidents involving deer has already declined significantly.

**RESOLUTION: #42-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Brand, the board polled and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilperson Boak voting nay, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Deer Management Program be authorized to continue for an additional five years, to 2025.

**B. Highway Department**

**1. Permission to move funds from Sales of Surplus Equipment into Repair**

Highway Superintendent Vinnie Duffield requested that funds from the sale of surplus equipment be moved to the repair line of the budget (5130.406). However, the board determined that it would be preferable to determine the amount obtained before taking a vote.

[Town Clerk note: the information was obtained, and a vote was taken later in the meeting.]

**2. Permission to advertise annual bids for Highway Materials and Services**

**RESOLUTION: #43-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Duffield be authorized to advertise annual bids for highway materials and services.

**C. Recreation Department – Approval for joint repair on two pools at Town Park**

Superintendent of Recreation & Parks David Goldberg recommended engaging Nu-Clear Swimming Pool Service to perform a temporary repair to leaky joints in town swimming pools at a cost of \$16,775. Councilman Paschkes expressed concern that the one-year warranty was too limited, and asked that the board delay its vote until the March 3 meeting to give the Town Attorney time to review the warranty language.

**D. Tax Assessor – Request for STAR Refund for the 2019-2020 school year**

**RESOLUTION: #44-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the refund of \$1175 to Joseph M. and Robin Rizzo, who were not awarded a STAR exemption even though they were entitled to it.

**E. Town Clerk – Permission to attend Annual NYS Town Clerks’ Association Conference**

**RESOLUTION: #45-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk Erin Trostle be authorized to attend the 2020 Town Clerks’ Association Conference, April 26-29, in Albany and to be reimbursed for expenses not expected to exceed \$1200.

**F. Water Control Commission – Release of Bonds**

The Water Control Commission requests release of the following bonds:

31 Old Stone Hill Road	\$10,000.00
67 South Bedford Road	\$2,000.00

**RESOLUTION: #46-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the release of bonds as requested by the Water Control Commission.

**CONFIRM ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION: #47-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints the following board and commission members as specified below:

Planning Board	David Dow	(term expiring 2022)
Energy Action Committee	John Grogan	(term expiring 2027)

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilperson Brand reported that the Energy Action Committee and the Conservation Board are excited to support Earthshot 2030, a community action day scheduled for April 19, 2020.

Councilperson Boak reported the following news from the Recreation Commission:

- William Sheridan will construct a “fishing kiosk” near the Pond House in the Town Park as an Eagle Scout project.
- The Pound Ridge Players, a new community theater project organized by Tami McCarthy, will soon begin meeting two Wednesdays a month in Conant Hall.
- Pete Kelly has proposed installing a turf field at PRES in collaboration with the Love4Lucas Foundation.

Councilperson Boak also reported that the Water Wastewater Task Force will visit Hillsdale, in Columbia County, to learn about its recently installed septic system, which is similar to a system being considered for Scotts Corners.

Councilperson Briggs, the liaison to Census 2020, cited the need to educate residents about the importance of responding promptly when they receive census information in the mail to avoid visits by census workers. Chief Ryan agreed, noting that the more houses census workers have to visit, the more unnecessary complaints the Police Department is likely to receive.

**FUND TRANSFER:**

Steve Conti determined that the Town received \$32,260 on November 12, 2019, from the sale of surplus equipment by the Highway Department. Councilperson Paschkes suggested that only \$20,000 be transferred to the Repair line for 2019, since that would be sufficient to cover the 2019 shortfall resulting from an unexpected but necessary repair to a loader, and that the remaining \$12,260 be transferred to the Repair line for 2020.

**RESOLUTION: #48-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that \$32,260 from the sale of surplus equipment by the Highway Department be transferred to Repair (5130-406) as follows: \$20,000 for 2019 and \$12,260 for 2020.

**PAY BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION: #49-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, the Board polled and motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining, to authorize payment of bills:

WHEREAS, Councilperson Brand 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:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>\$117,230.55</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>D</b>		<b>\$182,629.13</b>
<b>TRUST AND AGENCY</b>	<b>T</b>		<b>\$235,793.59</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>H</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the regular meeting at 9:05 pm.

**RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT COMMISSION:**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye to reconvene as Parking District Commission.

**PAY BILLS**

**RESOLUTION: #31-20**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, the Board polled and motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining, to authorize payment of the bills:

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Briggs has audited claims for payment of Parking District bills and 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:

<b>PARKING DISTRICT</b>	<b>ST</b>		<b>\$294.54</b>
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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
February 20, 2020