

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, 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 ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING:

Supervisor Hansan called for an executive session on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 7:30 pm, and a Special Town Board meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 8:00 pm. The topic of the Special Town Board meeting will be the Criminal Justice Reform Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The firehouse will not be a polling place on Election Day, November 3, 2020; the two voting locations on that day will be the Town House and Pound Ridge Elementary School (PRES). Residents who have voted at the firehouse in the past will be assigned vote at PRES.
- Early voting will be available at the Town House Saturday, October 24, 2020 through Sunday, November 1, 2020. Anyone registered to vote in Westchester County may vote at the Town House or at any of the sixteen other early voting locations.
- Absentee ballot drop boxes will be available at the Town House during early voting hours and at both PRES and the Town House on Election Day.
- Residents are reminded not to remove signs posted by others. After the election, those who posted the signs should remove them.
- Pound Ridge's response rate in Census 2020 is now just over 75%. If you have not yet responded, please do so promptly.

RATIFY DECISION MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION: #175-20

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby confirms the decision made in Executive Session to re-hire Charles Beckett as a Police Office.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Department: Approve purchase of new ID machine

RESOLUTION: #176-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a new ID machine at a cost of \$5,189.62.

MINUTES: Accept/reject/amend minutes

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting of October 6, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

B. Supervisor: Approve environmental engineering firm for 77 Westchester

Jason Pitingaro reported that quotes were solicited for professional hydrogeologic services for a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) at 77 Westchester Avenue. His recommended awarding the contract to Partridge Venture Engineering, PC. The complete list of bids received is as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Hydroenvironmental Solutions, Inc.	\$29,950
Partridge Venture Engineering, PC	\$38,462
Ground Water Investigations-Hydrogeology, PC	\$39,950
American Petroleum Equipment & Construction	\$40,687
Yannuzzi Group Inc.	\$83,996

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RESOLUTION: #177-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the contract for the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), as recommended by Jason Pitingaro, to Partridge Venture Engineering, PC, at a cost of \$38,462, subject to final review of the contract by the Town Attorney.

C. Water/Wastewater Task Force: Approval to conduct additional testing at 7 Old Pound Road

RESOLUTION: #178-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes additional testing in the form of borings and sieve analysis at 7 Old Pound Road to determine the maximum disposal capacity of the site, as well as preparation of a general layout of a wastewater treatment system to inform other uses of the site, at a cost of \$19,985.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Supervisor Hansan reported that the Police Department is focused on the Criminal Justice Reform Committee and noted that the Bedford Central School District faces a tremendous ongoing challenge in attempting to continue to educate its students in the context of the pandemic.

Councilperson Boak reported that new signs have been installed as a final element of TEP. All that remains to be done is an inspection by the state.

Councilperson Brand reported that the Conservation Board is working on a community-wide education campaign on healthy lawns and healthy woods. The Energy Action Committee is exploring greener options for small machinery used by the town. The 7 Old Pound Committee is being formed, and Councilperson Brand encouraged anyone interested in serving to email her or the Supervisor.

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Councilperson Paschkes noted that applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals have picked up after many slow months, probably as a reflection of increased real estate activity.

Councilperson Briggs was pleased that the Census 2020 response rate has reached 75%. She noted that the Economic Development Committee, which has devoted much of its energy to evaluating possibilities for the 77 Westchester property, will shift its attention to uses for the new Village Green.

Chief of Staff Nicole Engel reported that the Office of Emergency Management has rescheduled its NYSEG drill and is working to get dates on the calendar in November for a blue sky meeting and a damage assessment meeting. Both will be tabletop meetings due to the pandemic.

Supervisor Hansan then invited John McCown to follow up on the presentation on reassessment that he made during the Board's September 8, 2020 Work Session. Mr. McCown noted that he had sent an additional slide to board members. Councilwoman Briggs expressed interest in learning more about the reassessment process, and Supervisor Hansan encouraged other Town Board members to educate themselves as well.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Pay Bills

RESOLUTION: #179-20

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, the motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay the claims listed below.

Fund	Claims	Total Amount
General Fund	20200943-20200944 20201014-20201023 20201025-20201035 20201038-20201040	\$60,657.58

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	20201043 20201046-20201048	
Capital Fund	20200945	\$332,719.38
Highway Fund	20200941-20200942 20200946-20200972 20200974-20200978 20200981 20200983-20200991 20200993-20201012 20201036-20201037	\$225,895.35
Trust & Agency Fund	20200	\$115,568.06

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:34 pm.

Pay Bills:

RESOLUTION: #180-20

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, the motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay the claims listed below.

Fund	Claims	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	20200980 20200992	\$727.51

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board,
Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
November 9, 2020