

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 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 8:16 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Covid rates have risen in Pound Ridge as they have elsewhere around the county.
- Residents are encouraged to shop locally; businesses in town are well-stocked with holiday items.
- The Fire Department continues to sell Christmas trees in Scotts Corners.

MINUTES:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Brand, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Town Board meeting; the October 19, 2020 special meeting of the Town Board; and the November 10, 2020 Town Board meeting.

RATIFY DECISIONS MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION: #200-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to appoint Namasha Schelling, Cathy Marino, and Marie Marino to the Housing Board.

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RESOLUTION: #201-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to appoint Jill Gordon to the Landmarks and Historic District Commission.

RESOLUTION: #202-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to appoint Jesse Waxman to the Economic Development Committee.

RESOLUTION: #203-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to offer Scott Dougherty the position of Assistant Building Inspector, subject to confirmation of the hourly rate with Director of Finance Steven Conti and also subject to a determination that the terms of the offer conform to Westchester County Civil Service rules.

NEW BUSINESS: Northern Westchester Hospital Presentation

Derek Anderson, Executive Director of Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH), presented an update on the hospital's pandemic response.

The number of COVID-positive patients admitted to NWH, which had hovered between 0 and 3 from May through October, began steadily increasing in November. As of December 1, 2020, NWH had 25 COVID-positive inpatients, of whom 2 were in the ICU. More patients are being successfully treated as outpatients than in the spring.

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COVID testing that is open to the public is available in Chappaqua through NWH. Currently about 200 people are being tested daily, and efforts continue to expand capacity.

Monoclonal antibody infusion, a therapy that reduces the likelihood of hospital admission, will be offered at the field hospital beginning December 7, 2020. NWH is the only facility in Westchester County that is offering this treatment. Preparations are underway to store and distribute vaccines when they become available.

Mr. Anderson also noted that NWH has recently opened a new cardiac catheterization lab. He emphasized that despite the pandemic, the hospital remains fully operational. No one should delay seeking treatment for non-COVID-related conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident John McCown, who made a presentation about possible reassessment during a work session held on September 8, again urged the Board to consider reassessment. He asked whether any funds had been set aside in the 2021 budget for such a project. There is no individual budget item at this point, but the Board continues to move forward with evaluating the issue.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
December 8, 2020