

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD VIA ZOOM 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 HARRINGTON
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Board expresses condolences to the family of Cynthia Rigas, who passed away recently. Cynthia served as Director of Recreation from 1990 to 1995.
- The numbers of new COVID-19 cases have declined only slightly. Vaccines are becoming more readily available.
- The PRBA Doggie Parade is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, to hold an executive session immediately following the Town Board meeting.

MINUTES:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 16, March 30, and April 6, 2021.

RATIFY DECISIONS MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION 83-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Board ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to hire Lawrence Paniccia and John Pilla as Police Officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Project Funding

RESOLUTION 84-21

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

WHEREAS solving the water/wastewater problem, which has plagued the Scotts Corners business district for more than three decades, is **the top priority for our town;** and

WHEREAS investing in water/wastewater is critical to protecting and raising our residents' quality of life, the prosperity and smart growth of our business district, and the ability of seniors and young families to remain in town; and

WHEREAS the Town of Pound Ridge seeks funding to build a wastewater treatment and disposal system for Scotts Corners, the main commercial and retail area of Pound Ridge; and

WHEREAS the present situation is unsustainable, limits any future growth in the Scotts Corners area, and if left unaddressed, will lead to future failures of existing wastewater treatment systems, as many lots have antiquated wastewater treatment systems that are still in use; and

WHEREAS the Town of Pound Ridge has historically advanced policies and practices that preserve natural resources, promote the use of clean energy, address the dangers of climate change, and otherwise protect our environment; and

WHEREAS federal funds are available to implement appropriate energy saving improvements in the Town House that would result in the saving of substantial energy and that would advance the safety, health, and welfare of the employees and residents of the Town of Pound Ridge; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pound Ridge hereby supports and authorizes the Water/Wastewater Task Force's application to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's office for community project funding for the purposes of developing a wastewater system in the Scotts Corners Business District; and **BE IT FURTHER**

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports and authorizes the Town's application to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's office for community project funding for the purposes of installing energy-saving measures in the Town House.

B. Conservation Board – Approval to hang Arbor Day banner

RESOLUTION 85-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Conservation Board is hereby authorized to hang a banner in Scotts Corners to promote the Town's Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 30, 2021, to be removed on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

C. Highway Department

- **Permission to accept bids**

RESOLUTION 86-21

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

RESOLVED, that The Town Board hereby accepts the recommendations from Highway Superintendent Vinnie Duffield and awards bids to the lowest responsible bidders for road materials and services as follows:

Catch Basin Cleaning: Fred Cook, Jr.

\$250.00/hour
\$2,000.00/day
\$10,000.00/week

Tree Work: Barney Zipkin Tree

Bucket truck w/ operator:	\$1,000.00/day	\$5,000.00/week
Bucket truck w/ operator + chipper:	\$1,400.00/day	\$6,000.00/week
Chip truck w/ operator + chipper:	\$1,000.00/day	\$5,000.00/week

Line Striping: Safety Marking

Double Yellow:	\$413.00/mile
Single White:	\$228.00/mile

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Refuse: City Carting

Town House pickup: \$80/month
30 yards (as requested): \$650.00/pull
20 yards (as requested): \$550.00/pull
10 yards once a week: \$350.00/month
2 yards once a week: \$80.00/month

Blacktop (picked up per ton): Peckham (Bedford Hills)

Base: \$84.50 Top 7: \$91.50
Binder \$84.50 Playground: \$91.50
Shim: \$101.00 Curb mix: \$98.00
Top 6f: \$84.50 Recycled Item 4: \$8.00

Blacktop (laid in place): Kect Construction Co.

\$93.80/ton

Aggregates (per ton delivered):

Putnam:

White Item 4: \$24.98

Thalle:

$\frac{3}{4}$ stone: \$29.00
Brown Item 4: \$25.00
Recycled Item 4: \$18.00
Rip-Rap 5-6": \$32.00
Rip-Rap 5" or less: \$32.00
Road Sand: \$25.00
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Trap Rock: \$29.00
 $\frac{3}{8}$ Washed Blue Stone: \$30.00

- **Permission to rebid heavy equipment rentals**

RESOLUTION 87-21

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

RESOLVED, that The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to seek additional bids for heavy equipment rentals.

D. Supervisor

- **Approve proposed settlement of golf course tax certiorari litigation**

RESOLUTION 88-21

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

WHEREAS, the owners of the property located at 18 High Ridge Road in the Town of Pound Ridge, New York 10576, also known as Block/Lot 9316-18.9, commenced a proceeding challenging the real property tax assessment as set forth on the 2019 and 2020 Assessment Rolls; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Pound Ridge has reviewed the issues raised in support of that proceeding including an appraisal submitted in support of those Petitions and has determined that the claims raised have merit and the assessments from 2019 and 2020 should be reduced; BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town shall resolve this matter as set forth in the proposed Consent Judgment, reducing the 2019 and 2020 assessments; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, as attorneys for the Town, be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect this Resolution and the settlement of the proceedings.

- **Approval for LED street light conversion**

RESOLUTION 89-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Light Emitting Diode Street Light Conversion Agreement.

E. Town Clerk

- **Approval for sale of cemetery plot**

RESOLUTION 90-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of Plot 39-B, Section 3, to Gay French-Ottaviani, of 65 Hack Green Road, Pound Ridge, at a price of \$1,000.00.

- **Permission to attend NYALGRO Conference**

RESOLUTION 91-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to attend the New York Association of Local Government Records Officers Conference in Geneva, New York, June 6-8, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

F. Sustainable Westchester – Community Choice Aggregation Program Update

Jasmine Graham, Manager of Westchester Power, reported that through its participation in the Westchester Power Program, which enables the bulk purchasing of renewable electricity in the form of emissions-free hydropower. Through its participation in this program, Pound Ridge has offset a total of 3,475 metric tons of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to removing 756 cars off the road for a year or planting 13.7 million tree seedlings and allowing them to grow for ten years.

Residents with questions about the program can call Westchester Power at 914-242-4725 Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or email info@sustainablewestchester.org. Spanish-language customer service is available. Recently, a number of customers have called after having received unusually high bills from NYSEG, which delivers electricity purchased through Westchester Power. The fluctuation was unrelated to Westchester Power; it occurred because NYSEG sent estimated bills for several months before performing actual meter readings.

Ms. Graham also reported on opportunities for residents who opt into the Community Solar program to receive rebates of up to ten percent of their energy costs. Councilwoman Brand asked when Solar Credit rebates will be consolidated into NYSEG billing, and Ms. Graham responded that this should occur by midyear. Once consolidated billing is in place, Community Solar will be available to municipalities on an opt-out basis.

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Westchester Power is currently seeking 2021 bids from energy suppliers through a reverse auction process. Notification letters will be sent to consumers in October 2021 for rates that will begin in December. Residents will be able to opt out of the default clean energy option at any time at no charge.

G. Liaison Reports

Councilperson Boak reported that responses to the Water Wastewater Task Force’s RFP are due Friday, April 16, 2021.

Councilperson Brand reported that there will be a tree dedication at Lions’ Park on Friday, April 30, 2021, to honor first responders’ efforts during the pandemic. The white oak that is to be planted will be funded by a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation obtained by the Conservation Board. She also noted that the Friends of Pound Ridge will be hosting a Low Waste Exhibition at the Market Square on Sunday, April 24, 2021.

Councilperson Briggs reported that the Recreation Commission is working to ensure that summer activities will proceed as usual, though with additional social distancing. She also said that construction documents for the Village Green should be forthcoming soon.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Pay Bills

RESOLUTION 92-21

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

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

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
General Fund	273–403	\$192,215.55
Highway Fund	84–111	\$14,934.33
Trust & Agency Fund	15–40	\$136,116.57

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 9:11 pm.

Pay Bills:

RESOLUTION 93-21

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

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

Fund	Claim Number	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	7-9	\$2,492.79

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
April 29, 2021