

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 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 7:57 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Food Truck Friday will be held on June 11, 2021.
- The town fireworks display has been postponed due to state guidelines for large gatherings. The Recreation Department will still host the Road Race on July 3 and may offer some additional activities in the afternoon.
- Early voting begins Saturday, June 12 and runs through Sunday, June 20. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 22. The Town House will be an early voting location.
- Only one Town Board meeting per month will be held during July and August.

MINUTES:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Criminal Justice Reform and Reinvention Committee – Formation of Human Rights Committee

Councilperson Boak summarized the work of the Criminal Justice Reform and Reinvention Committee. One of the recommendations in its report was that the town form a human rights committee. Committee member Namasha Schelling discussed the proposed charge, structure, and operations of the committee. Councilperson Briggs suggested that community education could be an important component of such a committee. She felt that a welcoming approach that

celebrates the town's increasing diversity would help bring the community together and promote harmonious relations. Councilperson Brand expressed support for the ideas Councilpersons Boak and Briggs articulated. Councilperson Paschkes reiterated Councilperson Briggs's comment that the committee should emphasize education and inclusion and avoid prescriptiveness.

CJRRC member Burton Guyer asked why no decision was being made regarding the formation of a committee. Councilperson Boak explained that the discussion was simply the beginning of the process of moving toward formation.

B. Highway – Permission to transfer funds from contingency to payroll

RESOLUTION 107-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$6,800.00 from contingency to the Highway Department payroll account.

C. Old Pound Committee – Appointment of co-chair

RESOLUTION 108-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Joe Virgilio co-chair of the Old Pound Road Committee.

D. Police – Radio communications upgrade

RESOLUTION 109-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the upgrade of the Police Department radio communications system.

E. Pound Ridge Business Association – Special Event Permit application

RESOLUTION 110-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Pound Ridge Business Association to hold its Artisan and Vintage Flea Market on September 6, 2021, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

F. Recreation Commission – Appointment of new member

RESOLUTION 111-21

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Brand, 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 Derek McConnell to the Recreation Commission for a seven-year term.

G. Supervisor

RESOLUTION 112-21

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

WHEREAS the owners of the property located at 367 Pine Brook Road in the Town of Pound Ridge, also known as property located at Block 9450 Lot 3 commenced a proceeding challenging the real property tax assessment as set for the on the 2016-2020 assessment rolls, and

WHEREAS the Town of Pound Ridge (the “Town”) has reviewed the issues raised in support of those proceedings including the records relating to the costs of the improvements to the house and has determined that the claims raised merit settlement and the assessments from 2016-2020 should be reduced, BE IT HEREBY

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RESOLVED that the Town shall resolve this matter as set forth in the proposed Consent Judgment, reducing the 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 assessments, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

H. Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 113-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to solicit bids for the design component, and subsequently for the construction, of an ADA-compliant entrance to the courtroom of the Town House.

I. Liaison Reports

Councilperson Brand reported that the Energy Action Committee hopes to come before the Board soon to discuss replacing the Town’s gas-powered leaf blowers with electric leaf blowers.

Chief David Ryan noted that Coffee with the Chief is scheduled for June 19 at the Town House.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Pay Bills

RESOLUTION 114-21

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, 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	464–561	\$828,945.99
Highway Fund	130–153	\$57,880.01
Capital Projects	1	\$10,684

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:57 pm.

Pay Bills:

RESOLUTION 115-21

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 claim listed below.

Fund	Claim Number	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	10	\$507

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
 Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
 August 6, 2021