

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 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 CARLA BRAND
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK
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 8:04 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Due to Election Day (November 2, 2021), only one Town Board meeting is scheduled next month, on November 9. There is a possibility that a second meeting may be added on Tuesday, November 16.
- There will be an Executive Session on Thursday, November 4, at 6:00 pm.
- The Town House will be a site for Early Voting, which runs from October 23 to October 31, 2021.
- The annual OEM drill with NYSEG is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021, beginning at 8:00 am.
- The Repair Café will be at Conant Hall Saturday, October 16, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- St. Patrick's Carnival is underway in Bedford.
- The Pound Ridge Business Association will be hosting the Halloween Walk again this year.

MINUTES:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 Town Board meeting as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Remarks by County Legislator Kitley Covill

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County Legislator Kitley Covill reported on various county-level initiatives, including the ongoing restoration of Merestead in Bedford and the completion of several projects in the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, including installation of covered bridges and improvements to existing lean-tos. Art in the Park has returned, and future projects at the Reservation include a bandstand near the entrance and restoration of the fire tower.

Legislator Covill also reported that there have been improvements at Playland and that the county has reached a settlement regarding affordable housing. New legislation will require coops to specify a reason for rejecting applicants, and an anti-discrimination amendment was passed in response to anti-Asian American incidents. Solid waste licensing now includes food scraps and will require construction of a new food waste facility.

The County Legislature has created an Office of Legal Counsel and an LGBTQ advisory board. It has also proposed a comprehensive ethics code that will be up for a vote in the November election. As part of police reform at the county level, all volunteer firefighters and ambulance corps members will be trained in responding to mental health emergency.

B. Conservation Board – Hudsonia Presentation

Gretchen Stevens, Director of the Biodiversity Resources Center at Hudsonia, summarized the recently completed third and final phase of a habitat mapping project in Pound Ridge. The results of the study will help the town identify areas of greatest ecological significance, develop conservation goals, and establish policies and practices to protect biodiversity and water resources. The project culminated in an extensive report and a detailed map.

Hudsonia will make a public presentation of study results at the Pound Ridge Library on November 4, 2021 and will host a Planning Board workshop at the Town House on November 19, 2021.

C. Economic Development Committee – review of Village Green construction bids

Resolution 168-21

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 awards the contract for construction of the Village Green to R. Pugny and Sons, subject to final contract terms being agreed to by the bidder and the town's counsel.

D. Highway – Approve release of driveway bond

Resolution 169-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of a highway bond in the amount of \$750.00 to Gary Rich of 412 Lukes Wood Road (the parcel known as Block 9459 Lot 8).

E. Maintenance – Approve purchase of field groomer

Resolution 170-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Maintenance Department to purchase a used Toro Sand Pro Ball Rake at a cost of \$8,500.

F. Town Board – Permission to apply for ZEV Infrastructure Grant

Resolution 171-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes an application on behalf of the town for a ZEV Infrastructure Grant that would fund additional EV charging stations.

G. Liaison Reports

The Water Wastewater Task Force has finalized the contract with its new engineering firm and will meet with them next week.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS: Pay Bills

RESOLUTION 172-21

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 claims listed below.

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
General Fund	888-975	\$84,772.92
Highway Fund	186-208	\$253,113.25
Trust & Agency	82-96	\$43,216.00
Capital Projects	5	\$5,570.00

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 9:35 pm.

Pay Bills:

RESOLUTION 173-21

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.

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Fund	Claim Number	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	16-17	\$1,014.00

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
November 8, 2021