

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, to hold an executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues immediately following tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thanks to recent legislation temporarily amending the Open Meetings Law, the Town Board and many other boards and commissions are once again meeting via Zoom.
- The annual Pound Ridge Harvest Festival, which will feature the Gin Blossoms this year, will be held on October 2 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm in the Town Park.
- The town's 9/11 observance went well. The ceremony was held behind the firehouse, at the new site of the 9/11 memorial, which the Fire Department relocated from Sachs Park. The Garden Club did an excellent job of beautifying the space. Thank you to our elected officials for attending.

MINUTES:

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Town Board meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Formation of Human Rights Committee

Councilperson Boak, who co-chaired the Criminal Justice Reform and Reinvention Committee, reported that one of the committee's key recommendations was that the town form a human rights advisory committee. The proposed structure is a nine-member committee led by co-chairs with the participation of one Town Board member.

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, to open a public hearing to discuss formation of a human rights committee.

Supervisor Hansan commented that there is no downside to more learning and more discussion about what we can do to improve ourselves as a town and as individuals.

ResidentCarolynn Sears expressed support for the proposal.

Resident Namasha Schelling, who served on the CJRRC, said that she feels that there is a need for a committee like this in our community, especially after recent disturbing incidents in nearby towns and because of experiences she had as a result of running for school board that made her feel unsafe and unwelcome.

Resident Jessica Watts also expressed support and said that she too feels that there is a need for a committee of this kind. She said she was upset about comments made on social media.

Resident Carmen Pignotti supported Ms. Schelling's and Ms. Watts's comments. She expressed concern about discussions at local school board meetings.

Councilperson Briggs thanked Councilperson Boak for her work on the issue, emphasized the importance of education, and expressed support for the committee.

Councilperson Brand also expressed support and asked what term had been proposed for committee members. After some discussion, it was concluded that staggered three-year terms would be the most manageable format.

Councilperson Paschkes said that he previously would not have thought there was a need for such a committee in Pound Ridge but that it has become evident recently that there is a need to speak out against prejudice and to take action to ensure that all residents feel welcome as members of our community.

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, to close the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Supervisor – Approve formation of Human Rights Committee

Resolution 144-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the formation of the Human Rights Committee with term limits to be staggered as discussed.

B. Assessor – Permission to attend NYSAA Fall Conference

Resolution 145-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Assessor is hereby authorized to attend the NYSAA Fall Conference from October 3-6 in Niagara Falls as budgeted at an estimated cost of \$1,428.00.

C. DAPC – Ratify decision to approve National Recovery Month banner

RESOLUTION 146-21

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 authorizing the Drug Abuse Prevention Calendar to hang a banner in Scotts Corners during the month of September.

D. Fire Department – Ratify decision to relocate 9/11 memorial

RESOLUTION 147-21

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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 authorizing the Fire Department to relocate the 9/11 memorial from Sachs Park to the firehouse.

Councilperson Paschkes expressed frustration about the number of applications that have been presented to the board at the last minute, preventing applications from being discussed in public before decisions are made.

E. Highway – Ratify decision regarding shared driveway at Conant Hall

RESOLUTION 148-21

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 approve the allocation of funds to pave the parking lot and shared driveway at Conant Hall.

F. Recreation – Approve refunds

RESOLUTION 149-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the following refunds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Laurence Krulik	76 Cross River Road Pound Ridge, NY	\$250	Non-resident flag football fee
Oren Katz	47 Holmes Lane Bedford, NY	\$365	Camp and swim lesson fee
Gillian Klein	1 Peters Lane Bedford, NY	\$220	Flag football fee

G. Supervisor – Approval to apply for SAM Grant

RESOLUTION 150-21

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 apply on behalf of the town for SAM Grant funding for construction of an ADA-compliant courtroom entrance.

H. Tax Receiver – Approve refunds

RESOLUTION 151-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the following refunds to Patrick Kearney and Andrew Heyward, of 367 Pine Brook Road, Bedford, NY 10506 (the parcel known as Section 4, Block 9450, Lot 3), for the following tax years:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2017	433,675	169,325	\$14.8019	\$2,506.34
2018	423,463	179,537	\$15.1415	\$2,718.46
2019	425,838	177,162	\$15.7395	\$2,739.42
2020	461,500	141,500	\$15.7395	\$2,227.14
2021	476,250	57,150	\$16.0574	\$917.68

I. Growing Pound Ridge – Presentation of Planting Plan

RESOLUTION 152-21

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the landscape plan presented by Growing Pound Ridge for the area between the sidewalk and the street at 55 Westchester Avenue.

J. Town Board – Discussion of policy, procedure, and protocol for adding infrastructure to the Town Park

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to move the discussion of policy, procedure, and protocol for adding infrastructure to the Town Park be moved to Executive Session as a personnel matter.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Pay Bills

RESOLUTION 153-21

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	757–887	\$281,001.39
Highway Fund	161–185	\$144,952.42
Trust & Agency	74–81	\$438,711.56
Capital Projects	2–4	\$11,193.00

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 9:07 pm.

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Pay Bills:

RESOLUTION 154-21

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 Number	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	13-15	\$8,527.00

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
September 20, 2021