

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2022 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK, AND 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: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

**II. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to call for an Executive Session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The installation of Stickosaurus at the former Lions Park has begun.
- The Earth Day Everyday Festival, sponsored by the Friends of Pound Ridge, will be held at the Market Square Saturday, April 23, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Arbor Day is April 29, and on Saturday, April 30, the Conservation Board will be distributing saplings at the Market Square.
- The Pound Ridge Business Association's Doggie Stroll is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, at 10:00 am, in Scotts Corners. To participate, register at the Pound Ridge Veterinary Center beginning at 9:00 am.
- The Recycling Center will be closed Saturday, April 16, and will reopen Wednesday, April 20.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Proposed abandonment of Ambler Way**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to open a public hearing on the proposed abandonment of Ambler Way.

Town Attorney William Harrington explained that Ambler Way has been effectively abandoned for a number of years due to structural problems with the bridge. To

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comply with the terms of a DEC grant that will fund removal of the macadam, the town must formally abandon the road under the Highway Law.

Resident Andrew Margie, of Boutonville Road, asked who would own the land once the road is abandoned. Attorney Harrington responded that the town would remain the property owner. Only the roadway would be abandoned, not the underlying property.

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to close the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 85-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts a resolution to formally abandon the roadway of Ambler Way and to allow the Department of Environmental Conservation to proceed with its work at that location.

**B. Proposed amendment to Town Code to increase Veterans exemptions**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, to open the public hearing.

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**RESOLUTION 86-22**

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York and County of Westchester have amended the Alternative Veterans Exemption and for Cold War Veterans Exemption amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pound Ridge would like to amend its Town Code to be consistent with such amended amounts as applied to the Town portion of real property taxes

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NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Pound Ridge hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 92-1.1 of the Town Code of the Town of Pound Ridge is hereby amended as follows:

Section 92-1.1 Veterans Exemption.

A. Exemption granted. The Pound Ridge Town Board hereby resolves that it does not intend to adopt a local law which will deny exemptions to the veterans of this Town and the exemptions as provided therein will be applied to those eligible taxpayers of the Town of Pound Ridge.

B. Alternative veterans exemption.

(1) The following set of exemptions are updated with the new increased maximums established in § 458-a of the Real Property Law and shall be applicable to those eligible veterans in the Town of Pound Ridge:

(a) War veterans. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the lesser of either 15% of the equalized assessed value of such property, or the product of \$54,000 \$75,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.

(b) Combat zone veterans. In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection B(1)(a) of this section, a qualifying combat veteran shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the lesser of either 10% of the assessed value of such property, or the product of \$36,000 \$50,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.

(c) Disabled veteran. In addition to the exemptions provided by Subsection B(1)(a) and (b) of this section, a qualifying veteran receiving compensation for a service-connected disability shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the lesser of either the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating, or the product of \$180,000 \$250,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.

(2) The maximum exemptions will fluctuate from year to year as equalization rates change pursuant to the provisions of § 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, as amended.

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SECTION 2. Section 92-1.4 of the Town Code of the Town of Pound Ridge is hereby amended, in relevant part, as follows:  
Section 92-1.4 Cold War Veterans Exemption

C. Exemptions granted; limitations.

(1) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$54,000 ~~\$75,000~~ or the product of \$54,000 ~~\$75,000~~ multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

(2) In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection C(1) of this section, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans' Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-related disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$180,000 ~~\$250,000~~ or the product of \$180,000 ~~\$250,000~~ multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

(3) If a Cold War veteran receives either a veterans exemption under § 92-1.1 of this chapter, authorized by § 458 of the Real Property Tax Law or an alternative veterans exemption under § 92-1.1 of this chapter, authorized by § 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the Cold War veteran shall not be eligible to receive an exemption under this section.

SECTION 3. Severability. The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

[NOTE: Material to be deleted is shown with a strike through. New material to be added is shown in underlined, bold italics.]

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**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Police Department – Accept retirement of Police Chief David Ryan**

**RESOLUTION 87-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the retirement of Police Chief David Ryan, effective August 12, 2022.

**B. Pound Ridge Golf Club – Review of additional chemical use**

**RESOLUTION 88-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the application of the Pound Ridge Golf Club regarding additional chemical use and refers it to the Planning Board and the Water Control Commission for review and recommendation.

**C. Highway Department – Approval to hire part-time summer flaggers**

**RESOLUTION 89-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the hiring of two part-time summer flaggers at a rate of \$15/hour.

**D. Maintenance Department – Approval to hire part-time summer workers**

**RESOLUTION 90-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the hiring of two part-time summer workers at a rate of \$15/hour.

E. Town Clerk

1. Approval to attend 2022 NYSTCA Conference

**RESOLUTION 91-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to attend the 2022 New York State Town Clerks Association Conference in Albany June 24-27, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00.

2. Approval to award Highway Material Bids

**RESOLUTION 92-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards bids for 2022 Highway Department materials as follows:

<u>Catch Basin Cleaning:</u>	<u>Fred A. Cook Jr.</u> \$2,600.00/day \$12,500.00/week
<u>Tree Work:</u>	<u>Barney Zipkin Tree Service</u>
Bucket truck with operator:	\$1,200.00/day \$5,500.00/week
Bucket truck with operator and chipper:	\$1,400.00/day \$6,000.00/week
Chip truck with operator and chipper:	\$1,000.00/day \$5,000.00/week
Stump grinder with operator:	\$1,000.00/day \$4,800.00/week

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<u>Heavy Equipment:</u>	<u>AC&amp;S Excavating</u>
Large dump truck with operator:	\$1,080.00/day \$5,400.00/week
Large excavator with operator:	\$1,480.00/day \$7,400.00/week
Mini excavator with operator:	\$1,120.00/day \$5,600.00/week
Excavator and hydraulic rock hammer:	\$2,600.00/day \$13,000.00/week

<u>Line Striping:</u>	<u>Safety Marking</u>
Double yellow:	\$437.00/mile
Single white:	\$248.00/mile

<u>Refuse:</u>	<u>City Carting/Win Industries</u>
Town House (3 cans):	\$85/month
30 yards as requested:	\$689.00/pull
20 yards as requested:	\$589.00/pull
10 yards weekly	\$374.00/month
2 yards weekly	\$91.00/month

<u>Blacktop picked up:</u>	<u>Peckham of Bedford Hills</u>
Base:	\$89.00/ton
Binder:	\$89.25/ton
Shim:	\$108.00/ton
Top 6f:	\$92.50/ton
Top 7:	\$100.00/ton
Playground:	\$100.00/ton
Curb mix:	\$104.00/ton
Recycled item 4:	\$8.00/ton

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<u>Blacktop laid in place:</u>	<u>Kect Construction Co.</u>
	\$104.80/ton
<u>Aggregates:</u>	<u>Putnam</u>
White item 4:	\$27.00/ton
Recycled item 4:	\$16.00/ton
¾ stone:	\$31.70/ton
	<u>Thalle</u>
Brown item 4:	\$27.00/ton
¾ trap rock:	\$32.00/ton
3/8 washed bluestone:	\$34.00/ton
Rip-rap 5-6”:	\$34.50/ton
8-12” light stone fill:	\$34.50/ton
	<u>Wingdale</u>
Road sand:	\$26.50/ton

**3. Approval for PRBA Special Event Permit Application**

**RESOLUTION 93-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Pound Ridge Business Association’s Special Event Permit Application for a Doggie Stroll in the business district on April 24, 2022 at 10:00 am.

**4. Approval for updated Special Event Permit Application forms**

**RESOLUTION 94-22**

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



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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the updated Special Event Permit Application forms dated 04.12.2022.

**F. Conservation Board – Approval to sign Arbor Day proclamation**

**RESOLUTION 95-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a proclamation recognizing the town's participation in Arbor Day, on April 29, 2022.

**G. Water Wastewater Task Force**

**1. Approval for addendum from D&B Engineers**

Consideration of a change of subcontractor for providing public relations services is tabled until the May 3, 2022 Town Board meeting.

**2. Approval to apply for community project grant funding**

**RESOLUTION 96-22**

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

WHEREAS solving the water/wastewater problem which has plagued the Scotts Corners' three business zones for more than 30 decades is the top priority for our town, AND

WHEREAS investing in water/wastewater is critical to protecting and raising our resident's 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 and to supply fresh water to Scotts Corners, the main commercial and retail area of Pound Ridge; AND

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WHEREAS the present situation is unsustainable, limits any future growth in the Scotts Corners area and, if left unaddressed, will lead to future wastewater treatment systems failures. Many of the lots have antiquated wastewater treatment systems that are still in use. Whereas, the Town of Pound Ridge has historically advanced policies and practices which preserve natural resources, address the dangers of Climate Change and otherwise protect our environment;

Now, therefore the Town Board of the Town of Pound Ridge hereby resolves as follows:

The Town Board supports and authorizes the Water Wastewater Task Force's applications to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's Office for a community project fund grant for the purpose of developing a wastewater system in Scott's Corners Business District.

**VI. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Pay bills**

**RESOLUTION 97-22**

**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.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Claim Numbers</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
General Fund	175–308	\$189,819.54
Highway Fund	42–65	\$99,019.13
Trust & Agency Fund	12–37	\$15,633.00

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

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**VIII. RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 9:03 pm.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
May 2, 2022