

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 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 (via videoconference)  
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK  
COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS  
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN LOVELESS  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

**ABSENT:** TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON

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

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Town House will be a polling location for early voting in the statewide primary election from Saturday, June 18 through Sunday, June 26, 2022.
- Food Truck Friday is this Friday, June 17, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Business District.
- The town fireworks display will be Saturday, July 2, 2022 in the Town Park. Parking permits will be available at the police station beginning Monday, June 20.
- There will also be a road race on July 2 starting at 9:00 am in the Town Park. Registration opens at 8:00 am.
- The Town House will be closed Monday, June 20, 2022 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. The Recycling Center will, however, be open Saturday, June 18, despite the holiday.
- Registration for the town camp closes Friday, June 17, 2022. There are still openings for camp counselors.
- The Pound Ridge Community Church is sponsoring a peace walk on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Meet in front of the Fire House at 5:00 pm to participate.

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**III. MINUTES**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the May 10 and June 7, 2022 Town Board meetings.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, to open a public hearing regarding a request by Eastwoods LLC to amend its approved Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management Plan for the Pound Ridge Golf Club, located at 18 High Ridge Road, Pound Ridge (Block 9316 Lot 18.9).

Gerri Tortorella, of Hocherman, Tortorella & Wekstein LLP, counsel for the Pound Ridge Golf Club, presented a request to amend the previously approved Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management Plan (ITPMP) to add several new chemicals. The reason for the addition is increasing resistance to chemicals currently being used.

The request was initially presented to the Town Board in April 2022 and was referred to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation. Based on its review of the applicant's presentation and on the evaluation of Town Engineer Jason Pitingaro of Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers PC, the Planning Board recommended that the Town Board declare itself lead agency with regard to SEQR, make a SEQR determination, conduct any review required by General Municipal Law 239 as part of the application approval, and approve the request to amend the ITPMP.

However, the Planning Board also requested that the Town Board seek additional information from the applicant regarding the safety of the proposed new chemicals as well as a list of the chemicals no longer to be used. Specifically, the Planning Board requested that the applicant supply Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and label information as requested by the Town Engineer, along with any data released by Cornell regarding Environmental Impact Quotient (EIQ) method inputs for each chemical and any lifetime drinking water health advisory levels or EPA pesticide tolerance levels for each chemical.

Councilperson Boak asked whether the applicant would provide the requested items. Ms. Tortorella indicated that the applicant had provided the list of discontinued chemicals and the MSDS and label information but that Cornell had not released any data. The Town Engineer has reviewed the MSDS and label information and has

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requested some additional information as a result. Once the information has been provided, he will provide the Town Board with his recommendation.

Councilperson Paschkes asked whether the interactions between and among the various chemicals had been studied. Town Engineer Pitingaro indicated that interactions have been considered and that some chemicals cannot be used in combination.

Resident Leonard Walker, of 24 Highcliff Terrace, asked whether interactions between previously approved chemicals and the proposed chemicals had been studied. He also said that while other houses on his street had had well monitoring in the past, but that his never had, and that he would like to know whether water quantity monitoring was still being done for other houses on his street.

Hydrogeologist John Benvegna responded that those wells were being monitored for water quantity, to ensure that water usage on the golf course wouldn't deplete the wells. Mr. Walker then asked what was meant by the term "pests." Golf Course Superintendent Branko Zdravkowski said that the term did not apply to mammals such as chipmunks. Mr. Walker also asked whether the information presented used the same units of measure as EPA recommendations. Dr. Stuart Cohen explained the EIQ model that was used.

Resident Glenn Sider, of 5 High Ridge Road, directly across from the golf course, said he thought the plan required monitoring of ten homes was required. Ms. Tortorella clarified that that requirement applied to quantity monitoring, which has been discontinued. Mr. Sider said he was more concerned about water quality than water quantity and asked whether there were particular tests he could have done privately. Mr. Pitingaro said that he could provide residents with the panel of tests being done as part of the triannual monitoring of the golf course Pitingaro & Doetsch is overseeing. Dr. Cohen noted as a reminder that one chemical cannot be tested, and Ms. Tortorella noted that the chemicals in question might be applied by neighbors other than the golf course.

Supervisor Hansan suggested that it would be helpful to have a golf course superintendents association review the ITPMP to determine whether it is consistent with industry standards or to have a similar review done by the Westchester County Planning Department, since it oversees multiple golf courses throughout the county.

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

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**RESOLUTION 117-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby refers the proposed amended Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management Plan (ITPMP) for the Pound Ridge Golf Club to the Westchester County for review.

**RESOLUTION 118-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares its intent to serve as lead agency with regard to SEQR for the amended Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management Plan (ITPMP) for the Pound Ridge Golf Club.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Police Department – Approve appointment of Thomas Mulcahy as Chief of Police**

**RESOLUTION 119-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the appointment of Thomas Mulcahy as Chief of Police effective August 13, 2022.

**B. Highway Department – Approve purchase and installation of central air conditioning at Highway Garage**

**RESOLUTION 120-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the installation of a Fujitsu two-ton, two-zone wall-mounted heat pump air conditioning system to service the kitchen and locker room at the highway garage by Marshall Oil Co. at a cost of \$9,300.00.

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**C. Town Clerk – Approve Special Event Permit Application for Friends of Pound Ridge Popup Waterpark**

**RESOLUTION 121-22**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Special Event Permit application by the Friends of Pound Ridge for a Popup Waterpark at to be held at the Town Park on Saturday, July 16, 2022, provided that the following requirements are met before a permit is issued:

1. Building Inspector must review and approve electrical plan;
2. Friends of Pound Ridge must provide certificate of insurance naming the Town of Pound Ridge as an additional insured;
3. Friends of Pound Ridge must advertise that parking will be limited to the Town Park and the Town House;

and provided that the following additional requirements are met throughout the event:

1. Event must be staffed by two (2) police officers;
2. Friends of Pound Ridge must provide three (3) volunteers to manage parking;
3. Parking will be allowed only at the Town Park and the Town House;
4. Once parking is full, there will be no overflow, only drop-offs;
5. Water features must face parking lot and be located as close as possible to fence;
6. Friends of Pound Ridge volunteers must be available to pump excess water onto parking lot and access road at end of event;
7. Recreation Superintendent will have the option to shut down a water feature if it is damaging the field.

**D. Water Wastewater Task Force – Authorize Erin Moore to perform grant-related services**

**RESOLUTION 121-22**

**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 authorizes Erin Moore, of Tighe and Bond, to prepare and submit on behalf of the town an intended use plan and a water quality improvement plan at a cost of \$2,700.00.

**E. Receiver of Taxes – Approve refunds**

**RESOLUTION 122-22**

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

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

<u>Block &amp; Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9820-127	\$12,412.58	duplicate payment
9820-127	\$5851.64	duplicate payment
10047-70.2	\$1,422.14	overpayment
9828-2.2-9	\$666.33	overpayment
10047-1.1-9	\$278.65	overpayment
9318-45.1	\$97.55	overpayment
9816-127	\$88.36	overpayment
10036-25	\$36.00	overpayment
9031-39	\$35.15	overpayment
9320-79	\$20.00	overpayment
9822-52	\$5.66	overpayment
9824-10.1	\$0.30	overpayment
9021-73	\$0.01	overpayment

**F. Building Department – Ratify decision to hire Nicholas Colello as Assistant Building Inspector**

**RESOLUTION 123-22**

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in Executive Session to hire Nicholas Colello as Assistant Building Inspector effective June 9, 2022.

**G. Liaison Reports**

Councilperson Briggs announced that there are still openings at the town camp. She also noted that construction at the Village Green will likely not be completed until this fall. Councilperson Paschkes reported that the Open Space Acquisition Committee continues to work toward creating a new acquisition list with a new set of criteria. He also asked that the Town Board must call for a public hearing regarding an Open Space resolution at the first meeting in July in order to meet requirements for a referendum to appear on the November ballot. Councilperson Brand reported that the Conservation Board will host a Zoom talk on the Invasion of the Spotted Lanternfly at 7:00 pm on June 16.

**V. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Pay bills**

**RESOLUTION 124-22**

**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	415–527	\$264,862.13
Highway Fund	89–115	\$34,634.47
Trust & Agency Fund	40–56	\$17,370.00

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

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**VII. RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 9:43 pm.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
July 5, 2022