

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2023 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK, AND VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN  
COUNCILPERSON CARLA BRAND  
COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS  
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON (via Zoom videoconference)  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

**NOT**

**PRESENT:** COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON

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

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:11 pm.

**II. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Brand, all voting aye to call for an executive session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

**III. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next Food Truck Friday will be June 16, 2023.
- The Battle of the Bands will take place on the Green the following day, Saturday, June 17, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The winner will be the opening act for the Harvest Festival, which is scheduled for October 7, 2023.
- The Pound Ridge Partnership and the Human Rights Advisory Committee have teamed up to present two events celebrating Juneteenth: "Growing up Jazz" at the Pound Ridge Library at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 10; and a concert at the Green at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 19.
- The annual fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2023. Parking permits will be available at the Police Department starting June 20.
- Air quality in the area is poor due to smoke from the Canadian wildfires.

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**V. MINUTES**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Brand, all voting aye to approve the minutes of the April 11, May 2, and May 9, 2023 Town Board meetings.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ratify decision made in Executive Session**

**RESOLUTION 147-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Johnny Camacho as a part-time Police Officer effective immediately at a salary of \$41.52/hour.

**B. Supervisor – Authorization to sign Westchester Power MOU**

Dan Welsh, of Sustainable Westchester, provided information regarding changes to the Memorandum of Understanding. He indicated that due to increased demand, Westchester Power will be unable to offer a 100% renewable option in 2023; a 50% renewable option is a possibility.

**RESOLUTION 148-23**

**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 the Memorandum of Understanding with Westchester Power as discussed and subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney.

**C. Open Space Acquisition Committee – Status update**

Elyse Arnow, co-chair of the Open Space Acquisition Committee, provided an update on the committee's recent and ongoing work: identifying priority parcels throughout town using GIS layers and other mapping tools and developing scoring metrics to rank them. Ms. Arnow noted that in addition to land acquisition to create preserves, a variety of other tools, including conservation easements, education, and conservation-informed approaches to planning and regulation, are important elements of a comprehensive effort to protect environmentally significant spaces throughout town.

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**D. Town Board**

**1. Review Verizon Wireless special use permit**

**RESOLUTION 149-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby refers the Verizon Wireless request for updates to its special use permit for the Adams Lane cell tower to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation.

**2. Request to accept sculpture donation**

The matter was tabled and will be revisited at a later date.

**E. Assessor – Resolution in opposition to BYS Bill A 02875**

**RESOLUTION 150-23**

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

WHEREAS, Telecommunications property, unless otherwise exempted in paragraph (i) of subdivision twelve of section 102 of the Real Property Tax Law, in the private rights-of-way is currently assessed by the local municipality where such property is located, and such value is not to exceed the New York State mandated Telecommunications ceilings;  
AND

WHEREAS, the state legislature is considering legislation amending Paragraph 1 of subdivision 12 of section 102 of the real property tax law to exempt certain telecommunications property owned by other than a telephone company and Paragraph (i) of subdivision twelve of section 102 of the real property tax law to exempt certain property used to provide wireless services; AND

WHEREAS, the establishment of such legislation would require that telecommunications equipment used for wireless services be removed from assessment rolls in all municipalities across the State of New York; AND

WHEREAS, the removal of this property from assessment rolls would result in the loss of local assessment of telecommunications property and other telecommunications equipment used for wireless services in private rights-of-way, with a substantial loss of tax revenue to local municipalities as well as exposure to potential property tax refunds;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Pound Ridge that telecommunications property in the private right-of-way, including telecommunications equipment used for wireless services, remain taxable and under the control of the local municipality where such property is located and is hereby opposed to New York State Bill A 02875 and the exemption from real property taxation of telecommunications equipment used for wireless services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of said resolution to the following persons:

- Governor Kathy Hochul
- State Senator Shelley Mayer
- Assemblymember Chris Burdick

**[Note: The Highway Department equipment purchase request was addressed later in the meeting.]**

**F. Planning Board**

**1. Public hearing on proposed modification to Zoning Code**

There will be a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Code at the June 13, 2023 Town Board meeting.

**2. Approve return of unused escrow**

**RESOLUTION 151-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the return of unused planning board escrow for 23 White Birch Road South to Allen Reyen in the Amount of \$3,225.00.

**G. Receiver of Taxes – Authorization to attend seminar**

**RESOLUTION 152-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a request by the Receiver of Taxes to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers 2023 Training Seminar from Sunday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,215.00.

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**H. Highway – Permission to purchase plate compactor and mower head**

**RESOLUTION 153-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to approve one plate compactor at a price not to exceed \$3,500.00 and a mower head at a price not to exceed \$8,000.00, both as approved in the 2023 budget.

**I. Recreation Department**

**1. Approval to purchase AED for camp shed, picnic tables, and refuse and recycling bins**

The matter was tabled and will be revisited at the June 11, 2023 Town Board meeting.

**2. Approval for refunds**

**RESOLUTION 154-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the refund of \$530.00 of the \$1,100.00 cost of a nonresident pool membership to Laura Martino, with the remainder to be applied to three pool use camp fees; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the refund of a \$300.00 family pool membership to Nicole Shaffer.

**J. Town Clerk**

**1. Approval for special event permit**

**RESOLUTION 155-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the special event permit application by Rewarding Potential for a scholarship presentation and celebration to be held at the Green from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 23, 2023, or in the event of inclement weather, at Conant Hall.

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**2. Authorization to hire temporary records clerk**

**RESOLUTION 156-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Luis Bayona as a temporary records clerk at a salary of \$23.68/hour.

**3. Approval for recyclable materials rebid**

**RESOLUTION 157-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the following bids for the period through April 9, 2024 as follows:

4-yard single-stream recycling container at 199 Westchester Avenue:  
Vendor: City Carting/WIN Industries  
Monthly fee for weekly pickup: \$135.00  
Contamination fee: \$50.00

30-yard container of commingled recyclables at 290 Stone Hill Road  
Vendor: CRP  
Price per pull: \$275.00  
Price per ton: \$135.00  
Contamination fee: \$150.00/ton

**4. Review of possible courtroom furniture project**

The Town Clerk provided information on quotes obtained for modular courtroom tables to replace the temporary ones currently being used.

**K. Conservation Board**

**1. Approval for Repair Café expenses**

**RESOLUTION 158-23**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the expenditure of \$540.00 for janitorial costs associated with holding the fall Repair Café to the Pound Ridge Elementary School gymnasium; AND BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of \$540.00 from Contingency to the Conservation Board line to cover the expense.

**2. Discussion of fiftieth anniversary**

Conservation Board Chair Melinda Avellino and Vice-Chair Bob Siegel presented tentative plans for a celebration and library exhibit to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Conservation Board. The matter will be revisited at the June 13, 2023 Town Board meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 10:33 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
June 12, 2023