

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2025 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 7:30 PM

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK
COUNCILPERSON NAMASHA SCHELLING
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES

ALSO

PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Donations to the toiletry drive sponsored by State Senator Shelley Mayer and the Pace Women's Justice Center in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month will be accepted at the Town House through Friday, April 25.
- The Conservation Board's Big Spring Clean will take place April 25-27. Place bags at the end of your driveway for pickup on Monday, April 28.
- The Conservation Board will also sponsor a tree and compost giveaway at the Market on April 27. Residents can choose from a silver maple, river birch, white cedar, or winterberry. Be sure to bring your own bucket for compost.
- Also on April 27, the Pound Ridge Partnership will host an Eco Afternoon at the Market Square to highlight earth-friendly initiatives.
- The Pound Ridge Business Association's "Made in New York" outdoor market will be held at the Village Green on April 27 as well.
- All residents are invited to attend the Pound Ridge Historical Society's annual meeting at 1 pm on April 27 at Conant Hall. That date also marks the opening of a new exhibit titled "Then and Now in Pound Ridge" at the Pound Ridge Museum.
- Wooffstock and the Pound Ridge Community Church are sponsoring a "Party with a Purpose" at Conant Hall on Saturday, April 26, as a fundraiser to support animal rescue efforts.

III. MINUTES

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Schelling, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Town Board meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT I

Resident John Nathan, of 155 Upper Shad Road, commented on the ongoing lawsuit he filed last year against the town and against the members of the Town Board.

Resident Ellen Ivens, of 173 Salem Road, who is also a member of the Water Wastewater Task Force, described data on PFAS in the business district and the town's response to this public health issue.

Resident Roslyn Stone-Pollack, of 22 Beech Hill Lane, praised efforts to address longstanding water-related problems in the business district.

V. OLD BUSINESS – Update regarding *Donna P. Simons v. NYS EFC et al.*

Town Attorney Harrington said that a resident has filed an Article 78 proceeding against the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the New York State Department of Health challenging the award of \$7.6 million in grant funding to the town. The plaintiff alleges that the grant award was arbitrary and capricious because the EFC relied on inaccurate or manipulated data. Attorney Harrington explained that although the town was not initially a party to the lawsuit, it is a necessary party, and thus the town has moved to intervene and has simultaneously moved to have the lawsuit dismissed.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Verizon New York Franchise Agreement

Attorney Harrington explained that the agreement to be considered is a five-year extension of the existing agreement.

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to open the public hearing on the franchise agreement between Verizon New York and the Town of Pound Ridge.

Resident Bill Braverman, of 14 Lower Shad Road, asked why the amount paid to the town by Verizon has not increased since the previous agreement. Attorney Harrington explained that the rate is governed by federal regulations.

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

RESOLUTION 104-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the cable franchise renewal agreement by and between the Town of Pound Ridge, New York and Verizon New York Inc. dated April 15, 2025.

B. Draft 2024 Annual MS4 Report and Stormwater Management Program Plan

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to open the public hearing on the draft 2024 Annual MS4 Report and Stormwater Management Program Plan.

Supervisor Hansan explained that the town is required to manage stormwater runoff. The 2024 Annual MS4 Report and Stormwater Management Program Plan, which have been prepared and filed in the Town Clerk's office, detail the town's compliance activities.

Councilperson Paschkes pointed out that the plan should show Bill Bedford rather than Stuart Greenbaum as chair of the Water Control Commission.

Councilperson Boak asked whether having a municipal water supply would impact the plan in the future. Town Engineer Jason Pitingaro said that there would not be an impact. He also said that the report would be updated to include the name of the current chair of the Water Control Commission.

Ms. Ivens asked how the plan would reflect changing precipitation patterns. Town Engineer Pitingaro said that the plan does take those changes into account.

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

RESOLUTION 105-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the 2024 Annual MS4 Report and Stormwater Management Program Plan as amended.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Supervisor

1. Appointment of Daniel Maldonado and Michael Bonacci

RESOLUTION 106-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Daniel Maldonado and Michael Bonacci as part-time Police Officers effective immediately at an hourly rate of \$44.26/hour.

2. RFQ for cleanup and junk removal services

RESOLUTION 107-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of a request for quotes for cleanup and junk removal services at 22 Sherwood Road.

B. Recreation Department

1. Coach bus trips for Teen Travel Camp

RESOLUTION 108-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the following expenditures for coach bus trips for Teen Travel Camp:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cost</u>
July 2	Marquis Theater (New York, NY)	\$1,720
July 11	Six Flags New England (Agawam, MA)	\$2,160
July 23	Citi Field (Queens, NY)	\$1,620
July 23	American Dream Mall (East Rutherford, NJ)	\$1,640
July 31	Yankee Stadium (Bronx, NY)	\$1,620
August 4	Mystic Aquarium (Mystic, CT)	\$2,240
August 7	Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)	\$2,240

2. Purchase of tee shirts and pint glasses

RESOLUTION 109-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of Day Camp and Teen Travel Camp tee shirts, pool and camp staff shirts, and 5K Road Race tee shirts and pint glasses from Diamondback Sportswear at a total price of \$7,608.25.

C. Town Clerk

1. Sale of cemetery plot

RESOLUTION 110-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the sale of Plot 108-B in Section 3 to former Pound Ridge residents Elizabeth Mulleavey, of 235 East 50th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404, and Anthony Tacinelli, of 153 Smith Ridge Road, South Salem, NY 10590, at a price of \$1,000.

2. Standard Work Day forms

RESOLUTION 111-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes standard work days for elected and appointed officials as follows:

NAME	TITLE	CURRENT TERM	STANDARD WORKDAY	ROA RESULT	PAY FREQUENCY
Kevin Hansan	Town Supervisor	01.01.24–12.31.25	6 hours	31.06	biweekly
Matthew Brotmann	Town Justice	01.01.24–12.31.27	6 hours	1.70	quarterly
Renée Motola	Town Justice	01.01.22–12.31.25	6 hours	1.50	quarterly
William Harrington	Town Attorney	01.01.25–12.31.25	6 hours	2.31	biweekly
John Loveless	Deputy Town Attorney	01.01.25–12.31.25	6 hours	3.00	biweekly
Namasha Schelling	Town Councilperson	01.01.24–12.31.27	6 hours	7.84	quarterly
Diane Briggs	Town Councilperson	01.01.22–12.31.25	6 hours	4.79	quarterly
Daniel Paschkes	Town Councilperson	01.01.22–12.31.25	6 hours	3.50	quarterly
Alison Boak	Town Councilperson	01.01.24–12.31.27	6 hours	3.48	quarterly
Drifa Segal	Receiver of Taxes	01.01.22–12.31.25	7 hours	21.67	biweekly
Erin Trostle	Town Clerk	01.01.24–12.31.27	7 hours	21.67	biweekly

3. Request for outdoor dining at the Inn at Pound Ridge

The matter was referred to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation.

4. Special event permit for Juneteenth concert

RESOLUTION 112-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a special event permit for a Juneteenth Concert to be held on Thursday, June 19, at the Village Green.

5. Seasonal special use permits for outdoor dining in Scotts Corners

RESOLUTION 113-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves seasonal special use permits for outdoor dining for the following Scotts Corners restaurants:

- Asia Hamachi
- Blind Charlie's
- DiNardo's
- The Kitchen Table
- La Familia
- North Star

6. Addendum to Highway bids

RESOLUTION 114-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards contracts for single-stream recyclable materials as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
CRP	3 cans w/ weekly pickup	179 Westchester Avenue	\$95.00/month
Win-Waste	4-yard container w/ weekly pickup	199 Westchester Avenue	\$173.98/month

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7. Plan It Wild Installation

RESOLUTION 115-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the installation of a native pollinator garden in Lions Park by Plan It Wild.

8. Monthly reports

The following reports have been filed in the Town Clerk's office and are available for public inspection and copying:

- March 2025 Building Department report
- March 2025 Tax Receiver report
- March 2025 Town Clerk report

D. Conservation Board - Arbor Day Proclamation

RESOLUTION 116-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2025 Arbor Day proclamation.

E. Assessor – Proposed amendment to first responder exemption

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, the motion passing with Councilperson Paschkes abstaining to call for a public hearing on May 6, 2025 on proposed amendments to the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance service members.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT II

Resident Norman Bernstein, of 2 Pheasant Road, posed several questions related to *Simons v. NYS EFC et al.* and to the town's WIIA grant application and asked that they be answered at the May 6 Town Board meeting.

Mark Gjelaaj, owner of the Barnwell Center at 56 Westchester Avenue, expressed strong support for the water district project.

Resident Alex Goldfarb, of 24 Patterson Road, said that the Planning Board should review traffic patterns at the Inn at Pound Ridge.

Resident James Best, of 8 Fox Hill Road, who is also co-chair of the Water Wastewater Task Force, said it is hard to understand the opposition to a project to bring to clean water to the business district.

Arik Efros, an owner of Eva Scrivo Salon in the Barnwell Center, said that having a reliable water supply is crucial for a hair salon.

Resident Nick Cianciola, Sr., of 29 Autumn Ridge Road, expressed concern that the town's financial advisor may not have been adequately vetted.

IX. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Pay bills

RESOLUTION 117-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to pay the following claims as detailed in Abstract 08-2024:

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
General Fund	A00291–A000357	\$126,444.01
Highway Fund	D00074–D00084	\$13,021.66
Trust & Agency Fund	AT00023–AT00029	\$5,235.00

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
April 24, 2025