

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held their Monthly Meeting on December 4, 2017. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy, Giovanni LaFace and Victor Lafrenz; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand, Town Attorney Jeff Brown and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our service men and women, Phil Domenico and Virginia Fuller and in a special way remembered December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day).

Supervisor Marsh thanked Town Clerk Ann Christmas and her deputy Mary Purcell along with anyone else who may have helped out with the Christmas Tree Lighting. It was the largest crowd we've had. Everyone had a great time.

Supervisor Marsh thanked Councilor Victor Lafrenz for his service to the Town Board.

R-155-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Lafrenz to accept the letter of resignation from Sue Evan as a member of the Board of Ethics. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-156-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to send a letter of appreciation to Sue Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

The monthly report of the Supervisor was submitted and reviewed. It was a quiet month. Court is \$9,000.00 short of the budgeted amount. Franchise fees also are shy \$9,000.00 from the budgeted amount. Hopefully, the expansion will make it go back up. To date \$145,000 has been spent on the Capital Development Road Project.

R-157-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to authorize the Supervisor to make any necessary end of year transfers. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-158-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Lafrenz to authorize the payment of the health insurance premium prior to our next meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Purcell reported that the Gulf Road has been reopened; stream banks have been re-stabilized and guardrails installed. Five new catch basins were installed and 9 crossovers. There will be more stream banks to be re-stabilized in the spring.

R-159-17 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to authorize the execution of the Five Star OCC Med DOT Consortium Agreement for substance abuse testing. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-160-17 Motion by Marsh, seconded by LaFace to pay the highway department employee who has 40 hours of unused vacation days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Purcell informed the Town Board about the basketball hoop in the Arbutus Tract that a family installed into the road. The school doesn't like it as they have to turn their bus around there and it also interferes with snowplowing. He has asked the Code Officer to look into this. Code Officer Hill stated that he had spoken to them and they were going to remove it over the weekend.

Supervisor Marsh thanked the Highway Department for the great job they do.

Highway Superintendent Purcell expressed his frustration with the change that was made to the employee handbook last month. It affects all of his employees. He had not been given any notice that the Town Board was going to make changes to it. When he hires employees they are advised of the benefits they would receive before they agree to come on board. He questioned if they need to hire legal representation; should his department become unionized. Councilor Herlihy stated that they are trying to rectify the change that was made last month. Many of the highway department employees were in attendance. One questioned how come they allowed someone to retire and keep health insurance. According to the employee handbook you have to be 55 and go into NYS Retirement. The employee was only 54 and now the Town will let him get health insurance when he turns 55. Highway Superintendent Purcell reminded the Town Board that his aging workforce had been discussed 4-5 years ago. He has a very dedicated group of employees. They didn't take their July 4th vacation as they worked down on the Gulf Road. Supervisor Marsh stated that she had talked to a couple of the employees and that she told them that the Town Board would do everything possible to the rectify the change. Highway Superintendent Purcell asked that he be informed of how they plan to rectify the change and any other changes that may be made to the handbook.

R-161-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to hold a Special Meeting on December 20, 2017 at 6 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Brown updated the Town Board on the Verizon Site Plan Application. The residents want to have ongoing RF testing. Verizon would need to agree to this. The neighbors realize that the tower will be going in.

- R-162-17 Motion by LaFace, seconded by Herlihy to approve the lease on the Pitney Bowes postage meter. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-163-17 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to hold the Reorganizational Meeting immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting on January 3, 2018 at 6 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-164-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Lafrenz to approve the monthly report and bank reconciliations of the Town Clerk and Supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-165-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Lafrenz to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 371-415, totaling \$16,847.06, Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 193-212, totaling \$20,242.57; Special District Abstract No. 38, totaling \$3,581.84; Trust & Agency Abstract No. 18, totaling \$2,191.85; Capital Fund Abstract Nos. 30-34, totaling \$37,878.56 All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Darlene Smith asked the status of the petition she had submitted asking for No Thru Traffic on Cherry Street. Supervisor Marsh stated that it has been referred to the County.

Darlene Smith also invited everyone to a meeting hosted by Bohler Engineering at the Pompey Pizzeria on December 14th at 7 p.m. concerning Dollar General.

Don Neugebauer asked the Town Board to talk about having the Town Offices opened on Fridays.

- R-166-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk