

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pompey was held on May 1, 2017. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Giovanni LaFace Councilor Greg Herlihy (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); Town Clerk Ann Christmas; Town Attorney Jeff Brown and Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand.

Absent: Councilor Victor Lafrenz;

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for our service men and women and for Velma Clancy, Alice Angelo and Junior Case who recently passed away.

The monthly report of the Supervisor was submitted and reviewed. Court fees continue to come in very low. As of April 30th we have received \$3,000.00 out of the budgeted amount of \$30,000.00. We were short in penalties and interest approximately \$1,100.00 but we also have school tax penalties and interest in the fall. Swim registrations are coming in good. On the expense side things are quiet. There is one area of concern: Justice Court Clerk ones salaries are capped at \$1,500.00 each per year. As of April 30th Judge Ali's Clerk 1's pay was \$1,153.00 and Judge Cognetti's Clerk 1's pay was \$582. Bookkeeper Chartrand suggested that a letter be sent to Judge Ali making him aware of this as his Clerk 1 will be over budget by the end of May.

R-39-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to authorize the prepayment of the printing and postage for the Town newsletter. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-40-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to authorize the payment of the OCEBA bill for health insurance when it comes in. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh reported that she had spoken to County Legislator David Knapp earlier in the day about the lack of internet in parts of the Town. He has been informed by Verizon that the box on Cherry Street should be turned on in the next few days. He will get us a map of the area where internet service will be available from Verizon. She also understands that Spectrum has been on various roads and it looks like they are trying to expand their service.

The electronic speed sign in Delphi Falls had stopped working. It now up and working fine.

Supervisor Marsh also reported she has received numerous calls about motorists passing school buses on Watervale Road. She has contacted the Sheriff's Department and they will be patrolling that area.

Supervisor Marsh spoke to the Town Board about updating our Senior Citizen Exemption income limits. Attorney Brown will draw up a proposed local law for next month's meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Fred Hill informed the Town Board that Don Chrysler has not done very much work on his house at 7364 Cherry Street. The rafters are all framed in. He cannot do the roof himself. Shingles are already blowing off. Mr. Chrysler informed him that he has an offer from someone to buy the property.

Code Enforcement Officer Hill also informed the Town Board that he intends to serve Scott Schaal on May 2, 2017, with an appearance ticket for the numerous code violations on his property. He will ask a Sheriff Deputy to go with him.

Attorney Brown alerted the Town Board that he had received calls from residents on the northern end of the Town of a balloon test being done. When this type of test is done it usually means that a tower structure will be proposed.

Attorney Brown also updated the Town Board on Mr. William Porter's offer to donate his lot in Pompey Hill to the town. He is evaluating whether a new survey needs to be done. He has also contacted our engineer to do a preliminary environmental review of the property.

Attorney Brown informed the Town Board that he had received a decision from NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets concerning Scott Schaal and Hunter Springs. It states that operations other than the nursery are not "farm operations" which is consistent with the Hunter Springs website. He is reviewing Code Enforcement Officer Hill's affidavit. It is an unpermitted use; there was no site plan; no building permit; no certificate of occupancy; and no stormwater management plan.

A letter of resignation has been received from James McDermott who is retiring from the Highway Department effective April 29, 2017, after 34 years of service.

R-41-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to accept the letter of resignation from James McDermott effective April 29, 2017. Supervisor Marsh will send a letter of thanks for his years of service. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kelly Mousaw submitted her Ski Report. Everything ran smoothly. Due to the lousy weather they were only able to get in one of their Tuesday nights out of the six there were scheduled. There were 21 skiers that registered. Supervisor Marsh will write a letter to Kelly thanking her for overseeing the program.

R-42-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to approve the monthly reports and bank reconciliations of the Supervisor and Town Clerk. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-43-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 151-172, totaling \$17,543.17; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 76-89, totaling \$10,443.45; Special District Abstract Nos. 16-17, totaling \$547.01 and Trust & Agency Abstract No. 6, totaling \$449.93. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jesse Walser informed the Town Board that he knows of several people from the Cemetery Road area who are moving out of town because of lack of internet.

Darlene Harrison, owner of Hilltop Pizza and Ice Cream, questioned the Town Board about what is happening with the Don Chrysler property directly across the street from her business. Is there going to be a deadline to remediate the property? She's been there for six years and nothing has changed. She's trying to improve their business. She showed the Town Board pictures of the property that she looks at daily. The house has been condemned. Attorney Brown stated that if we want to pursue the drastic remedy of ordering the demolition of the structure we will have to go back to the unsafe building law and start over. Code Enforcement Officer Hill will need to issue a report to the Town Board. The Board will need to approve it. Mr. Chrysler will be given an opportunity to speak to the Town Board. Mr. Chrysler will be informed that we are going to invoke this law again with the intent of ordering its demolition. If the property does get sold, Code Enforcement Officer Hill will have to keep on top of this and make the new owner aware that they have to do something.

She also showed the Town Board pictures of the Boy Scout Bottle Return. She feels this is a business. It is an eyesore. Proper containers need to be there. It is very close to the intersection of Routes 20 & 91. It was suggested that she contact the local Boy Scout of America organization in Syracuse as this is a reflection on all Boy Scouts.

Renee Rotondo thanked Attorney Brown for obtaining the decision from Ag & Markets. She questioned the likelihood for success if it goes to Court. She understood the importance of obtaining affidavits from other neighbors about the noise and traffic. She questioned if Shawn's Paving has been notified to come into Court. She thinks he feels emboldened because there is no zoning enforcement.

R-44-17 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk