

TOWN BOARD MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF POMPEY

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pompey was held on September 18, 2013. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy, Victor LaFrenz, Craig Smithgall; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Budget Officer Tom Chartrand; Deputy Supervisor Rosemarie Bush; Code Enforcement Officer Richard Penhall and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Supervisor Marsh stated that this is a budget workshop only.

There was a discussion on the proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2013 amending Chapter 41 (Planning Board) of the Code of the Town of Pompey to create and appoint a Vice-Chairperson to the Town of Pompey Planning Board to act in the absence of or failure to act by the Chairperson. The question was asked: what is a reasonable time? There should be a definition of this. Councilor Smithgall feels that it should be two business days. Councilor LaFrenz stated that he likes the idea of a Vice-Chairperson. It was decided that once the maps are approved by the Planning Board, legally completed and delivered to the Code Enforcement Officer the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson will have two days to sign the maps and get them back to the applicant for filing in the County. It is the responsibility of the applicants to follow the proper procedures for filing with the County. Supervisor Marsh will contact Attorney Brown with this information.

R-178-13 Made by Smithgall, seconded by Marsh to hold a Public Hearing on October 7, 2013, at 7 p.m. to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 5 of 2013 amending Chapter 41 (Planning Board) of the Code of the Town of Pompey to create and appoint a Vice-Chairperson to the Town of Pompey Planning Board to act in the absence of or failure to act by the Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-179-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to approve the contract with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for the collection of school taxes. (It was decided that Supervisor Marsh will try to renegotiate this next year.) All in favor. Motion carried.

R-180-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to approve the lease contract with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter. It will be for 51 months and we will be billed quarterly the sum of \$537.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-181-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 317-331, totaling \$22,551.82; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 141-146, totaling \$6,719.78; Special District Abstract Nos. 34-36, totaling \$2042.50; and Trust & Agency Abstract Nos. 13-15, totaling \$712.22. All in favor. Motion carried.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to working on the 2014 Town & Highway budget. Budget Officer stated that as we go thru the budget he will be looking for three board members to nod their heads in the affirmative for any changes.

Budget Officer Chartrand advised the Town Board that the SOTS rates will be going up. The new rates are: \$5.00 no service; \$80.00—single bag; \$200.00—3 bags; and \$245.00—unlimited service.

The discussion began on the salary page. Councilor Smithgall stated that he has not received an increase in his salary for the past six years. He doesn't feel you will get qualified people to run if there isn't a fair salary. He feels it is time for a significant change. He has never gone to the Association of Towns training in New York City. He would like some kind of coverage for his health care. Councilor Dennis stated that health care for the Town Board has never been discussed. Supervisor Marsh stated that if we did this more people would be eligible. Councilor LaFrenz stated that he did not feel that a raise was a relevant issue and he would like to see where we are going with the National Health Care. Supervisor Marsh stated that years ago we used to give an across the board raise. Councilor Dennis stated that we have always kept the tax rate stable.

Councilor Smithgall started the discussion on salaries with the Code Enforcement Officer. He feels he does an

excellent job and that he should get more than he asked for. He feels he should get \$45,000.00 instead of the \$44,000.00 that was requested. He feels that he should also have a vehicle to drive. As the Highway Department is going to be ordering a new truck he wants the Code Enforcement Officer to get the pick up truck from the Highway Department instead of selling it at the municipal auction as has been done in the past. Budget Officer Chartrand stated that several different items would have to be changed because this was not included in the tentative budget. Highway Superintendent Purcell was told that he could order his new pick up in November so that it will arrive quicker. They transferred \$12,000.00 to cover the vehicle; the estimate \$2200.00 for fuel charges.

When it came time to discuss the Highway Superintendent's salary he explained that he is doing more with less employees. He now has seven full time employees, 1 part-time employee and 2 seasonal employees who are paid hourly. He is on call 24/7. He deals with water and drainage complaints. They agreed to his salary increase.

There was a discussion on the salaries. All salaries are held at the 2013 level except for Richard Penhall and Tom Purcell.

There was a discussion on the workshop line. The amount budgeted is \$8,000.00. That would be enough for 4 individuals to attend the Association of Towns Conference. Town Clerk Christmas stated that she had budgeted to attend that conference for Tax Collector training as well as attending the NYS Town Clerk's Conference.

A line was added under Zoning (Z8010.4) for the truck the Code Enforcement Officer will use. Under Planning the name was changed from Master Plan to Zoning Rewrite. The \$10,000.00 was still left in the budget.

The estimated unexpended balance in the general fund to be carried forward is \$149,898.00.

Highway Superintendent Purcell and Budget Officer Chartrand went over the Highway Department budget. Highway Superintendent Purcell explained that he has budgeted to have the parking lot paved. He wanted to get it done when the new addition was done. It would be easier to maintain, there wouldn't be a drop off, it could slope out to the road. The estimated cost is \$40,000.00. The Town Board decided to take this out of the budget for this year.

There was a discussion on the machinery line. He budgeted \$68,000.00 for the final one-third of the plow truck. He also budgeted \$32,000.00 for a new pick up truck and \$100,000.00 for a 2015 plow truck. The cost of the last truck went up \$20,000.00 for emissions.

After the changes were made to the tentative budget that Town & Highway tax rate was \$2.14.

R-182-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to move the tentative budget to preliminary budget with the changes suggested. 4 yes (Dennis, Herlihy, LaFrenz, Marsh) 1 abstain (Smithgall) Motion carried.

R-183-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to hold a Public Hearing on October 7, 2013, at 7 p.m. to override the tax levy limit established in N.Y. General Municipal Law § 3. 4 yes (Dennis, Herlihy, LaFrenz, Marsh) 1 abstain (Smithgall) Motion carried.

R-184-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Marsh to hold a Public Hearing on November 6, 2013, at 7 p.m. to consider the adoption of the 2014 General & Highway Budget, Special Districts and SOTS budget. 4 yes (Dennis, Herlihy, LaFrenz, Marsh) 1 abstain (Smithgall) Motion carried.

R-185-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Marsh to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk