

Supervisor William Weber called a regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Weber then took a moment of reflection on the passing of Richard Conley. He will be remembered and sadly missed.

Present were: Supervisor William Weber; Councilman Nancy Cole; Councilman Richard Musso; Councilman Mark Illig; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Patricio Jimenez; Bookkeeper Joyce Apenowich; and Town Clerk Erica Giambra.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber announced the bank balance in the General fund is \$76,582.00, Highway fund 71,231.00 and the balance in the Water fund is \$263,347.00.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to make the following Water District transfer: From Account SW8389.4 to Account SW8340.41 in the amount of \$2,200.00. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Illig to pay General Bills in the amount of \$52,384.59 being vouchers No. 15-15 to No. 15-37. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$31,776.96 being vouchers No. 15-13 to No. 15-32. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$24,751.26 being vouchers No. 15-07 to No. 15-16. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Illig to place the Water Department, Municipal Services, Dog Control Officer and Justice report on file. All in favor. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Gibson announced in his report they have been busy plowing and sanding, including hauling in sand. They installed new tires on the Excavator. The Highway Department is now registered with the State to buy surplus equipment from the Government. Rates are \$50 per \$1000 on used equipment and 10% of the value of new equipment. Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve a \$10,000.00 spending limit for Highway Supt Gibson and at least one Board member to go and look/purchase such equipment. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

In the Supervisor report, Supervisor Weber announced that Bookkeeper Apenowich will be resigning and introduced the newly appointed Bookkeeper Becca Kirsch. Much gratitude and well wishes were extended to Bookkeeper Apenowich as well as a warm welcome and congratulations to Bookkeeper Kirsch. Bookkeeper Kirsch will be ongoing training with no set time table for the overall complete transition to occur.

At 7:30 PM Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to recess the regular meeting and to open a public hearing on the revised Town Zoning Law incorporating the new sign law regulations. All in favor. Carried.

Clerk Giambra read the public notice advertised:

TOWN OF PULTENEY PUBLIC NOTICE OF Filing of the Proposed Revised Town Zoning Law with the Town of Pulteney Clerk's Office at 9226 County Route 74, Pulteney, NY.

The Proposed Town Zoning Law will be available for review by the public until February 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM, at which time there will be a Public Hearing.

Persons wishing to appear at the hearing may do so.

Date of Notice: January 20, 2015

Erica Giambra

Town Clerk

Supervisor Weber read over the regulations and provisions regarding the rights of way, sign size, and Code Enforcement Officer, among other key changes. Supervisor Weber asked for any public questions or comments in which there were none. The Board suggested the Town provide the Zoning Law incorporating the sign provisions to all business owners. It was mentioned that there are 50 businesses within the Town limits and is important to make them aware and have a reference. Once officially approved from the Secretary of State it will be available on the Pulteney Town website along with CEO Welch designing a postcard or notice to businesses.

Councilman Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve the revised Town Zoning Law incorporating the new sign law regulations and have Clerk Giambra send the new Law to the Secretary of State for official adoption. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Cole announced that Rob Gauchat will be coming in March now due to new incentives on a State level and other updates that are occurring, to speak at the Board meeting regarding solar energy and panels. He will be coming into Town prior to the Board meeting to take a tour and make an assessment of the Town and possibilities regarding solar power. Board members and interested community members are welcome to join on the tour.

Under old business, Attorney Jimenez reported he is expecting the parties to sign a stipulation of settlement in the next week. He will then be able to present a formal final proposal regarding qualified abandonment and a stipulation of settlement to the Board at the March meeting. A Resolution of qualified abandonment would then be proposed for approval, if in fact this all occurs, the lawsuit should hopefully be wrapped up in April.

The sale of the gravel pit will need to be discussed in an executive session due to legal real estate matters.

Supervisor Weber discussed the status of the recently installed security system that was brought to the Board's attention at the December Board meeting. There still has been no progress regarding the necessary repairs that need to be completed for the system to work satisfactorily. Attorney Jimenez is authorized to write a letter regarding the insufficiencies and the need to communicate with the installer in order to resolve this

situation. With any luck we will have some form of a resolution to the situation by the March Board meeting. If still not resolved at that time other options will be deemed necessary.

Supervisor Weber briefly discussed the shared services plan for the County. There are expected projected savings and the ability of shared equipment still being discussed. Supervisor Weber will keep everyone informed on updates.

Under new business, Supervisor Weber announced there were two interested applicants for the Town Historian position, Deb Bronzetti Ford and Ray Emery. Deb withdrew her application therefore Ray Emery is up for possible appointment. Along with Sharon Daggett and Fred Holly's assistance Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve Ray's appointment as Town Historian. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Supervisor Weber announced that the Town Board needs to approve the following contracts for the year 2015: Mowing, Dog Boarding, Court Security, and Library. Supervisor Weber described all contracts and noted they are the same as the past years and they are efficient working systems in place.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to approve and sign the mowing contract with Don Strzepek. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve and sign the dog shelter contract with Betty Walden. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve and sign the Court Security contract with Andy Moesch. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to approve and sign the Pulteney Free Library Association contract with President Alise Irwin. President Irwin asked the Board to approve the contract however delete paragraph 12 from the previous 2014 contract due to redundancy. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Paul Schnipelsky reported that the land for the proposed new Library has been surveyed and described the potential layout of the property. The next steps include an architect in the next few weeks to provide the necessary documents to the Board. The Board would then need to make conveyance of property (along with public notice of doing so) and a Resolution regarding tenants in common owners. The Town Board would then hand over to the Planning Board for subdivision and a public hearing at a future Planning Board meeting. More updates to come at the March Board meeting.

Under public comments and concerns, Highway Supt Gibson wanted to express a thank you to Councilman Illig for taking the time to tour the Highway Department and see the daily functions and duties. All interested community members are welcome to do the same at any time. Councilman Burns mentioned that there is an upcoming resume

workshop at the Pulteney Free Library in the Town Hall meeting room on February 19 and March 5 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Presenter Lynn Paige, from CSS Workforce New York, will focus on creating an effective resume, letter writing including how to write letters that capture attention, customizing your job application and how to answer the difficult questions on a job application. Deb Bronzetti Ford announced that February 12, 2015 is the 207th Birthday of the Town of Pulteney. Also, Deb offered and had a previous discussion with the newly appointed Ray Emery that she would assist him on projects and keeping the history of the Town alive. Thank you Deb!

Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Illig to recess the regular meeting and go into a closed executive session to discuss the sale of the gravel pit situation. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to make a **Resolution** that the Town Attorney is authorized to correspond with the Attorney of the other prospective buyer and advise of any desires to get out of the purchase offer previously made and advise the client of the terms and conditions of the sale and bidding of the Town gravel pit. The Town Attorney is also authorized to provide Clerk Giambra the exact wording of Notice Of Sale and Clerk Giambra is authorized to publish the Notice in The Corning Leader and Democrat and Chronicle. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Councilman Cole, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Supervisor Weber to also publish the Notice of Sale on the Town website. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Town Clerk