

Supervisor William Weber called a regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Weber then took a moment of reflection on the passing of Lucille Erway. She 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; Bookkeeper Joyce Apenowich; Bookkeeper Becca Kirch and Town Clerk Erica Giambra. Absent was Attorney Patricio Jimenez.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber announced and explained the General, Water District, and Highway Profit & Loss Statements and Balance Sheet Statements.

Supervisor Weber announced that there were no transfers to be made at this time.

Councilman Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to pay General Bills in the amount of \$390.00 being voucher No. 15-60, in the amount of \$347.78 being vouchers No. 15-61 to No. 15-62 and in the amount of \$6,197.27 being vouchers No. 15-63 to No. 15-79. Roll call vote: Councilman Cole, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Cole made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$66,656.48 being vouchers No. 15-59 to No. 15-85. Roll call vote: Councilman Cole, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$1,844.55 being voucher No. 15-19 and in the amount of \$2458.74 being vouchers No. 15-20 to No. 15-26. Roll call vote: Councilman Cole, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

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

Municipal Services Manager Lauren Welch commented that this month has been very busy in regards to building applications and construction.

Water Operator Chuck Dluzak mentioned that the Water District has an extensive and much needed repair coming up in the next week or so near White Top on the West Lake Road. The area has been dug up twice before and a clamp has been placed to attempt to manage the leak, however this method is no longer working or acceptable. Contractors from Albany and Penn Yan will be assisting in the repairs of the leak.

Highway Superintendent Gibson announced in his report they have been busy sanding, including hauling in sand, and has 200 ton of salt coming. They had some equipment repairs and equipment is ready to use for work in the spring. They assisted the County with opening up various culverts that were flooding the roads. The Highway Department attended the Southern Tier Leadership Conference at Corning Community College, in which they gathered useful information regarding road maintenance. The Department was awarded a winter damage fund in the amount of \$18,988, in which that money will be used for purchasing gravel in the future. They did not however get an

increase in the CHIPS funding. Next month Highway Supt Gibson will announce which roads they will be working on this upcoming year.

In a report for the Planning Board, Chairman and Highway Supt Gibson announced they recently received notice that an applicant rescinded her Special Use Permit application. Also, the Planning Board will need to review definitions and revisit the Local Laws.

In the Supervisor report, Supervisor Weber announced that it is getting that time in which we will need to get estimates in regards to placing an air conditioning unit in the Judge's Chambers, which was approved by the Board in late fall. He will report the estimates at the Board Meeting in May.

Under Council reports, Councilman Musso suggested the Highway Department look into purchasing a mini excavator/backhoe. Councilman Cole had questions regarding the new Sign Law incorporated into the Town Zoning Law. It was reported that the Law has taken effect and is officially filed with the New York Department of State. Business owners and community members have until October 1, 2015, to comply with the terms of the Zoning Law or they will be considered in violation. The Zoning Law is posted on the Town website and Municipal Services Manager Welch announced he is in the process of sending business owners letters informing them of the changes and updates.

Under old business, although Atty. Jimenez could not attend the Board Meeting he spoke with and provided Supervisor Weber with an updated report. In the report, Atty. Jimenez explains that Mr. and Mrs. Gamba have executed the stipulation of settlement and it has been forwarded to him for his signature. He updated Judge Furfure's secretary on the status of the stipulation. A public hearing will need to be scheduled for the Board Meeting in May and a notice published. Councilman Burns made a motion seconded by Councilman Illig to hold a public hearing at 7:30pm on May 13, 2015, regarding the qualified abandonment of an area that is in the Town limits and to allow Clerk Giambra to publish a notice stating so. Roll call vote: Councilman Cole, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Illig, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Weber, yes. Carried.

Regarding the inefficient security system, Supervisor Weber reported for Attorney Jimenez that a letter was prepared and sent to the contractor advising him he is in breach of the contract for the installation of the Town Hall/Town Court security system and that he should advise Atty. Jimenez of when the Town can expect him to complete the project, or if not, that he will be unable to complete the project. Due to several failed attempts to contact the contractor, Councilman Illig made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to issue the contract null and void and to research other firms. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber announced that the Town is on the agenda at the Planning Board meeting April 13, 2015, to simply review the Town of Pulteney proposed subdivision application for the potential new Library site. If accepted, a hearing will be scheduled for the Planning Board meeting May 11, 2015.

The sale of the gravel pit is currently on hold. Supervisor Weber handed out a DEC inspection report of the property, in which it states the site appears to be in full compliance. They appraisal amount of the property is set at \$134,000, and that is what the Town will expect and want to receive in order to sell the gravel pit. The Town will

look to see if there are other legal factors that need to be addressed to be able to get the full price of the land. Stay tuned for further updates.

Supervisor Weber announced that he has been in touch with Solar Liberty and currently we would need 3rd party financing to be able to facilitate an agreement. Also, based on kilowatts they cannot handle a system our size. Negotiations and potential outcomes are still being reviewed and will be on the agenda again at the May 13, 2015 meeting.

Supervisor Weber reported that the Municipal Power Contract is in place. The contract switched the supplier from America Power to Constellation Energy. It is believed this switch is a good opportunity to save money based on kilowatt usage.

Under new business, Supervisor Weber announced the Steuben County Office of Emergency Management has set up training sessions on April 9th at 5:30pm at the Gang Mills Fire Department, and also on April 15th at 5:30pm at the Hornell High School. The training is intended for those with a role in emergency management or disaster response in New York State. A handout is available for more information.

Supervisor Weber reported we received information regarding a trail running event called the Twisted Branch Trail run. It will take place August 29, 2015. The marathon will begin at the Ontario County Park in Naples at the Finger Lakes Trail Head and finish at the Hammondsport Central School. Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Cole to allow Supervisor Weber to write a letter approving the marathon to run through the Town of Pulteney. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Weber received a notice from the Homeland Security and Emergency Services, in which it has training programs and resources regarding disaster and emergency services. Supervisor Weber will look into the program more and contact individuals to see if it would be beneficial to participate in both this and the county program offered or if there is a need to only be actively involved in one program.

Under public comments and concerns, Alise Irwin wanted to thank the Town Officials for their support in the ongoing efforts of a potential new library site. Also, she wondered if the Twisted Trail Branch run was named after the Native Americans use of tree branches to locate water/lakes near by? Supervisor Weber stated he would address this question in his letter approving the run to go through the Town.

Supervisor Weber announced there will not be an executive session and all that remained on the agenda is to perform a quarterly financial review/audit that the public is welcome to stay for. At this time Supervisor Weber also announced that the Bookkeeper training has been going very well and Bookkeeper Apenowich will be leaving the position in two weeks. Well wishes and much gratitude is extended to Bookkeeper Apenowich, with again a warm welcome to Bookkeeper Kirch.

The quarterly audit was performed and deemed acceptable at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Town Clerk

