

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Pompey Town Board held its Regular Monthly Meeting on July 2, 2018, at the Pompey Hill Fire House. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy, Giovanni LaFace and Sheila Larkin; Town Attorney Jeff Brown; Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Purcell who was out inspecting the roads after the thunderstorms that went thru the area.

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for our service men and women and also for long time resident James Mason who recently passed away.

The Supervisor's report was submitted and reviewed. It had been a good month for Town Clerk fees; Justice Court fines still remain below the budgeted amount; swim registrations are up slightly; franchisee fees are up. The Highway Fund includes \$8,338.00 for the sale of the pick up truck and that can be moved to surplus. Abstract No. 6 is for workers comp.

R-94-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to approve the following transfers:

GENERAL FUND

From:	A1110.4	Justices	Contractual	\$1,100.00
	A1991.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$12,600.00
	A7520.2	Historical Properties	Equipment	\$7,000.00
	A9040.8	Employee Benefits	Workers Compensation	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
			Total	\$26,200.00
To:	A1110.1	Justices	Personal Services	\$1,000.00
	A1110.2	Justices	Equipment	\$100.00
	A1989.4	Workshops	Contractual	\$3,000.00
	A8010.1	Zoning	Personal Services	\$20,000.00
	A8090.4	Environmental	Contractual	\$2,000.00
	A9060.8	Employee Benefits	Hospital	<u>\$100.00</u>
			Total	\$26,200.00

SPECIAL SEWER DISTRICT FUND

From:	SS599	Appropriated Surplus		\$2,000.00
To:	SS8123.4	Spruce Ridge-Sewer	Contractual	\$710.00
	SS8126.4	Arbutus Park Ph 1-Sewers	Contractual	\$1,258.00
	SS8127.4	Arbutus Park Ph 3-Sewers	Contractual	<u>\$32.00</u>
			Total	\$2,000.00

SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND

From:	SD599	Appropriated Surplus	Fund Balance	\$10,000.00
To:	SD8123.4	Spruce Ridge-Drainage	Contractual	\$10,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-95-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract for telephone and internet service with Spectrum. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Councilor Dennis reported that he had contacted NYS Dept. of Transportation and spoke with Jeff Church. They came out and cut the brush down to the guard rail height. It needs to be cut down to the ground level. He will keep after the state to clean up all the brush.

Councilor LaFace reported that mailboxes in his neighborhood had been smashed over the weekend. He would like to have a police presence in the northeastern part of town. Supervisor Marsh will speak to the County Sheriff about patrolling that area and will also speak to the Manlius Police Department.

Councilor Larkin reported that she had spoken to two contractors about renovating the Town Hall meeting room to make the bench area into a semi-circle. This would be part of the JCAP grant. That grant is fully funded and wouldn't cost the town any money. The cords in the back corner of the room will be removed. The Sheriff will come and remove their equipment. She proposes moving the maps into the Code Enforcement Officers' office.

Town Justices Amond and Cognetti spoke to the Town Board. Justice Cognetti informed the Town Board that Justice Amond is doing a great job and it is a joy having him as the other Town Justice. Justice Amond reported that he was appointed in March and took his training in April. He started his court rotation on May 8th. He has completed his 5th District Mentorship and Town Justice Cognetti has been a great assistance to him. He is also participating in the night arraignments held in Syracuse. They have reorganized their office so that two staff employees can work at same time and thanked Town Clerk Christmas and her deputy for their help. They appreciate the work that Councilor Larkin has done for the JCAP grant. There is one thing that he hears about the Pompey Town Court: it is difficult to leave messages and receive calls back. Communication is a big problem and a burden on their "law clerks". He handed out a proposal to the Town Board for Town Clerk Christmas and her staff to help out by answering phone calls and opening the mail. Supervisor Marsh asked if they split the allotted \$3,000 would their "law clerks" consider answering the phone calls and open the mail. They wouldn't be interested in this as it is a time commitment. They feel it would be a benefit to have current town hall staff take care of this. Councilor Larkin asked if this would be a conflict of interest for the Town Clerk. Judge Amond doesn't feel that it would be as it is only administrative work to be done. Supervisor Marsh asked if in the future there could be one clerk who would work part-time to handle the "law clerk" and "administrative clerk" functions. They didn't feel that would work as each judge has a different style. Bookkeeper Chartrand commented that the correct title is Clerk to Town Justice and not "law clerk". Each judge by law appoints their own clerk. Supervisor Marsh thanked for Judge Amond and Judge Cognetti.

Mr. Ed Saleh, a new resident who lives on Sweet Road just outside the Hamlet of Pompey Hill, was present and voiced his concerns about the fireworks that were set off by the Pompey Hill Fire Department during their Field Days. The noise from the fireworks spooked his rescue horses. Rescue horses are edgy to begin with. It was suggested that they move them when the Field Days are held next year. Two of the four horses are severely injured. They had to place an emergency call to their vet the next day to sedate the horses. He would like to have a dialog to avoid this in the future. Councilor Dennis informed Mr. Saleh that the Town and Fire Department are two separate entities and that the Town Board has nothing to do with the fireworks. He needs to speak to the Fire Department about this. Fire

Chief Lelakowski was in attendance and informed him that the Field Days are a longstanding annual event and people look forward to the fireworks. The Field Days are the biggest fundraiser for the fire department. They are not sure that they can move the location of where the fireworks are set off as there isn't that much extra space in the lot. Supervisor Marsh will call Cornell to see if they have any ideas.

R-96-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to approve the bank reconciliations and monthly reports of the Town Clerk and Supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-97-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to approve the payment of all bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Zach Nicholas from the Pompey Hill Fire Department had a number of questions about the letter that went out concerning the location of the propane tanks and length of the driveways in the town. They were blindsided by the letter. They have some of the information in their files that the Town is looking for. They questioned who the Town contacted at 911 because 911 has informed them that they aren't aware of what the Town is doing. Any information sent to 911 has to come from the Fire Department. The Town Board was questioned on why was this being done. Councilor Herlihy stated it was because of a house fire on Watervale Road where the family waited 40 minutes for the propane to be turned off. Chiefs Lelakowski and Nicholas both responded that the house was fully engulfed when they arrived. They questioned if this process has started yet. Everyone was in agreement that they want to do what they can to protect the residents of the town.

R-98-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and the employment history of two particular employees. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-99-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to return to Regular Session at 8:58 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-100-18 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Herlihy that pursuant to Town Law § 268, the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to pursue an action against Hunter Springs Landscape Co. to prevent the company's continued unlawful use of land for its hardscape/landscape business in violation of the Zoning Code of the Town. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-101-18 Motion by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis to appoint Ann Christmas a stipend in the amount of \$250.00 per month to be the Administrative Clerk for the Town Justice Court for the balance of the calendar year subject to sign off by the Town Attorney after checking with the Court system. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-102-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace that the court audit has been concluded for the past three years of Justice Ali's records. The balance left in Justice Ali's bank account will be submitted to the NYS Justice Court Fund pursuant to Attorney Brown's review. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-103-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by LaFace to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk