Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present were Lisa Brenon, Rusty VanTassel, Kenneth Hart and Ricky VanTassel. Engineer John Condino, Attorney Bill Buchan, and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call was absent.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting and the July 24, 2023 special meeting were approved on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to approve the following Budget Appropriations. All voted aye; carried.

General Fund

From: Contingency A1990.4	- $508
To: A1910.4	+ 508
From: Contingency A1990.4	- 112
To: A1940.4	+ 112
From: Contingency A1940.4	- 300
To: A8160.4	+ 300

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Ken Hart to amend the July 10, 2023 Capital Fund total from $754,804.67 to $742,258.67 to remove vouchers not yet approved by EFC. All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen reported that at the Route 3 Sewer Board meeting a preliminary fixed rate increase for Sewer Districts #2 and #8 will be from $289 to $295, and the variable rate will change from $248 to $252.

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that Attorney Bill Buchan presented and reviewed a Solar Law to the Planning Board. Scott stated that there is potentially some wording that needs to added in for battery protection.

Bill Buchan stated it is up to the Town Board whether to regulate battery storage or if it's too dangerous to consider. He said the question is whether they can be made safe.

After a discussion, Engineer John Condino suggested getting the Solar Law in place as soon as possible.

Attorney Buchan stated that the Solar Law is ready to go, and they can work on the battery storage component to add.

John Condino stated that the Solar Law must go through the County Planning Board for a 239 review first.

Scott Allen made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to schedule a Public Hearing in regards to a Local Law to regulate Solar Energy Facilities in the Town, for September 11, 2023 at 7:15 p.m., and to send the Solar Law to the County for a 239 review. All voted aye; carried.

Bill Buchan will draft the Public Hearing notice.

Bill will email the Battery Law that he has drafted to the Town Clerk so that the Town Board members can review it.

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that he has the Standard Operating Procedure from the Development Authority for the Town of Pamelia Water and Sewer Connections Information and Instructions for Property Owners and Contractors.

He stated he will have to make a couple of changes because the Town also has out of district users now and he would like to add that in. Also, the costs that users should be charged for different size connections does not have tracer wire and marking tape.

Barton & Loguidice

Engineer John Condino updated the Board on the progress of the Water Project. He stated that the west side of the project area is complete except the NYS Route 81 and NYS Route 781 crossings. The electrical has been installed at Route 12, Valley View Dr. and Hinds Road. Testing will be performed shortly. Also, NYS Route 342 replacement has been completed and approximately 50% of Route 37 south replacement completed.

Upcoming work includes continue replacement along Route 37 heading south from intersection of NYS Route 342 and replacement along US Route 11, Rock excavation on two sections of Route 37 and NYS Route 81 and Route 781 directional drills.

John Condino stated that B&L has completed design of improvements at the County Sewer Pump Station for the Love's Truck Stop.

John also reported that B&L has begun working on evaluation for the Route 12 Sewer EPG.

Public Comments

Resident Gary Mack stated that he has been approached by National Grid to install new towers that will cross his front yard as well as other residents.

He is concerned that this will have an effect on property values and just wanted the Town to be aware of it.

Executive Session

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to enter into executive session for a pending litigation at 7:50 p.m. All voted aye; carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m. on a motion made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that there was no voting or finalization on the pending litigation during the executive session.

The Town Board had questions on a bill that was submitted for payment for truck repair. They want to make sure that the Town is being billed at the County rate, and also the bill had sales tax charged, which the Town is exempt.

They also questioned the replacement of the transmission on the truck, as they don't feel that the truck was towed because of the transmission.

Scott Allen will look further into the two bills.

Payment of the Bills

Ricky VanTassel made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $45,479.46 No. 144 - 165, Highway Fund bills totaling $49,214.67. No. 103 – 109. Two bills from CNY LLL Corp for $17,904.03 and Roadside Warriors for $486.00 were not approved for payment, Special District Fund bills totaling $145,148.30 No. 83 - 93, Capital Fund bills totaling $801,646.94 No. 36 – 48, which includes $19.070.28 for Water Main Replacement, $8,183.00 for Sewer 10 and $12,400 for Sewer 9, and Trust and Agency bills totaling $9,840.63 No. 13, and Love's Escrow Account totaling $3,140.00. All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen stated that there will be a Public Hearing on Solar Laws on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. The Town Clerk will advertise the Notice.

Walt VanTassel asked what the owners are doing working on the Hotis Mote without a building permit. Scott Allen stated that the County is allowing them to do some clean up but nothing else until the site plan is presented. Scott stated that they are hiring an engineering firm to put that together to present to the Planning Board.

Walt stated that the owners are not securing the building every night.
Scott Allen will talk to the County concerning this.

Ken Hart asked about the status of the Rainbow Motel. Scott Allen reported that the site review has been done by the County, and has sent a registered letter to the owner. He has not received a response yet.

Walt VanTassel stated that the Rasmussen property on Rt 11 is just as bad as before when a cleanup was done, and also the two properties on the Bush Road that were previously talked about.

After a discussion, the Town Board decided to send letters to those three property owners.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

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Town Clerk
August 14, 2023