Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present were Timothy Kelly, Kenneth Hart, Grace Pruitt and Lisa Brenon. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Code Enforcement Officer Walt VanTassel and Supervisor's Clerk Annie Snyder were also present. Attorney Dave Renzi was absent.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the November 11, 2019 regular meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Lisa Brenon. All voted aye; carried.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 pm on a motion made by Tim Kelly and seconded by Ken Hart for a request of a zoning change on property located at 24650 Hinds Road. All voted aye; carried.

Pastor Myron James, PO Box 791 Fort Drum, NY 13602, owner of River of Life Fellowship Church stated he has had a purchase offer on the property and the prospective buyer would like to open a small retail craft store. Mr. James is requesting a zoning change from R1 to AR or Commercial.

Supervisor Scott Allen asked the public for any comments for or against the request.

June Peterson, resident of Hinds Road stated she is concerned that if the new owner ever sold the property, then it could be sold to a Commercial business.

Stan Hajdasz, Nellis Road, questioned whether the Zoning Board of Appeals has to vote before the Town Board votes. Supervisor Allen stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals does not vote.

Ron Perciaccante, Hinds Road, stated that the Town Board should consider the geography of the road which is narrow, has no shoulders, and there are four hills on the road. He stated that there has been a 35 MPH speed limit for over 40 years and there has been a big increase in speeders on the road. Also, he stated that the property owners on Hinds Road purchased their property because it was a residential district. He would like the zoning to stay the same.

Nelson Schorr, 24679 Hinds Road lives on the corner of Hinds Road and Rt. 37 which is directly across from the church. He stated he purchased the home because of the location and would like the zoning to stay the same.

Reverend James stated that there would not be as much traffic than if the Church moved back in because of the size of the congregation.

Walt VanTassel, 25497 Rt. 37, Town of Pamelia Zoning Officer, stated that the property would not have to be zoned Commercial, but can be AR which would limit the type of business.

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that it has always been zoned R1 and is concerned that if you change zoning for one area then others would expect the same. He also stated that there are very little R1 or R2 districts in the Town.

Merrill Shoen, 15839 Hinds Road, stated that it has always been zoned residential, and has more traffic than it ever has. He would like it to stay the same.

Scott Allen asked if there were any more comments for or against.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:27 pm on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Tim Kelly. All voted aye; carried.

Councilman Ken Hart stated he is not in favor of the change, and that the Town Board should listen to the residents. Lisa Brenon and Grace Pruitt agree that it should stay R1.

The Town Board agreed to keep the property zoned as R1.

Assessing

Roxanne Burns, Director of the Jefferson County Real Property Tax Services was present and gave a brief update on the assessing for the Town for the year.

She stated that Alex was not able to attend because of his house fire.

Roxanne reported that they have worked 1,299.5 hours and Alex has added over $4,000,000 to the assessed value in the Town. Roxanne stated that the Town has $53,684 more in County tax.

Resident Carl Herman asked whether seniors have to sign up for the exemption again next year. Roxanne responded that if you signed up this year, you do not have to sign up again.

Roxanne presented the Board with a new contract for 2020 drawn up by the County Attorney. The contract price will be $19.40 per parcel, which she stated would be very similar to this year.

Grace Pruitt made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to sign the 2020 Contract for Assessment services with the County.

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to table the motion. Grace Pruitt and Lisa Brenon voted nay.

Scott Allen stated there is a motion with a second on the floor to approve the contract. Scott Allen voted aye; Lisa Brenon voted aye; Grace Pruitt voted aye; Tim Kelly voted nay; Ken Hart voted nay; carried.

Insurance

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that Trident Insurance notified the Town that there will be a 25 - 30 percent increase in premium.

Mike Gillette, agent for Fuller Insurance stated that the Town has been with Trident since 2003 and stated the price increase is partially due to a 70% loss ratio.

Mr Gillette presented a quote from Glatfelter Insurance. He reviewed the policy for the Board. A discussion followed.

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to sign the 2020 contract with Glatfelter Insurance. All voted aye; carried.

Public Comments

Michael Booth, Military Rd. resident requesting a speed reduction at the intersection of Rt. 12 and Military Rd. reported that he has distributed 100 signature cards. He stated he has had a good response and is moving forward with the request.

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that he has met with Attorney Bill Buchan, Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, and Mr. Patel concerning the Liberty Avenue parcel.

Mr. Patel is offering another option. He is requesting putting the driveway on the south side and the turnaround on the north side of the driveway. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call agreed to the change. Scott Allen will send a letter drafted by Attorney Bill Buchan to Mr. Patel with the changes.

Barton and Loguidice

John Condino reported that he has not heard yet from the WIA Grant, but is hopeful that there will be good news by the end of the month.

Also, they are in the initial stages of the sewer study.

Scott Allen reported that All Tech Communications, located next to the State Police barracks wants to connect to the municipal sewer.

Scott stated that they would be considered an out of district user. He stated they eventually want to build a new building.

Bradley Street Industrial Park

Scott Allen stated he has a request from Rick Gefell who will be building the road for a customer at the Purcell property. He would like a letter from the Town stating that the Town would dedicate the road as soon as possible when finished according to specifications.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Walt VanTassel questioned about issuing a building permit to UPS on the Purcell property before the road is constructed.

John Condino stated that Walt could not issue the Certificate of Occupancy until the road is dedicated to the Town.

Scott Allen made a motion and Tim Kelly seconded to allow issuance of a building permit to the developer of the UPS project and that a CO would be issued after the road is dedicated to the Town. All voted aye; carried.

Walt reported that a decision has not yet been made by the Surrogate Judge on the Military Road property because a neighbor would like to purchase the property for back taxes but would prefer it be cleaned up before he purchases it.

Correspondence

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Tim Kelly seconded to sign the 2020 contract with the Evans Mills Public Library for $500. All voted aye; carried.

Highway Superintendent

Bruce Call stated he would like the Board's approval to order the new plow truck to have by next September. The Plow Company would not honor the prior quote from a previous salesman, and there is a price increase of $9,000. He stated the order would have to be put in by December 15th before another price increase. A short discussion followed.

Grace Pruitt made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to allow the Highway Superintendent to purchase the plow truck with a Budget modification. Scott Allen voted aye; Tim Kelly and Ken Hart voted nay; carried.

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that there has been several residents compliment the Town for the upkeep of the roads this winter.

Reappointment

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Grace Pruitt seconded to reappoint Brian Kampnich to the Planning Board for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2020. All voted aye; carried.

Scott also stated that there is one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and one on the Board of Assessment Review.

A letter was received from Attorney Jim Burrows pertaining to the Doolittle well and unpaid amounts with the Town of Pamelia. Scott Allen read the letter aloud. A discussion followed.

Council person Grace Pruitt commented that Town Board members should not be talking to Town residents when there is an Attorney involved.

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Tim Kelly and seconded by Grace Pruitt to amend the November 11, 2019 General Fund total from $43,395.45 to $58,116.97 to add No. 210 and to subtract No 209. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Grace Pruitt seconded to approve the following 2019 budget appropriation. All voted aye; carried.

General Fund - Added Code B1420.4 - Legal

To: B1420.4	+	$400
From: B8020.4	-	400

Grace Pruitt made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to approve the following 2019 budget appropriations. All voted aye; carried.

Highway Fund

To: DA5130.4	+	$1,650
From: DA5130.2	-	1,650
To: DA5130.41	+	995
From: DA5140.4	-	995
To: DA9040.8	+	1,665
From: DA9010.8	-	1,665
To: DB9040.8	+	1,665
From: DB9060.8	-	1,665

Public Comments

Ricky VanTassel, Rt. 37 resident, requested a penalty be waived because he did not receive his August water bill.

Also, Scott Allen stated he received a call from a resident for high water usage for the last quarter and would like the Town to look at it. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call has went over several times to read the meter, which is working properly.

After a discussion, the Town Board decided the Town will not waive the penalty or dismiss the water usage.

Payment of the Bills

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $45,089.46 No. 211 – 236 which includes payment for the insurance premium, Highway Fund bills totaling $60,155.23 No. 176 - 193, Special Districts Fund bills totaling $91,546.72 No. 108 – 118 and Capital Fund bills totaling $6,037.09 No. 17 - 18. All voted aye; carried.

Supervisor Scott Allen thanked outgoing Councilman Tim Kelly for his sixteen years of serving on the Town Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m. on a motion made by Tim Kelly and seconded by Lisa Brenon. All voted aye; carried.

Gwen Call

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Town Clerk
December 9, 2019