Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, February 12, 2024 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, Ricky VanTassel, and Samantha Eves. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Engineers John Condino and Dustin Clark, and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Moment of Silence

Supervisor Scott Allen asked for a moment of silence for Council member Ken Hart who passed away Friday and also Susan Greenwood, who was a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Samantha Eves and seconded by Lisa Brenon. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

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

General Fund

To: A1380.4	+	$100	New Account added
From: A1990.4	-	100	

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Ricky VanTassel to amend the January 8, 2024 General Fund total from $51,491.05 to $52,406.74 for a replacement check for a lost check, an adjustment and a prepaid bill, and Special Districts Fund total from 18,756.34 to $18,923.21 for Verizon and Time Warner bills and National Grid adjustments. All voted aye; carried.

Barton & Loguidice

Engineer Dustin Clark updated the Board on the Water Project stating that 336 of 633 existing water meters have been replaced to date. NCC will continue water meter installations.

NYS Rt 37, US Rt 11, Valley View, DANC Control valve and Hinds Road vaults as well as the SCADA Tower have all been installed, and electrical has been installed at all valve vaults.

Dustin stated he will need Board approval to put Route 37 Replacement Project out to bid.

Lisa Brenon made a motion seconded by Ricky VanTassel giving authorization to release the Route 37 Replacement Project out to bid. All voted aye; carried.

Dustin reported that the Rt 37 Sewer Improvement Project was submitted for funding last year, but has no word yet on the award.

Dustin provided to the Board an Income Survey Proposal from G & G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing for the Rt 12 Sewer Project. G & G would draft the survey, conduct the survey mailing, door to door canvassing, and tabulate all survey returns. They will provide to the Town a findings summary, letter report and any other documentation required by funding agencies. The cost would be $3,990.00 plus postage.

There was a discussion on the process for the income surveys.

Scott Allen made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to allow the Supervisor to sign the proposal from G & G Municipal Consulting to do the Income Surveys. All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen reported that he has received a phone call from a resident on Rt 37 north of the troopers barracks about extending sewer to her property because her septic tank is failing and there is a lot of standing water in the back yard.

Scott also stated there were three grinder pump failures in December and three in January.

Engineer John Condino brought up the possibility of re-configuring the Sewer Repair Project to be more fund-able.

John asked about possibly having a work session to put together an area to include in a Project. Council members Samantha Eves and Lisa Brenon agreed.

Ricky VanTassel made a motion and Samantha Eves seconded to hold a Work Session on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm to discuss a possible Sewer Project, and to have the Town Clerk advertise the Work Session in the newspaper and on the bulletin board.

Text Messaging System

Supervisor Scott Allen stated he has talked to Kyle from Text My Gov about the text messaging system. Kyle stated he has also been working with the Town of LeRay for about a year and a half, and also the Jefferson County Board of Elections.

There was a discussion on updating the Zoning Laws and the proposed Town Website.

Snow and Ice Contract

Scott Allen provided the Board with an Agreement from Jefferson County whereas the County is in need of manpower, machinery, and equipment in connection with the maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of County Roads and Bridges and the removal of snow and ice from County Roads and Bridges.

Scott stated that the Town of Pamelia is one of only two Towns in Jefferson County that does not currently have a contract with Jefferson County.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Call stated it would include Patterson Road, Bush Road, County Rt 53, County Rt 16, Plaza Drive

Scott Allen feels that it would be in the best interest of the Town to work with the County. It would be increased revenue for the Town for snow plowing and mowing.

This five-year Agreement was approved in 2023, but Scott stated that the County will still allow the Town to enter into the Agreement.

After a discussion on the reimbursements, the Board decided to look at the Agreement and come back next month with a decision.

Public Comments

Town resident Gary Mills introduced himself to the Board and stated he is interested in filling the open position on the Town Board after the passing of Ken Hart.

Supervisor Scott Allen appreciated Gary coming forward, but stated it's too soon to appoint someone, and would like to accept other candidates for consideration before an appointment is made.

Resident Gary Mack was present and questioned if the Town has any part of overseeing the National Grid project. He is concerned about the new line that will be going across his property.

Scott Allen has attended meetings with National Grid. The high line will extend from the Town of LeRay all the way to Brownville. He stated that National Grid will be getting easements and right of ways, and roadways might be temporary or permanent.

Scott stated that there is nothing in the Town Ordinance that would prevent National Grid from doing this Project. Scott recommended that Gary discuss it with National Grid when they come back around in the spring.

Jason Stewart representing Northstar Salvage was present and would like to bring in a container for scrap metal.

Supervisor Allen stated that Kimco now provides the container, but is open to the change.

The Board stated they would like to allow Northstar Salvage to bring their container for scrap metal.

Ricky VanTassel made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to send a letter to Kimco stating their services are no longer needed, but may still use the parking lot to drop their trailers, and to allow Northstar Salvage to bring their container for scrap metal. Scott Allen voted aye, Samantha Eves abstained; carried.

Scott Allen asked the Board why they have not agreed to pay the towing bill for towing the Town truck, as the Tow Company did nothing wrong, stating that Stadium International said that there was a malfunction in the transmission. A discussion followed.

Payment of the Bills

Samantha Eves made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $20,038.63 No. 22 - 43, Highway Fund bills totaling $46,972.69 No. 14 - 36, Special District Fund bills totaling $196,820.54 No. 13 - 26, and Capital Fund bills totaling $940,133.28 including Water Tower for $896,284.53, Water Main Replacement for $29,448.75 and Sewer 9 for $14,400.00 No. 2 - 4, Trust and Agency bills totaling $8,934.19 No. 3, and Love's Escrow bill for $32,374.75 All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen stated that there will be a Work Session on February 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm and the regular meeting will be March 11, 2024.

Ricky VanTassel asked if someone was taking down the Rainbow Motel. Scott Allen reported that the owner is taking the building down and cleaning up the property.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. on a motion made by Samantha Eves and seconded by Ricky VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

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Call

Town Clerk
February12, 2024