Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Lisa Brenon, Kenneth Hart, Rusty VanTassel, and Ricky VanTassel. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Engineer Dustin Clark and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present. Attorney Bill Buchan entered at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations – 2023

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

General Fund

To: A1910.4	+ $940
From: A1990.4	- 940

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Ken Hart and seconded by Ricky VanTassel to amend the January 9, 2023 General Fund total from $55,739.39 to $55,797.39 for the increase in the Bailiffs pay which was approved at the January meeting. All voted aye; carried.

Resolution #9

Ken Hart offered Resolution #9 and Rusty VanTassel seconded authorizing petty cash of $50 for the Town Clerk, $50 for Special Districts, $100 for the Tax Collector and $100 for the Justice Court. All voted aye; adopted.

Liberty Ave Turnaround

Engineer Scott Weston was present and presented to the Town Board a letter from Dinesh Patel stating the turnaround is completed according to required specifications and is now requesting dedication of the road on Liberty Ave, parcel #64.17-1-48.

Attorney Bill Buchan asked if there was a description, survey and deed for the property. Scott Weston provided the survey and Attorney Buchan stated he will prepare the deed.

Resolution #10

Lisa Brenon offered Resolution #10 and Ken Hart seconded for the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia accepting deed conveying of real property on Liberty Avenue for a snowplow and school bus turnaround. All voted aye; adopted.

Water System Leaks

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that there were major leaks over the weekend. All were taken care of as of 3:00 this afternoon, but another leak was reported at 5:30 this evening. Scott reported that they have been trying to maintain water and pressure for everyone. Some residents on Rt 37 still have low pressure. He stated that the contractor will be on site tonight.

Scott Allen stated that the Town has lost 4,000,000 gallons of water in the last few days. Scott also stated that some of the valves are not closing and it has been difficult troubleshooting. Upstate Leak is on Long Island at this time, therefore, Carthage and Brownville have assisted the Town with detection equipment, and also North Country Contractors and Barton & Loguidice have assisted the Town.

Building and Fire Code

Attorney Bill Buchan stated that New York State has updated the Building and Fire Code, which the Town adopts the current version of the Code.

Bill stated that the Town can adopt a Local Law which Bill will draft.

Scott Allen stated that Bill Buchan will draft the Local Law for the March meeting. The Town Clerk will schedule a Public Hearing for April and the Town Board will then vote to adopt the Local Law.

Barton & Loguidice

Engineer Dustin Clark reported that they are pushing the contractors to resume work on the Water Project. He stated that the CSX crossing has been completed near Plank Rd. and Rt. 11 and has been tied it.

He discussed with the Town Board about the valves that are not closing. Scott Allen stated that these valves and hydrants are now being exercised.

Sewer Improvement Project – Rt 37; has been submitted for funding.

Love's Truck Stop – Work is still going on at the County sewer pump station transfer and work on the water and sewer utilities is being coordinated.

Dustin reported on the Rt 12 Sewer Project. He stated that the Town was awarded Engineering Planning Grant. Further grant actions are being worked on.

Dustin also presented a Term Services Agreement for Professional Services between the Town of Pamelia and Barton & Loguidice. The total compensation for services and reimbursable expenses shall not exceed $27,000. This Agreement allows Barton & Loguidice to bill for time for the Planning Board, etc. that is not in escrow and not a part of the Water Project.

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to approve the Term Agreement for Professional Services between the Town of Pamelia and Barton & Loguidice. All voted aye; carried.

Dustin Clark explained about the WIIA Grant which is Water Infrastructure Grant of 60% grant and 40% match up to $5,000,000. He stated that there is money available if the Town is interested. The Board discussed areas in the Town that could use water lines replaced.

Public Comments

Howard O'Brien, from the Pamelia Fire Department questioned if there is a necessity for the Fire Departments to go to a secondary water source for the near future in case of a fire, because of the issues with the water lines. Scott Allen stated he doesn't think that is necessary.

Howard O'Brien also stated that the Chiefs of the three neighboring Fire Departments have talked and they are in need of turnout gear which need to be replaced. New York State requires them to be updated every 10 years. He is requesting help from the Town for five sets at this time at a cost of $5,248.34 each for each of the three departments.

There was a lengthy discussion on the replacement of the gear. Scott Allen stated that this was not budgeted and the Board needs time to make sure they are making the right decisions.

Estella Hart asked if adopting the Local Law for the Building and Fire Codes is a necessity or a formality.

Attorney Bill Buchan responded that the Town follows the State Code.

Lisa Brenon asked why the Public Hearing is needed. Supervisor Allen stated it is because it's a change of a Local Law.

Highway Superintendent reported back in that the broken water line has now been fixed.

Lisa Brenon stated she would like to make our Town website active. Scott Allen stated he will have Matt Turcotte send a new link so Board members can review it to make sure everything looks accurate.

Also, the Board decided to check with

Payment of the Bills

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $29,547.18 No. 21 - 39, Highway Fund bills totaling $46,284.53 No. 17 - 32, Special District Fund bills totaling $68,228.71 No. 8 - 17, and Capital Fund bills totaling $125,104.41 No. 4, Trust and Agency bills totaling $9,840.63 No. 2, and Love's Escrow bill for $3,728.50. All voted aye; carried.

Supervisor Scott Allen asked if anyone on the Board wanted to attend the Tug Hill Commission training sessions. Ricky VanTassel stated he will let Scott know soon.

There was a discussion on the requirements for training for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Scott Allen stated they are required to have four hours of training per year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. on a motion made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ken Hart. All voted aye; carried.

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Town Clerk
February13, 2023