Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Grace Pruitt, Kenneth Hart, Lisa Brenon, and Rusty VanTassel. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Walt VanTassel, Engineer John Condino, Attorney Bill Buchan and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting and the January 25, 2021 special meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ken Hart. All voted aye; carried.

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Rusty VanTassel to amend the January 11, 2021 Special Districts Fund total from $50,894.98 to $50,987.93 to include No. 9, and to amend the Highway Fund total from $6,750.90 to $6,586.21 to subtract late charge from No.16. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

A motion was made by Grace Pruitt and seconded by Lisa Brenon to approve the following budget appropriation. Scott Allen voted aye; carried.

Highway		
From: Fund Account Balance	-	$ 221,213.94
To: DA5130.2	+	221,213.94

Correspondence

Supervisor Allen stated that the Northpole Fire Company passed a resolution to provide members of volunteer firefighters be covered under Firefighters Benefit Law when rendering assistance outside of their area. He recommends the Town should also pass a resolution.

Resolution #6

Rusty VanTassel offered Resolution #6 and Ken Hart seconded to provide members of the Northpole Fire Company, Inc., Pamelia Volunteer Fire Department and Glen Park Village Fire Department coverage under the "Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law (VFBL) as provided by General Municipal Law #209-I (1-B) when they render assistance at any scene outside of their home "Fire Protection Area". The intent of this resolution is to provide coverage under the VFBL even in cases where circumstances don't allow the member to obtain authorization from the Incident Commander prior to rendering assistance.

Roll call vote as follows: Scott Allen, aye; Kenneth Hart, aye; Rusty VanTassel, aye; Grace Pruitt, aye; Lisa Brenon, aye; adopted.

Solar Decommissioning Plan

OYA Solar, which has two solar projects in the Town, has brought to the Planning Board's attention that the Town should create a Decommissioning Plan which would include posting a Bond to cover costs to restore a Project Location into a clean and safe location for future uses, after the end of the life of the solar project.

After Attorney Bill Buchan explained the Decommissioning Plan, he suggested setting the Bond amount, submit the Bond to the Town for legal advice, and get Board approval.

John Condino explained NYSERDA guidelines for estimated costs of decommissioning, which is approximately $49,450 per MW system.

Walt VanTassel stated that OYA Solar is anticipating the Bond.

Resolution #7

Rusty VanTassel offered Resolution #7 and Ken Hart seconded to set a Bond amount of $49,450 per MW system on the DC side for a Decommissioning Plan for solar projects in the Town. All voted aye; carried.

John Condino reported that at the Special Meeting, they discussed the increased costs of the Water Project and that the Bond Resolution would have to be increased by $3,000,000. He suggested the Board pass a resolution for a Public Hearing to discuss the increased cost of Bond Resolution for the Consolidated Water Project.

Resolution #8

Lisa Brenon offered Resolution #8 and Rusty VanTassel seconded to set a Public Hearing for March 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm to increase the Bond Resolution for the Consolidated Water Project.

Roll call vote as follows:
Lisa Brenon, yes; Rusty VanTassel, yes; Ken Hart, yes; Grace Pruitt, yes; Scott Allen, yes; passed.

Liberty Avenue Turnaround

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that Mr. Patel still has not connected to the Town road properly. He stated that the Highway Superintendent has to approve the connection.

Attorney Bill Buchan stated that Walt VanTassel believes that Mr. Patel's position is that the road is a private road, but Bill stated that there are no Town services for a private road, and if Mr. Patel wants services, then he would have to treat it like a public road and put in a turnaround.

Bill Buchan recommends setting a financial insurance mechanism that the Town can draw upon to put in the turnaround if Mr. Patel does not comply, and then send a followup letter giving Mr. Patel the opportunity to change his position.

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to allow Attorney Buchan to write a letter to Mr. Patel to try to resolve the situation. All voted aye; carried.

Highway Superintendent

Bruce Call has submitted the annual Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law.

After Scott Allen reviewed the Agreement with the Town Board, Lisa Brenon made a motion and Grace Pruitt seconded to sign the Agreement. Scott Allen voted aye; carried.

Bruce Call asked the Town Board for a letter of intent to purchase a plow truck in order to stay with a 5 – 6 year turnaround. He stated that he would have to get on the build list to get the truck by next year. There is a 14 month wait time.

After a Town Board discussion, the Board would like to have Bruce get some figures and options together for the next meeting. Bruce agreed to do that.

Barton & Loguidice

John Condino reported that the Water Project is progressing well.

Payment of the Bills

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $27,638.14 No 20 - 35, Highway Fund bills totaling $40,776.11 No.17 - 34, Special District Fund bills totaling $23,086.35 No 10 - 16, and Capital Fund bills totaling $636.72 No. 4 - 5. All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen stated that a Public Hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a motion made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ken Hart. All voted aye; carried.

Gwen Call

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Town Clerk
February 8, 2021