Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Council members present were Lisa Brenon, Ricky VanTassel, Samantha Eves, and David Hart. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Engineers John Condino and Dustin Clark, and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the June 10, 2024 regular meeting were approved as corrected on a motion made by David Hart and seconded by Lisa Brenon. All voted aye; carried.

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Samantha Eves and seconded by David Hart to amend the June 10, 2024 General Fund total from $13,504.88 to $ 13,167.07 to add No. 123, and to amend the Special Districts Fund total from $28,966.61 to $29,119.78 to add No. 71 - 72. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

David Hart made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to approve the following budget appropriation. All voted aye; carried.

General Fund
From: A1990.4 - $3,000
To: A1460.4 + 3,000

Samantha Eves made a motion and David Hart seconded to approve the following budget appropriation. All voted aye; carried.

From: General Fund - 300,000
To: Capital – Water + 300,000

Water/Sewer Rate Increases

Supervisor Scott Allen clarified that the rate change for Sewer 9 O&M is $68 per quarter. The water charge will be $4.45 per 1,000 gallons. He stated that he has decided to add a debt retirement of $120 per EDU yearly to start adding revenue to the District.

Sewer 3, 4, 5 - Scott suggests raising the debt retirement to $376.

Out of District Users – Sewer – The current charge is the per gallon rate plus 10%, which will be $4.90 per 1,000 gallons. The debt retirement will be $94 quarterly.

Out of District Users – Water - O&M will be $68 per quarter and the water charge is $4.45 plus 10%, which will be $4.90 per 1,000 gallons.

Consolidated Water 1 - The debt retirement will raise to $590 per year.

Water District 1 - O&M will be $68 and the water rate is $4.45 per 1,000 gallons. Debt retirement of $590 will by added for maintenance on the yearly direct connect meter calibration.

Water District 2 - Scott explained that the rate of $203 per quarter is O&M and debt service because they are not charged on the tax bills.

Vacant properties in Water District 2 - Currently the water rate is $45 flat and the sewer rate is $49 flat. Scott would like to raise the flat rates to $80.

Bulk Water - water sales at the hydrant next to the water tower will increase from $5.00 per 1,000 gallons to $6.00.

David Hart made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to approve these changes and clarifications. All voted aye; carried.

Barton & Loguidice

Dustin Clark updated the Board on the Consolidated District 1 Water Project.

He presented Change Order No. 8 to the Contract with North Country Contractors. After reviewing the remaining rock excavation quantities, there is excess rock quantities in the amount of $45,050 that will be removed from the rock excavation bid item and added to the miscellaneous work allowance. There will be no overall change in cost within this change order. Dave Hart made a motion and Samantha Eves seconded to approve Change Order No. 8. All voted aye; carried.

Dustin presented Change Order No. 3 with North Country Contractors which includes the addition of sheet C117 that outlines the water tower transmission main replacement work, and also includes a time extension. The Town Board approved last month an increase of up to $115,000. The cost came in at $123,560. Ricky VanTassel made a motion and David Hart seconded to approve Change Order No. 3 with the increased cost. All voted aye; carried.

Rt. 37 Sewer Improvements Project – B&L are revising the report to include expansion area. The income survey is complete and the Project has been submitted for the WIIA Grant.

Rt. 12 - Sewer 9 - The Interest Survey will go out in the next two months.

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that the water level in the tower has been raised to 28' and everything is working fine. They will soon raise to 30'.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Scott Allen stated that there are two people that have asked for water.

One is in Consolidated Water District 1 where the front portion of their property is in the water district, but the water line is a long way from their house. Scott explained to them that they would have to pay themselves what it would cost to hook onto the water line.

Scott stated that there are two lots for sale on Patterson Road in Water District 1, which is PalaWood. He has had several inquiries about being able to hook up to water. They are about 2,000 ft. from the water connection. He stated that either the developer who is selling or the buyers would need to connect themselves.

Scott Allen spoke to the Town Attorney about a request from a constituent who is looking for the Town Board to provide the constituent with past documentation and take a position on the documentation which dates back to the 1950's and 1960's.

Scott explained that it pertains to a grandfathered clause for a business.

Scott stated that it appears to have been a junkyard back to the 1950's, but no documentation is available to support the junkyard being continuously run through the years.

Scott stated that the junkyard was in existence prior to zoning laws.

After a discussion, the Board decided to allow Scott Allen to have Attorney Bill Buchan write a response letter stating that the Junkyard has a current license and that the Town only has documentation of a continuously run junkyard from 2001 to present and is in the proper zoning.

Samantha Eves made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to have Scott Allen request a formal FOIL request from the owner of the junkyard before proceeding with the response. All voted aye; carried.

Ricky VanTassl reported that a business in the Town is operating a repair shop without a license.

Scott Allen stated he will ask the Town Attorney for guidance on the situation.

County Rt. 16 resident Gary Mack questioned whether the new surface on County Rt. 16 is finished, as the shoulders seem to drop off.

Highway Superintendent Bruce Call stated that the County has already put stone down on some of the road.

Payment of the Bills

Lisa Brenon made a motion and David Hart seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $24,243.36 No. 124 – 146 which includes Fire District total of $7,833.61, Highway Fund bills totaling $28,910.38 No. 103 - 119, Special District Fund bills totaling $396,068.24 No. 73 - 84, and Capital Fund bills totaling $691,060.55 No. 18 - 27, including Consolidated District No. 1 Water Project totaling $147,149.50, Water Main Replacement totaling $543,322.55, Sewer District 10 totaling $294.25 and Sewer 9 totaling $294.25, Trust & Agency bills totaling $9,209.43 No 13 – 15, including Love's escrow of $230.00, Patel escrow of $460.00 and National Grid escrow of $766.50. All voted aye; carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion made by David Hart and seconded by Samantha Eves. All voted aye; carried.

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Call

Town Clerk
July 8, 2024