Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Kenneth Hart, Lisa Brenon, Ricky VanTassel, and Rusty VanTassel. Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Engineers John Condino and Dustin Clark, Attorney Bill Buchan, Brian Nutting, DANC and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 regular meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ken Hart to amend the May 9, 2022 Special Districts Fund total from $161,791.04 to $156,794.04 to subtract an old bill; to amend the Capital Fund – Water – from $724,458.04 to $721,874.04 for a voucher which Fiscal Advisors must update before approving. All voted aye; carried.

Junkyard License

Payment of $50 was received by Eiss Brothers and Watertown Recycling and Scrap Metal for renewal of junkyard licenses.

Scott Allen stated he has received some complaints from neighbors of one of the Junkyards for the owners not keeping vehicles behind the berm.

Josh Pierce, representing Watertown Recycling and Scrap Metal was present and stated that the cars out front are separate from the Junkyard. They are part of his Towing business. He stated that these vehicles are there temporarily and are waiting for paperwork before he can remove them.

After a discussion, Attorney Bill Buchan recommended that the Town Board issue the renewal with the condition that the owner cleans up in front of the berm within 30 days.

Josh Pierce stated that he will be putting up a garage sometime this year. Then the cars would be put behind the garage.

Bill Buchan stated that since Josh is planning on remedying the situation with a visual screen, he can come back to the Planning Board with a site plan.

Josh stated he can put some containers there temporarily and move forward with a building plan.

Ricky VanTassel made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to give conditional approval, by putting up a visual screen, for the junkyard license for Watertown Recycling and Scrap Metal. All voted aye; carried.

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to approve the junkyard license for Eiss Brothers. All voted aye; carried.

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that Attorney Bill Buchan has drafted a letter for the County Attorney for the transfer of property at the recycling center on Rt 12 and the Sewer Pump Station on Co Rt 190.

The letter has been sent to the County Attorney, Dave Paulsen.

Barton and Loguidice

Engineer Dustin Clark updated the current Water Project. He stated that the contractors have crews working on Rt 342 near Cheever Rd. and Murrock Circle, and are drilling with the rock saw.

Code Enforcement

Attorney Bill Buchan presented the Board with copies of Local Law #1 of 2015 which replaces Local Law #3 of 2012.

Local Law #1 of 2015 implements the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code which applies to all buildings in the Town preempting previous codes including Local Law #3 of 2012. This Law includes exemptions and the basic process of getting a building permit.

Bill Buchan suggests that all Laws should be put on a website for residents to review. He stated that E-Code 360.com can retype and put the Town Laws in searchable form for the website. He does not know the cost but can find out the process and cost and come back with that.

Lisa Brenon asked whether the funds that the Town received from Covid could be used for this.

Scott Allen thinks that the Town could possibly do that. He would have to see about the procurement policy with these funds.

Bill Buchan stated that he could write a procurement policy. He stated that under General Municipal Law states that for procurements of equipment and goods and services you have to go through a process and have a procurement policy. Professional services are a decision by the Board.

Bill can write an RFP so the Board can review at the next meeting.

Resident Pam Clement also suggested putting a meeting agenda on the website.

Supervisor Scott Allen presented a quote for new water/sewer billing software from Williamson Law Books. He stated that the software is $7,995. One year support would be $1,985 for one workstation and $495 for an additional workstation. It would be $150 per hour for 6 – 8 hours minimum of training. Also available is E-Billing and Water Quick Pay using either e-check or debit or credit cards.

The water/sewer E-Billing would cost $2,154 with annual support of $875, and the Water Quick Pay would be $590 with annual support of $490.

Scott stated that the new water meters are expected to be put in in August between billing cycles.

Scott stated that he has to get prices on a new computer for the Town Clerk office for the Williamson Software.

Lisa Brenon made a motion and Rusty VanTassel seconded to accept the proposal for water billing software with the additional workstation from Williamson. All voted aye; carried.

Barton & Loguidice

Dustin Clark reported that reports have to be submitted by Friday to New York State for funding estimates for Sewer District improvements for Districts #4, 5, and 10.

The Improvement Project is approximately $5,000,000. The maximum loan that the Town could take out is $1.25 million to get to the maximum increase per year per user of $360.

Dustin stated that the next step if the Board moves forward is to pass a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for the Sewer District Improvement Project.

Brian Nutting, senior management for DANC was present and reported that the Towns' water and sewer pump stations are old. He stated that they are being infiltrated and the Town is paying the City to treat rain water. He reported that the grinder pumps are in rough shape and are not uniform and takes time to assess the problem with them. Brian stated that the forced main on Rt. 37 is the surcharge so when you get a lot of ground water it puts too much water in the line. Major failures with the sewer system would result in emergency repairs and there could be fines from the DEC.

Attorney Bill Buchan added that the fines are a maximum of $37,000 a day, and flooded basements could potentially result in serious legal problems. He stated that the Town needs to have a system that works.

Scott Allen reported on the issues presently with the Liberty Avenue pump station. Also, problems with the Rt 37 and Willowbrook pump stations.

Engineer Dustin Clark stated that Liberty Ave pump station needs a total reconstruction.

Supervisor Scott Allen stated that last month the Town Board voted down the whole project that would have included 200 new users added to the 150 present users.

Tim and Pam Clement spoke in favor of the sewer project for Rt 11 corridor and stated it is much needed for the businesses and for growth.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Brian Nutting explained the life of sewer systems to the Board.

Scott Allen offered a Resolution and Lisa Brenon seconded to go forward with Sewer Improvements of Sewer Districts #3, 4, and 5 with an estimated cost of $5,000,000. All voted aye; carried.

The Town Clerk will advertise the Public Hearing.

Lisa Brenon suggested sending letters to residents of the existing system informing them of the Public Hearing.

The Town Board decided to wait on sending letters at this point.

Dustin Clark reviewed project costs and reported that the Consolidated Water District Project will need an additional $2.5 million because of more rock than expected and added fuel costs. He presented an amended Bond Resolution.

Dustin presented the Order Calling for a Public Hearing for the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Consolidated Water District in the Town of Pamelia.

After a discussion, Ricky VanTassel offered a Resolution and Rusty VanTassel seconded to Order a Public Hearing for the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District. All voted aye; carried.

The Town Clerk will advertise the Public Hearing.

Engineer John Condino updated the Board on the Love's Travel Stops. He reported that there were issues with wetlands and expect that permit to be issued in a couple weeks, and are still working on the DOT permit. Love's is planning on doing some site work this fall with construction starting next spring.

There was an interruption by J.R. Pierce who entered the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and confronted Supervisor Scott Allen with vulgar language about the issue concerning the junkyard permit for his son Josh Pierce earlier in the meeting. Grace Pruitt approached him to end the confrontation, after which Mr. Pierce proceeded with indecent exposure to the public. The disturbance ended at 8:55 p.m. when he left the building.

Ricky VanTassel suggests giving extra money that the Town has back to the residents through taxes. A discussion followed with Scott stating the Town does not have extra money, but that there had been an increase in Sales Tax revenue for the first two checks.

Scott suggested waiting to look at it until after the Town reevaluation that's going on now.

The Town Board discussed moving forward with the Town Website. Scott Allen will contact Matt Turcotte from North Shore Solutions to attend the July meeting to preview the Town website.

Payment of the Bills

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $8,686.46 No. 103 - 120, Highway Fund bills totaling $5,914.94 No. 65 - 76, Special District Fund bills totaling $37,183.68 No. 56 - 68, and Capital Fund bills totaling $773,335.49 No. 25 - 29, and Trust and Agency bills totaling $10,532.86 No. 6. All voted aye; carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion made by Lisa Brenon and seconded by Rusty VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

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