Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present were Timothy Kelly, Kenneth Hart, Grace Pruitt and Lisa Brenon. Attorney David Renzi, Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, Code Enforcement Walt VanTassel and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting and the February 12, 2019 special meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Ken Hart and seconded by Tim Kelly. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Appropriations

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to approve the following 2019 budget appropriations. All voted aye; carried.

General Fund

To: A1010.4	+	$100
From: A1220.4	-	100
To: A1355.1	+	1,360
From: A1355.4	-	1,360

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Grace Pruitt and seconded by Ken Hart to amend the February 11, 2019 General Fund total from $20,752.03 to $40,165.03 to include No. 44. All voted aye; carried.

Correspondence

Scott Allen stated that he has received a thank you card to the Town Board from Walt VanTassel and family for the thoughts and prayers during his recent hospitalization.

Supervisor Allen also received a letter from Elizabeth Kneer, a Liberty Avenue resident. Elizabeth was present and requested waiving the sewer cost because of a leak which caused 224,000 gallons of water to run on the ground from a garden hose.

Scott Allen made a motion and Tim Kelly seconded to deduct sewer charges and only charge the average of the last four quarters. All voted aye; carried.

Resolution #16

Scott Allen offered Resolution #16 and Ken Hart seconded that the Town of Pamelia Town Board accept the examination and general overview report of the Town of Pamelia Town Justice's checking accounts for the Honorable L. Steven Kampnich, Town Justice and the Honorable Anthony J. Casselman, Town Justice. All voted aye; carried.

Jefferson County Assessment Services

Roxanne Burns was present and updated the Town Board on the progress of the assessment services. She also stated she has a letter of confirmation from the Education Department for Taxation and Finance for the qualifications for Alex Marchenkoff, acting Town of Pamelia Assessor. Alex Marchenkoff meets the minimum qualifications.

Roxanne reviewed the work being done including phone calls, on-site assessments, reviewing building permits, field work and data collection.

Alex will have regular office hours at the Town of Pamelia office on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Roxanne stated that they mailed 224 letters and applications for the Enhanced Star Program. They have received 164 back and will be reaching out to the remaining 61 to complete the paperwork.

Fire Hydrant

Scott Allen reported that he has received a letter back from Geico Insurance in regards to the offer for the damaged fire hydrant. The Insurance stands by their offer of $5,000.

The estimate from P&T Supply was $6,543.87.

After a short discussion, Attorney Dave Renzi stated that there would be no cost benefit to seek damages from the individual.

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to accept the $5,000 payment for damages. All voted aye; carried.

Water Leaks

Scott Allen reported that there was a water leak on Rt 11 because of a broken meter which flooded the basement.

Also, there was a leak on Hinds Rd. where a leak one year ago also resulted in an extremely high read. The highway department attempted to turn the water off at the curb stop. The account was set to inactive and was not read until this quarter. A discussion followed.

Permissive Service Agreement

Scott Allen received a letter from Bernier, Carr and Associates in regards to the Gregg Tefft property which is located in both the Town of LeRay and the Town of Pamelia. The residence is at 25612 Route 283, and their well has tested positive for E Coli bacteria and are requesting hooking

up to municipal water with the Town of LeRay. The Town of LeRay has approved it at their level. Scott Allen would like to allow the Tefft's to enter the Permissive Service Area.

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to allow the Tefft's enter into the Permissive Service Area with the Town of LeRay and in the future, if the Town of Pamelia establishes a district in that area, The Tefft's would be required to connect to the Town of Pamelia's line.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:59 pm on a motion made by Tim Kelly and seconded by Lisa Brenon for Water District Consolidation. All voted aye; carried.

Barton & Loguidice Engineer Taylor Jennings presented an update on the Water Project. A discussion followed, including several comments from the public.

Tim Kelly made a motion and Ken Hart seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:32 pm. All voted aye; carried.

Resolution #17

Supervisor Scott Allen offered Resolution #17 and Grace Pruitt seconded approving the Joint Consolidation Agreement between Town of Pamelia Water District No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 Pursuant to Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Establishing the Consolidated Water District No. 1 of the Town of Pamelia.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by a roll call vote as follows:
Scott Allen, Yes; Timothy Kelly, Yes; Kenneth Hart, No; Grace Pruitt, Yes; Lisa Brenon, Yes.

Plaza Drive Speed Limit

Bethany Duflo, resident of Plaza Drive presented a letter and a petition to the Town Board requesting a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Plaza Drive.

After a short discussion, Supervisor Scott Allen stated that he will get some information from the County and the State and present it to the Board before deciding on a Resolution.

Ms. Duflo stated she will attend the next Town Board meeting with more signatures.

Barton & Loguidice

John Condino reviewed the schedule for the Water Project - Extension Formation, Water District Consolidation, and Bond Resolution.

John stated that an aerial survey is time sensitive and must be done before the leaves are out. He highly recommends authorizing the aerial survey now.

Resolution #18

Tim Kelly offered Resolution #18 and Ken Hart seconded to allow John Condino to go forward with the aerial survey. All voted aye; carried.

Scott Allen stated he received a phone call from Lashbrook on Rt. 11 and stated his well is not good and is requesting getting hooked up to municipal water.

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that there will be a meeting on Tuesday with the EPA, and that all areas are in compliance in regards to disinfectant byproducts.

Scott Allen also reported that a valve in the water tower is failing. A shut down of the water tower is scheduled for Tuesday night and Wednesday. The water tower will be back up on Wednesday night.

Highway Superintendent

Bruce Call reported that Jefferson County will be switching to High Band radios next year. They will have the ability to talk with the State Police, Sheriffs, Fire Departments and among each truck.

Bruce is requesting $13,000, which will include four mobile radios and four portable radios. The price of each mobile radio is $2,045, the microphones are $100 each, and the portable radios are $1,011, but the prices will be going up in June.

The Town Board will discuss at a later date.

Public Comments

Stan Hajdasz asked about getting cost information to residents in the proposed Water District.

Scott Allen made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to send a letter and provide a fact sheet to existing users for proposed costs for the Water Project. All voted aye; carried.

Payment of the Bills

Grace Pruitt made a motion and Lisa Brenon seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $202,365.25 No. 45 - 69, Special Districts Fund bills totaling $26,129.68 No. 22 - 31, Highway Fund bills totaling $8,114.82 No 34 - 48, and Capital Fund bills totaling $10,600.21 No 3. All voted aye; carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm on a motion made by Tim Kelly, seconded by Ken Hart. All voted aye; carried.

Gwen Call
Town Clerk
March 11, 2019

Gwen Call

February 13, 2019

Elizabeth Kneer
25726 Liberty Avenue
Watertown, NY 13601
(607) 761-5950

Town of Pamelia
25859 NYS Route 37
Watertown, NY 13601

Dear Mr. Scott Allen,

On Tuesday February 12, 2019 I was alerted about an incident relating to my water expenses by the highway superintendent. Our meter was showing an unusually high reading of water-224,000 gallons. The superintendent visited my home and we did a thorough check of the interior. No leak was found inside the house. We then did a walk around the perimeter and discovered the outside water had been turned on and flowing for a great deal of time. We have not used that faucet since the summer when my husband planted trees in the back yard. However, several weeks ago I noticed footprints going through my backyard which correlate directly with this incident.

It is my sincere and honest belief that an unknown person turned on the water and proceeded to walk through my yard. Due to the large snowfall the entirety of the faucet has been covered and undetected since it was turned on. Since this discovery I have taken immediate steps to attempt resolution. I inquired to the local state police about the incident but was told it had to be resolved with the town. I also contacted my insurance agent, State Farm about filing a claim; however it falls below our deductible. When I spoke with the town clerk she calculated the total cost to be an estimate of $1,600 dollars. Half of the bill is water usage and half of it would be an equal dollar amount to sewer costs.

My husband is currently deployed to Afghanistan. We are not soldiers of Fort Drum, but rather local residents who have lived in the town for 9 years this spring. My husband is a NYS Police Officer out of Alexandria Bay, NY. He is deployed with C Co. 1-171st, NY National Guard unit out of Rochester, NY. We have no family in the area, without him here it is just me and my small children. I am asking that you consider waiving the sewer costs, or forgiving the value. I would like to speak in person with the town at the next meeting, scheduled for March 11th at 7 p.m. I am hoping that after reading this letter you will consider my request. I look forward to meeting you again at the meeting. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer with this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kneer

Elizabeth Kneer

BCA ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

February 15, 2019

Mr. Scott Allen - Supervisor
Town of Pamelia
25859 NY State Route 37
Watertown, NY 13601

Re: Permissive Service Area
Town's of LeRay and Pamelia
Mr. Greg Tefft Residence

Dear Mr. Allen,

We write you with reference to Mr. Greg Tefft who owns property in both the Towns of LeRay and Pamelia along NYS Route 283. Mr. Tefft has a residence at 25612 NYS Route 283 in the Town of Pamelia with private onsite wells that have tested positive for total coliform and E coli. This property is directly adjacent to the Town line with the Town of LeRay. The boundary of the now consolidated Water Districts 1, 2 and 4 is also adjacent to this property. Please see a location map depicting the location of this residence, the test results performed for Mr. Tefft's private well and correspondence from Mr. Tefft.

We would like to request from you and your Board that Mr. Tefft be served by the Town of LeRay consolidated Water District as a Permissive Service Area. Should your Board not object to this proposal the Town will begin working on the outline of the Permissive Service Area for consideration by your Board and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. A letter of addendum for the Water Withdrawal Permit for the Town of LeRay will be concurrently prepared to include this Permissive Service Area.

Should your Board not object to this Permissive Service Area please reply to this correspondence in writing at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,
BERNIER, CARR & ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS, P.C.

Michael D. Altieri, P.E.
Associate Principle – Civil Engineer

Cc: Mr. Ronald C. Taylor, Supervisor – Town of LeRay
Mr. Joseph Russell, Esq. – Barclay Damon
File

Enclosures

March 11, 2019

Town of Pamelia Board Members,

My name is Bethany Duflo. I would like to make a request for a resolution pertaining to a reduction in the speed limit and addition of proper signage on Plaza Drive/County Route 31. I have owned a home with my husband on Plaza Drive for almost 10 years. When we moved here, we were unaware of the speed limit as there are no posted signs; the speed was confirmed to be 55mph by the highway superintendent. I and many of my fellow residents feel strongly that this is an unsafe speed for this road.

Many drivers exceed the 55mph speed limit on this road. This increases the potential for accidents and puts the safety of the residents at risk. It is my belief that a speed reduction would create a safer situation for everyone.

Plaza Drive is a very short road of approximately a mile in length. It is a shortcut, essentially, from Route 11 to the north side of the city of Watertown (turning into Starbuck Ave at the city limit) and includes access to the Seaway Plaza shopping center. Plaza Drive has become a much more populated road over the last 20 years – multiple residential homes continue to be built along it (as recently as this past year). A housing complex was also built which has one of two points of entry off of Plaza Drive. Many of the families on Plaza Drive have young children and grandchildren who like to play outside, who ride buses to school – including children with special needs.

There is almost no shoulder to the road on Plaza Drive and, surprisingly, a fair number of people walk/jog down this road; especially coming to and from the Seaway Plaza. At 55mph, it poses a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

The Route 11 end of Plaza Drive is curved and when people are not paying attention to their speed and road conditions, they often end up off the road. We witness accidents throughout the year. Speeding played a large role in a very recent one car crash on Plaza Drive that resulted in the car coming to rest on my neighbors' lawn.

Drivers leaving the city go from 30mph at the city line to 55mph with not even a transitional speed in between which encourages many to rapidly increase their speed. Those entering the city from Route 11 are coming off of a 55mph road and resuming a 55mph speed as allowed on Plaza Drive, only to have to suddenly reduce their speed to 30mph upon entering the city. On such a short, residential road, for safety's sake, it should not continue to be a 55mph road. I would recommend the speed limit be reduced to correspond with the city's 30mph limit or the speed reduced to a 40/45mph limit for the entire length of Plaza Drive.

Thank you for your time
in this matter,
Bethany Duflo
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