Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present were Rusty VanTassel and Ricky VanTassel. Engineers John Condino and Dustin Clark, Attorney Bill Buchan, and Supervisors Clerk Annie Snyder were also present. Council member Ken Hart and Highway Superintendent Bruce Call were absent. Council member Lisa Brenon was connected via phone.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the October 2, 2023 special meeting, the October 9, 2023 regular meeting, and the October 30, 2023 special meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ricky VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

Funds Amended

A motion was made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ricky VanTassel to subtract the October 9, 2023 Love's escrow account total of $1,850.00 because it was not yet approved by Love's. All voted aye; carried.

Budget Modifications

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to approve the following budget appropriation. All voted aye; carried.

General Fund	
From: A1990.4	- $ 311
To: A1940.4	+ 311

Public Hearing

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to open a Public Hearing at 7:04 pm for the purpose of presenting Solar Law #3 of 2023 to regulate Solar Energy Facilities in the Town.

Attorney Bill Buchan stated that the 239 review by Jefferson County resulted in several additions to be included in the Solar Law, which Bill reviewed, including glare consideration for airports, an emergency operations plan, and protections for farmland.

Supervisor Scott Allen asked for any comments from the public.

Stella Hart asked for an explanation of the Solar Law. Bill Buchan briefly reviewed the proposed Solar Law. He also stated that the Battery Storage Law will be a separate Law

Ricky VanTassel asked if the glare protection will protect traffic. Bill Buchan responded yes, they will do a glare impact analysis.

Ricky also asked about determining whether someone can turn their land into a solar farm. Bill Buchan stated that there is a permit required to be able to build the solar facility. It is issued

by the Planning Board, and also a special use permit is required.

Scott Allen asked for any further questions. There were none.

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. All voted aye; carried.

Insurance

Adam Fuller, of Fuller's Insurance was present and stated that because of the increase in insurance prices, he decided to partner with Eastern Shore Associates who offer insurance for Municipalities through New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR).
He has provided a proposal from Eastern Shore, which is a flat premium, and also a renewal proposal from Glatfelter Insurance.

The renewal policy with Glatfelter would be 20% more than the Town paid last year.
Adam reviewed the NYMIR policy with the Town Board and compared it with Glatfelter Insurance.

There was a discussion on Insurance coverage for Fire Departments Mutual Aid.

Adam advises the Town to consult with the Town attorney to make sure that the contract with the Fire Company is written as best as it can in the Town's favor.

Attorney Bill Buchan advises the Town review the Fire Contracts.

Bill also suggests looking at Cyber coverage.

Adam stated he will send the link and the questionnaire to complete for a Cyber quote.

Adam Fuller stated that the Town has Health Insurance coverage with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield. He stated he has now partnered with United Professional Benefits, whom the Town will now have as a contact. Adam stated that coverage would not change.

After a short discussion, Adam stated he will check with the contact to see if he is able to attend the next Town Board meeting for discussion.

Resolution #26

Rusty VanTassel offered Resolution #26 and Ricky VanTassel seconded Enacting Local Law #3 of 2023, a Local Law to Regulate Solar Energy Facilities in the Town.

Roll call vote as follows: Scott Allen, yes; Rusty VanTassel, yes; Ricky VanTassel, yes; adopted.

Resolution #27

Rusty VanTassel offered Resolution #27 and Ricky VanTassel seconded Designating the Town Supervisor to Execute the Water Supply Agreement For Consolidated Water District #1 Between the Town of Pamelia and the Development Authority of the North Country. This Agreement amends the term of the Agreement to 30 years to cover the term of the loan, and approves

Amendment #2 of the Agreement extending the term to March 31, 2054.

Roll call vote as follows: Scott Allen, yes; Rusty VanTassel, yes; Ricky VanTassel, yes; adopted.

Resolution #28

Ricky VanTassel offered Resolution #28 and Rusty VanTassel seconded Designating the Town Supervisor to Execute the Water Supply Agreement for Consolidated Water District #1 Between the Town of Pamelia and the City of Watertown Amending the Term of the Agreement to 30 years.

Roll call vote as follows: Scott Allen, yes; Rusty VanTassel, yes; Ricky VanTassel, yes; adopted.

Text Messaging System

Supervisor Scott Allen presented a quote from Text My Gov, a text messaging system for Town residents to opt into for information. The quote is $3,700 annually with an $1,850 one time setup fee, so the first year would be $5,550, and the second year would be $3,700. After that, the increase in sequential years will increase no more than 5% per year. The base quote is based on Town population.

After a short discussion, the Town Board decided to wait until all Board members are present.

Barton & Loguidice

Engineer Dustin Clark updated the Board on the Water Project. He reported that all of the water main is in and restoration is in progress.

The Route 37 North replacement project is still waiting for DOT approval.

Also, the old meter replacement in the Town will begin in late November.

Public Comments

Walt VanTassel asked that since the residents on Liberty Avenue are being charged sewer based on water usage, why couldn't the Town put a water meter at the sump pump and charge the customers for the sewer usage.

Scott Allen stated it would take large water meters at a cost of about $6,000 per meter. Scott stated that the Town would have to form a Storm Water District to move forward with a storm water system.

A discussion followed.

Ricky VanTassel questioned whether Scott Allen has contacted the tow company concerning the invoice for towing the Town truck. Scott stated he will contact them this week.

Rusty VanTassel asked what the status of the Rt. 12 motel is.

Scott Allen stated that the County cannot get in touch with the owner. He stated that there are at least two companies that are interested in purchasing the property.

Ricky VanTassel asked why the end of Graham Rd. has been closed off. He stated he has been called to a business on the road to tow trucks and questioned if it can be opened back up.

Scott Allen stated that the Highway Superintendent closed it off because of partying and littering of the property.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Derek Soules stated that there is not room enough for trucks to turn around at the end of the road.

There was also a discussion on the turnaround on Wayside Dr.

Payment of the Bills

Rusty VanTassel made a motion and Ricky VanTassel seconded to pay the General Fund bills totaling $46,223.86 No. 199 - 219, Highway Fund bills totaling $21,886.20 No. 134 – 149, Special District Fund bills totaling $91,515.83 No. 111 - 123, Trust and Agency bills totaling $6,671.61 No. 18, and Love's Escrow totaling $12,680.88.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. on a motion made by Rusty VanTassel and seconded by Ricky VanTassel. All voted aye; carried.

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Call

Town Clerk
November 13, 2023