

MINUTES of the second **Regular Meeting** of the Pembroke Town Board held on **November 19, 2015** at the Pembroke Town Hall, 1145 Main Road, Corfu, New York.

PRESENT: Annie Lawrence, Supervisor
Peter G. Sformo, Deputy Supervisor
John J. Worth, Councilman
Edward G. Arnold, Jr., Councilman

ABSENT: Gary L. DeWind, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole M. Begin, Town Clerk; Stephen Stocking, Highway Superintendent; Larry Duckworth, Ed Duckworth, Scott Turner, Aaron Swable, Highway Department; Ken & Caleb Frey.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On **MOTION** of Councilman Sformo, seconded by Councilman Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Meetings of November 12th, 2015.
ALL AYES - MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SCOUT PROJECT - Eagle Scout Caleb Frey explained to the board that he is working on an Eagle Scout project and must have an hourly requirement. Caleb asked the board if there were anything the town might need that he could work on for his project. Supervisor Lawrence said that the Town Welcome signs really need some attention, perhaps repair, clean up around the base and touch up of the actual signs. Caleb said his goal is to have the project done by summer of 2016. Caleb will look at the signs, take some pictures and start working on his project. Councilmen Worth and Arnold will also see if they can come up with any alternative projects if necessary.

STATE SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT - Larry Duckworth said he and the members of the highway department would like to know what is going on with the State snow and ice agreement. Mr. Duckworth said the highway crew has an issue with the State taking over plowing of the state roads. He said that the Pembroke crew does a better job because they live here, take pride in the roads and would like to take care of our residents. Mr. Duckworth said that the state would take longer to get the roads plowed and it will look bad for the town highway department if they drive down the state roads with the plows up to get to the Town and County roads. Mr. Duckworth said that if the Town can break even with the snow and ice contract then the town should continue to plow the state roads. Mr. Worth stated that the town should not plow for more than it costs and the state should not pay more than it cost us.

Supervisor Lawrence and Deputy Supervisor Sformo met with Pat Reinhold from the NYS DOT in September. At that meeting Mrs. Reinhold said that the state considers the road passable when there are two tire tracks per lane. Supervisor Lawrence and Deputy Supervisor Sformo both feel that those conditions are not acceptable.

Mr. Duckworth said that if the state takes back plowing of the state roads then the highway department, town clerk's office and town website should have her phone number for all of the complaints the town will receive.

Mr. Sformo also said that if the state wants to take back plowing of the state roads then they need to take all of them (Routes 5, 33 & 77) instead of just the preferred two.

Supervisor Lawrence said she appreciates the highway department coming to the board with their opinion and keeping them informed.

COHEN LAW GROUP – GAM INFORMATION

The board discussed the Cohen Law Group proposal for the negotiation of the Time Warner Franchise agreement. There would be a charge to the Town. The board said they have questions for Cohen before they could agree to a contract for instance, if a contract with Time Warner cannot be negotiated would the town still pay and how would the town benefit by signing a contract. Councilmen Worth and Arnold will work on getting those questions answered.

PLANNING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Zoning Officer Charles Reid requested an increase in fees in the zoning department to cover the cost of running the department. Councilman Arnold said the zoning committee has not met but he will see if a meeting can be called. Supervisor Lawrence said she spoke to Tom Schneider about increasing the fees. Councilman Sformo agreed that some fees should increase to cover costs but not just for the purpose of increasing fees. The committee will meet and discuss.

SEWER AGREEMENT

The Town is waiting on the Village Board to make their decision on the new sewer agreement.

EXTENSION OF SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT

Highway Superintendent Stocking is working on the figures for the State DOT. As discussed previously we don't want to lose money, we just want to cover expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Lawrence – Mrs. Lawrence met with Tyler Woods regarding his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Woods will be creating a visual snapshot of the Town in its current state so that the Town can use it historically for future comparison.

The first sewer RAN was closed on November 18th. The new RAN was opened on the same day.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 81 of 2015 – Building & Codes Training Attendance

On **MOTION** of Councilman Sformo, seconded by Councilman Arnold, the following **RESOLUTION** was **ADOPTED** by roll call vote: Councilman Sformo, AYE; Councilman Arnold, AYE; Councilman Worth, AYE; Supervisor Lawrence, AYE.
ALL AYES – MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS Building & Codes Officer Charles Reid is requesting permission to attend the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association Education (NFBOA) Conference January 25–27, 2015 in Cheektowaga, NY; and

WHEREAS the monies are in the 2015 budget; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED that the Town Board grants permission to Charles Reid to attend the above mentioned Conference.

RESOLUTION # 82 of 2015 – Payment of Abstract

On **MOTION** of Councilman Sformo, seconded by Councilman Arnold, the following **RESOLUTION** was **ADOPTED** by roll call vote: Councilman Sformo, AYE; Councilman Arnold, AYE; Councilman Worth, AYE; Supervisor Lawrence, AYE.
ALL AYES – MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, A request has been made to pay the normal operating expenses of the Town of Pembroke, and,

WHEREAS, these payments are within the normal scope of the 2015 working budget, and create no additional cost to the Town of Pembroke; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Town of Pembroke hereby authorizes the Supervisor to make the appropriate payments contained within Abstract # 22 of 2015.

On **MOTION** of Councilman Sformo, seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

ALL AYES – MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole M. Begin

Nicole M. Begin, Town Clerk

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