

Village Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

May 13, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 13th of April at 7:15 PM, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Members Present: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Jeffrey Fowler, Trustee; Amy Dobrzynski, Trustee; and Scott Pello, Trustee.

Absent: Alan Engelbrekt, Deputy Mayor.

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Michael Martin, Chief of Police; Catherine Spinney, Village Clerk/Treasurer; John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk.

Guest(s): Mark Dobrzynski, Paul Baxter

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

Public Hearing

The Meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM with Mayor Jan Tighe leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:17 PM. Scott Pello seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Jeffrey Fowler disclosed that he owned two properties that are concluded in the Restore NY 8 grant application.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen's views and comments relative to the submission of an application to Empire State Development for financial assistance under the Restore NY Communities Initiative — Round 8. The following properties will be submitted for consideration: 4881 N. Jefferson St. 4,838 Sq. Ft., 4876 N. Jefferson St 3,530 Sq. Ft., 4961-63 N. Jefferson St. 7,080 Sq. Ft., 4826 Salina St. 3,822 Sq. Ft. and 110 Lewis St. 4,320 Sq. Ft. The Salmon River area will see 5 locations renovated to provide commercial space and housing opportunities.

Amy Dobrzynski had questions about the allowed use of the grant money and whether they included anterior/exterior restorations. The answer was yes, and the Historical Society would be inspecting the plans as well. Jeffrey Fowler noted that the Village should use the National Historical Registry to make decisions.

Scott Pello made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:26 PM. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Items #2: Report from the Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Paul Baxter summed up the Tug Hill monthly report for May 2024.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

The motion to accept the minutes from the March 11 and April 9, 2024, meetings was made by Jeffrey Fowler with a second from Scott Pello. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Staff Reports

Scott Pello made the motion to approve the DPW, Code, and Police reports for April 2024. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Vouchers

The motion to approve the General, TA, and Capital Project vouchers was made by Amy Dobrzynski and seconded by Scott Pello. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #6: Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was not ready.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

A. Grants

1. Scott Pello made the motion to approve the Resolution to support the submission of an application to Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative for the Historic River Revival. Jeffrey Fowler disclosed that he owned the addresses 4881 and 4876 North Jefferson that are included in the application. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Investors (a subsidiary of Bayrock) called and expressed interest in buying the old daycare center on Castle Drive and either using the building to house indigent or run a daycare. The Village of Pulaski has applied to the Northern Border Regional Commission for the funds to buy the building but withdrew the application because the investors intended to close on the building within a couple weeks. Scott Pello mentioned that the old Tug Edge on Port Street may be an idea to place a daycare. There are other funding sources to establish daycare and the Village is researching options.
3. The Village is searching for funding to assist homeowners with meter installation. An application has been submitted to US Senator Schumers office.
4. The Sewer System Improvement Project has begun, and the Board reviewed the project timeline.
5. The Village is closer to getting the \$150,000 grant from the Climate Smart Community program. The Village will be promoting community solar and a heating and cooling program to reach the last 200 points required for the grant.
6. The Village applied for a Government Efficiency Grant for the Water Main Response Vehicle.
7. Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to approve the resolution to apply for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

8. The motion to allow the Village to apply for USDA grants to purchase electric vehicles and a bucket truck was made by Jeffrey Fowler and seconded by Amy Dobrzynski. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Amy Dobrzynski will supply a chart to supplement the Employee Evaluation Policy with a chart including metrics for discipline actions.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

- A. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to hold a public hearing on striking the sewer half unit charge for vacant lots in Village Law §108-52 Chargeable Units. Amy Dobrzynski seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.
- B. The completion of a SEQR for the Property Maintenance Laws was unnecessary.
- C. The Board discussed this years' paving schedule. Depending on how far the CHIPS funding stretches the hope is to pave Bridge Street, James Street, Ontario Drive, Clarence and possibly Willow Gate.
- D. Scott Pello made the motion to hire an additional part-time police officer. Rebecca Kieffer is currently a deputy sheriff in the Oswego County Sheriffs Department. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
- E. Jeffrey Fowler made the motion to relevy the unpaid water rents for the water billing year May 1, 2023, to May 1, 2024, totaling \$32,813.31. In a roll call vote Mayor Jan Tighe, Scott Pello, Jeffrey Fowler, and Amy Dobrzynski voted yes. Alan Engelbrekt was absent. The motion passed.

Amy Dobrzynski made the motion to relevy the unpaid sewer rents for the water billing year May 1, 2023, to May 1, 2024, totaling \$68,821.35. In a roll call vote Mayor Jan Tighe, Scott Pello, Jeffrey Fowler, and Amy Dobrzynski voted yes. Alan Engelbrekt was absent. The motion passed.

- F. The Villages application request for a waiver to use the income survey result that was completed in 2021 for a 2024 competitive application approved by the NYS Homes and Community Renewal Department.
- G. Chief Martin applied for and received a \$43,400 grant in money from NYS for the Village Police Department.

Agenda Item #10: Other

Thank you notes will be sent to the following:

- PROP for the benches and painting.
- Baptist Church for building a nice ramp.

Agenda Item #11: Executive Session or Adjournment

Scott Pello made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Jeffrey Fowler seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Next Regular Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be on June 10, 2024, at 7:15 PM.

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Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk