

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MEETING

The Town of Pompey Town Board met on September 25, 2014, at 6 p.m. to work on the 2015 Town & Highway budget. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy, Victor LaFrenz; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell, Budget Officer Tom Chartrand and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our service men and women and for our beloved Highway Superintendent John Palladino and Richard Long who recently passed away.

R-123-14 Made by Marsh, seconded by Herlihy to authorize Supervisor Marsh to execute the contract with Fayetteville-Manlius School District to provide tax collection services. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-124-14 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to authorize the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 311-322, totaling \$16,300.23; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 154-167, totaling \$240,682.55; Special District Abstract Nos. 27-30, totaling \$11,440.26. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Officer Chartrand reviewed with the Town Board the 2% tax cap. To keep us under the tax cap our budget needs to be no higher than \$2,364,386.52. The Manlius Fire contract has gone up this year to \$501,660.00 from \$443,153.00 last year. The purchased two new ambulances and decided to pay it off right away.

Councilor Smithgall arrived at 6:09 p.m.

The work on the budget began with the salary page. Councilor Smithgall feels that the councilors are underpaid significantly. He doesn't feel that you should keep the salary the same year after year. After a review of the report submitted by Budget Officer Chartrand of salaries of the neighboring towns it was discovered that our councilors are the highest paid. Councilor Dennis stated that the Justice Clerks haven't received raises in over 10 years. He also spoke about the school board members who don't get compensated at all and have to attend more meetings. Councilor LaFrenz stated that he feels like it is a volunteer job and agreed with Councilor Dennis.

R-125-14 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy that the Town Councilors salary for 2015 will remain at \$4,500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion on Judge Cognetti's letter requesting raises for the Court Clerks. The Town of Fabius has two judges who receive \$8,000.00 each per year and have no clerks; The Town of LaFayette has two judges, 1 full-time clerk and 2 part-time clerks; Tully has two judges and 2 part-time clerks who work 20 hours per week.

Paul Harvey from the Pompey Historical Society spoke to the Town Board about the increase in insurance and fuel that they have incurred. They would like to split the increase in their insurance with the Town and therefore increase their budget by \$350.00.

There was a discussion on the counterfeit money detector that Town Clerk Christmas would like to purchase because of the number of counterfeit bills being passed. She had one quote for the JetScan scanner in the amount of \$1,825.00. There is enough money in this year's budget to purchase it. Due to the procurement policy she will need to obtain another quote and present it on September 30, 2014.

There are several items that need to be fixed at the Town Hall in addition to having it painted. There are two large windows in the meeting room and one window in the Assessor's office that need to be replaced; more insulation is needed and the columns out front need to be repaired. Supervisor Marsh and Town Clerk Christmas will put together specs to be approved by the Town Board and then get quotes. Budget Officer Chartrand stated that there is money in reserves for these type of repairs.

R-126-14 Made by Marsh, seconded by Smtihgall to authorize the preparation of the specs for the rehab of the Town Hall including the repair of the columns out front, the insulation and replacement of the 2 large and 1 single window. All in favor. Motion carried.

It was agreed that no one would go to New York City in 2015 for the Association of Towns. If anyone desires to go they will need to pay their own expenses. Money was left in the training account for Town Clerk Christmas to attend the Town Clerk's Conference.

R-127-14 Made by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to declare the 2011 Ford F150 4 x 4 extended cab truck as surplus and authorize Highway Superintendent Purcell to take it to an auction to sell it. 4 yes (Dennis, Herlihy, LaFrenz and Marsh) 1 no (Smithgall) Motion carried.

There will be merit based salaries given next year to the highway employees. It will not be even across the board.

Highway Superintendent Purcell has saved three years for a 2015 plow truck. Last year he had budgeted \$100,000.00 and \$30,000.00 was taken away from his budget and he was told that it could be purchased this year. The cost to purchase a 2015 10 wheel Plow Truck under contract is \$228,000.00. It was agreed that the \$30,000.00 that John and Donna Palladino gave as a gift last year will be used to purchase the truck. Everyone agreed that John would approve of this.

Highway Superintendent Purcell informed the Town Board that the price of salt has gone up more than \$9.00 a ton this year.

R-128-14 Made by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to hold a Special Meeting along with a Public Hearing on October 13, 2014, at 6 p.m. to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2014 to override the tax levy limit established in N.Y. General Municipal Law § 3-c. All in favor. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the Town Board would meet on September 30, 2014, at 6 p.m. to continue working on the 2015 Town & Highway budget.

R-129-14 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk