

TOWN OF PENDLETON
Work Session
January 25, 2016

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, N.Y. on the 25th day of January 2016. The meeting was scheduled for 6:30 P.M. Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Leible, Councilman Fischer, Councilman Ostrowski, Clerk Pienta, Town Attorney Joerg were in attendance. Councilwoman Jarvis was not in attendance. Supervisor Maerten requested that all department heads and a representative from the various Boards or Committees to attend the Work Session. The following people were present:

Don Bergman-Budget Officer
Highway Superintendent Stowell
Water Sewer Superintendent Argo
Assessor Kelli Coughlin
Engineer Dave Britton
Building Inspector Dave Gerber
Building Inspector Jack Striegel
Justice Maziarz
Justice Mack
Planning Board Chairman Joe McCaffrey
Board of Appeals Chairman Wolfgang Buechler
Grant Writer Assistant Nathan Taylor

There were approximately 14 residents in attendance.

Supervisor Maerten called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Supervisor Maerten asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session for advice from Council with Attorney Abraham and Town Attorney Joerg.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, to adjourn to Executive Session for advice from Council at 6:38 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Fischer, seconded by Councilman Leible, to adjourn from Executive Session and resume the regularly scheduled Work Session at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried.

Various items for discussion included:

Rails to Trails Project

Supervisor Maerten reported that he recently met with the Department of Transportation regarding the extension of the Town's Trail. The trail was to continue along the old rail bed from Meyer Road to Townline Road. That portion of the rail bed runs through the Tonawanda Sportsman Club and the state was reluctant to provide the funds because of the safety issue with

the various shooting ranges on the club's grounds. He said that they will be moving the existing portion of the Town's trail from entrance at Lockport Road and it will now connect to the States trail system that runs along the canal.

Recycling Grant

Supervisor Maerten asked for a motion to authorize the filing of an application for a State Assistance Grant for a Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project. The Town is eligible for funds toward the purchase of a dump truck, chipper and the recycling bins that the Town has previously purchased.

RESOLUTION 36 - 16

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR A MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND/OR RECYCLING PROJECT.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was:

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and municipal recycling projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pendleton, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Master Grant Contract be entered into by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Assistance Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Pendleton Town Board

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That Joel Maerten, Town Supervisor is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE;
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Project and
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Highlights of the various items discussed:

Evangelical Protestant Cemetery

Supervisor Maerten reported that Bob Wurtenburger, from the Cemetery located on Bear Ridge Road (between Campbell Blvd. and Killian Rd.) had previously requested financial help from the Town for the maintenance for the cutting of the grass. Councilman Fischer will meet with Mr. Wurtenburger, review the cemeteries financial records and report back to the Board.

Short and Long Term Goals

Supervisor Maerten reported that he has heard from many of the Town residents that they would like to see better representation of town government at the Town Board Meetings. He requested that the various members of the boards and department heads to come to the meetings to report what is happening in their departments. He also would like to address with all the departments their specific needs, immediate and long term goals.

Highway

Create a 20 year replacement cycle for their equipment

Water-Sewer Department

Create a list of needs and prioritize them

Recreation goals

Have the Town Parks be more family oriented and include 9 Mile Island

Business Development Committee

Members will include Supervisor Maerten, Andrea Llyczek from the IDA, Kevin Schuler, Jim Sobczyk, and Tom Homme. Their goal will be to encourage business development in town.

Public Relations

- To consider using social media
 - Emergency notifications
- revamp the newsletter

Security

- Safety Concerns - Town Hall employees safety, Judges and Court Clerks and the Security Officers and their safety

Fire Board

- To consider having representation from the Wendelville Fire Company occasionally come to the Town Board meetings

Painting of the water tower

- Discussed possible grant funding to paint the water tower
 - The time it would take to apply
 - Very difficult to get the funding if there are not any water quality issues
 - Engineer costs to prepare the information for the application
 - There is money in the reserves to cover the cost of the project.

Water-Sewer Superintendent Argo asked for approval for the purchase of upgrading two new controllers and to replace the vacuum startups with new sonic startups for the Pendale and the First Niagara lift stations. The cost for the upgrades for both stations is \$12,350.00. Both of the pump stations are Smith and Loveless pumps and parts are only available through Koester Associates. He did budget for the cost of the items. He also asked for authorization to sign a letter of commitment for the Storm Water Coalition to apply for grant funding. Engineer Britton explained that the Coalition represents about 45 municipalities. They rely on the municipalities for their support when applying for grants. The coalition uses the grant funds to help the communities comply with their permits for storm water management an example being the mapping of outfalls and public education about storm water pollution.

RESOLUTION 37 - 16

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STORM WATER COALITION

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Water-Sewer Superintendent to sign the letter of support for the Storm Water Coalition.

RESOLUTION 38 - 16

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ITEMS TO UPGRADE THE PENDALE AND FIRST NIAGARA LIFT STATIONS

Motion by Councilman Fischer, seconded by Councilman Leible , the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the purchase of two controllers and new sonic startups for the Pendale and the First Niagara lift stations for a cost of \$12,350.00 for both stations from Koester Associates.

Superintendent Argo also reported that he received a letter from the DOT (Department of Transportation) that is requiring that the water hydrants on Campbell Blvd. be protected with end guards of pipe. He is trying to get more information on the time requirement to get these installed. He estimates the cost could be about \$2,000.00 for each hydrant. There is a total of seven hydrants that would need this done.

Supervisor Maerten reported that Nathan from Rotella Grant Writers will be working on a Town wide survey about recreational needs in Town.

Building & Capital Improvements

- Community Center – To form a committee to review the wants and needs of the various groups that would use a community center.

Councilman Leible reported that Charles Langlois has resigned from his position of Recreation Director effective March 1st. Steve Lorenzo, a current member of the Recreation Committee is interested in taking over that position.

RESOLUTION 39 – 16

APPOINT STEVE LORENZO AS RECREATION DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
 Nays 0

Resolved to appoint Steve Lorenzo as Recreation Director effective March 1st.

RESOLUTION 40 – 16

APPOINTMENT FOR THE RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE VACANT POSITION

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Ostrowski, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
 Nays 0

Resolved to appoint Michael Argentieri of Kristen Lane to the vacant 2 year position.

Supervisor Maerten asked for a motion to resubmit a request for a lower speed limit of 45 MPH on Fisk and Feigle Roads. He will submit a letter with the standard forms.

RESOLUTION 41 – 15

SUBMIT TE - 9a REQUEST FOR FEIGLE AND FISK ROADS

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Leible, Fischer, Ostrowski
 Nays 0

Resolved to submit a request to the Niagara County Public Works Commissioner to forward to the New York State Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit for Fisk and Fiegle Rd.

Court Room Explanation

Judge Maziarz spoke briefly about expanding the Court. There have been two separate plans suggested. One plan would bump out the current Court Room for increased capacity and the other plan would move all the current Court offices to the other side of the large meeting room and use the meeting room as the Court.

Vehicle Maintenance Program

Superintendent Stowell reported that he has agreed to a one month trial with a program that tracks and suggests maintenance schedules. This would include mileage and oil changes. If it is something he thinks would be a good addition he will bring this forward to the Board.

Code Enforcement

Councilman Ostrowski would like to draft a letter to the residents that have filed complaints against the Tonawanda Sportsman Club and let them know what is being done on their behalf.

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A resident asked about the noise ordinance that was presented at the Public Hearing on January 11th and when a decision was going to be made. She feels that the Town needs a noise ordinance that “has some teeth” in it and that some town residents have been waiting since 2014 for something to be decided. Supervisor Maerten assured her that the Board, the Attorneys and Niagara County Planning Board will be addressing the various issues and concerns brought up at the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer to close the Work Session at 9:41 P.M. Motion carried.

Terry J. Pienta, Town Clerk