

TOWN OF PENDLETON
Work Session
October 24, 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 24th day of October 2016. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 P.M.

A presentation was given by Seth Kaeuper from the C & S Engineers for the Rails to Trails Grant. The Town was awarded \$480,000.00 through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP Grant). The Town will be responsible for an additional \$120,000.00 that will be taken from the "green fees" account. A bridge needed to cross over Bull Creek is estimated to cost \$145,000.00 making it too costly to complete the project from Townline to Meyer Road. Seth Kaeuper presented a shorter length trail from Townline to Killian Road. The rest of the Town's trail could be addressed at a later date. The shorter version will leave \$100,000.00 that can be used to improve other parts of the trail such as pot holes, drainage, adding benches, signage, or landscaping. This section of the trail will also include small areas for parking at each end. The alternative suggestions presented a few months ago were Meyer Road; but that would impact a lot of residents with the trail running in front of their homes, Feigle Road; that cost would be more than the amount that was awarded, and the Lockport Road extension would have involved a cantilever bridge for safety reasons; Lockport Road is a County Road and would need their authorization and the cost was much higher than the money awarded. Supervisor Maerten would like to discuss the option further with the rest of the Town Board.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Fischer, Councilman Ostrowski. Councilman Leible and Councilwoman Jarvis were absent. Also present:

Don Bergman-Budget Officer
Jim Argo - Water-Sewer Superintendent
Terry Pienta - Town Clerk
Claude Joerg - Attorney

There were approximately 10 residents in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS

Review the DRAFT Solar Energy Systems

The Planning Board completed a draft for the Town Code for Solar Energy Systems. The Town Board reviewed and discussed the following concerns:

- Large Scale (selling power back to the utility companies) allowed in residential areas
- Percentage of lot coverage allowed at 5% consider increasing that to 10%
- Side lot setbacks of only 100 ft.
- Tax Exemptions

- Size of property for large scale
- Size of property for residential ground mounts
- Responsibility for removal when the panels become obsolete

Engineer Britton and Attorney Joerg will review the concerns and present an update with suggestions at the next meeting.

Grass Height for Code

The Building Department reported that the current NYS Property Maintenance Code no longer specifies the maximum height for weeds or plant growth. It previously stated a height of 10 inches but the update to the code now reads the jurisdiction is to insert the height in inches. It is suggested that the Town's Code should include the height. Attorney Joerg will prepare an update for the Code. A Public Hearing will be required.

The Board discussed changing the Winter Parking regulations starting date to November 15th instead of December 1st. A Public Hearing will be required.

The Board, at the suggestion of a resident, discussed the possibility that the developer for the subdivision across from the Town Park and Town Trail provide a trail for the families in that subdivision for a direct path to cross to the park/trail in a designated crosswalk. It was suggested that the resident propose his idea to the Planning Board to reach out to the developer with that suggestion.

Motion by Councilman Ostrowski, seconded by Councilman Fischer, at 8:20 P.M. to adjourn.
Motion carried.

The Town Board continued to discuss the 2017 Budget.

Terry J. Pienta, Town Clerk