

**TOWN OF PENDLETON**  
**Work Session**  
January 22, 2018

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2018. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Fischer, Councilman Ostrowski, Councilman Graham were present. Councilman Leible was absent. Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk  
Claude Joerg – Attorney  
Tim Masters – Building Department  
Jim Argo – Water-Sewer Superintendent  
Jeff Stowell – Highway Superintendent  
Kelli Coughlin – Assessor  
Dave Britton – Engineer  
Don Bergman – Budget Officer

There were approximately twelve residents in attendance.

Brayden Hurren, from Good Shepherd Church Boy Scout Troop 47, presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to the Board. Mr. Hurren is proposing to paint the old Town garage. This project will include repairing the cement, filling in the cracks and gaps between the cylinder blocks, and painting it red to match the shade of the original train station. He will meet with the Highway Department to discuss when the repairs can be made to the building to prepare it for painting. Mr. Hurren will contact Sherwin-Williams to request an estimate for the entire project. Mr. Hurren also stated that weather permitting he will have the project completed by the end of June so it will be ready for the Fourth of July festivities. He will conduct fundraising to pay for this project but also hopes that the Town has some money available in the budget to help pay for some supplies. There was discussion about the shade of red that will be used as well as other suggestions about fundraising. Supervisor Maerten requested that he appears in front of the Town Board again with some color samples for the Town to approve the final color.

Sandy and Mike Guzzetti appeared in front of the Board to provide information about Pendleton's Adopt a Trail project. Mrs. Guzzetti presented an enlarged map of the trail and explained how this project began. She provided before and after pictures of the gardens that mark the trails at Tonawanda Creek Road, Fiegle Road, and Robinson Road. Volunteers cleaned up the gardens, planted new foliage, and used recycled bicycle parts to mark the trails. Mrs. Guzzetti explained that 3 young volunteers, Lawson Smith, Mihla Smith and Matias Andersson, assisted at the Tonawanda Creek Road trail. They spent three hours working on the garden. She highly praised the children and thanked them for their hard work. She also talked about fundraising opportunities, such as Pints for Progress, to help raise money to fund this project. The Trail Team is looking for volunteers to adopt a garden. Volunteers would adopt a garden of their choice and would be responsible for planting and maintaining it. She will be responsible for purchasing the materials needed. She provided a sign-up sheet for the Adopt a Trail program and thanked the Board for allowing her to present this information. Supervisor Maerten suggested that she provide additional information that can be added to the Town's newsletter and shared with the Conservation Board. Another resident spoke about the gravel at the entrances of the trails and asked if something could be done to clean that up.

Supervisor Maerten and the Board acknowledged the three volunteers, Lawson Smith, Mihla Smith and Matias Andersson, by presenting them each with a Sylvester Pendleton Clarke Citation for Community Service recognizing their commitment to serving the community and selfless volunteering of time and effort. The Board took pictures with the volunteers. Supervisor Maerten explained that this was the first of this type of award to be given out and would like to continue to acknowledge others in the community in the future.

Councilman Ostrowski would like to have town email accounts set up for committee members. He consulted with Phil Samuels, the Town's IT consultant and Town Clerk Maurer to see if this can be done. It will be of no extra cost to the Town. Town Clerk Maurer will reach out to the various committees and request the information needed to set up these accounts. The Board felt this was an excellent idea and had no objections to providing these email accounts.

Town Clerk Maurer asked permission of the Board to attend the Association of Town's Annual Meeting and Training School in New York City, February 18 – 21, 2018. She provided the training agenda, registration costs, and travel accommodations to the Board and explained the necessity of attending this training. Supervisor Maerten agreed that she should take advantage of training opportunities and stated that even though it wasn't previously budgeted for they could find the funds somewhere. The Board agreed and gave her permission to register for this training.

Motion by Councilman Ostrowski, seconded by Councilman Graham, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the Highway Superintendent, the Deputy Highway Superintendent and the Town Attorney and to discuss personnel matters without the Highway representation at 7:35 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Ostrowski, seconded by Councilman Graham, to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. and resume the Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson from the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) appeared in front of the Board to speak about the placement of the Veterans' monument. A discussion ensued regarding the various locations that have been discussed in the past, the proposed building expansion, concerns of having to dig for the sewer for the proposed court expansion and the probability of having to move the electrical wiring and the Town Christmas tree. Mr. Thompson is asking permission to install a concrete base in the previously agreed upon location where the monument will eventually be placed. They intend on setting up a sign to indicate that this is the future home of the Veterans' monument. Supervisor Maerten stated that the PVA should coordinate with the Highway Department to begin this next step.

#### RESOLUTION 36-18

##### **AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL FOUNDATION FOR VETERANS' MONUMENT**

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

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

Resolved to authorize the Pendleton Veterans Association to install the foundation for the Veterans' monument in the previously agreed upon location.

#### RESOLUTION 37-18

##### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BEVERLY RICHARDSON**

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

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

WHEREAS, Beverly Richardson has dedicated her life to public service, through many decades of membership in the Wendelville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson joined the organization in 1953 and has served continuously alongside multiple generations of Auxiliary members, through many meetings, work details, and fundraisers for 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Beverly dedicated her time and talents, providing leadership to the organization, serving in the positions of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson has for many years provided support to her family, friends, and neighbors who volunteer their time with the Wendelville Fire Company.

The Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on behalf of the citizens of this great town, hereby recognizes Beverly Richardson and thanks Mrs. Richardson for her dedication and contributions to our community. A written proclamation will be issued to Mrs. Richardson at the Wendelville Fire Company's annual installation and awards dinner.

Next, a discussion took place regarding the scheduling of various public hearings for February. A lengthy discussion followed with Water/Sewer Superintendent Argo regarding the potential purchase of a Bobcat excavator for the Water/Sewer Department and whether to auction off or trade in the current excavator. Additional dialogue took place regarding the budget lines that will be affected. Budget Officer Don Bergman will supply Town Clerk Maurer with this information.

Supervisor Maerten made a motion to schedule three Public Hearings as follows:

- Transfer of funds from Highway Reserves for the purchase of a US Jetting Sewer Jet on February 12, 2018, at 6:35 P.M.
- Transfer of funds from Water Reserves for the purchase of a Bobcat Excavator on February 12, 2018, at 6:40 P.M.
- Transfer of funds from Sewer Reserves for the purchase of an F-450 Pickup on February 12, 2018, at 6:45 P.M.

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Graham, seconded by Councilman Fischer to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

Motion carried.

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Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk