TOWN OF PENDLETON

August 13, 2018

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on the 13th day of August, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Maerten opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The notice for the Public Hearing was published in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal on August 6, 2018 and on the Town's website.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give the town residents the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding the proposed transfer of \$160,000.00 from Fund Balance Unreserved (A.0000.0909) to Transfer Green Fees to Trail (A.0000.5031) for the required Town match for Rails to Trails grant.

There were no public questions or comments.

Motion made by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, to close the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Maerten called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten read the invocation and the salute to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed to recognize the passing of Mary Jane Sabella, former Town Tax Collector and Rodney Seward, former member of the Town's Recreation Committee.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Maerten	Present
Councilman Fischer	Present
Councilman Graham	Present
Councilman Leible	Present
Councilman Ostrowski	Present

Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
Claude Joerg – Town Attorney
Kelli Coughlin – Assessor
Tim Masters – Building Inspector
Jeff Stowell – Highway Superintendent
Craig Walter – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Dave Britton - Town Engineer
Don Bergman – Budget Officer

There were 6 residents in attendance.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Lawn Mower Highway Department
- Fireworks Pendleton Farm & Home Days
- Road Closure Old Tonawanda Creek Road
- State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant
- National Grid Streetlight Audit
- Acceptance of Generator Bid

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk Maurer reported that she received letters from Councilman Ostrowski confirming the completion of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector audits.

PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public remarks or comments.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 140-18

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2018, the Work Session on June 25, 2018 and the Regular Meeting on July 9, 2018, be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Maerten reported the total expenditures that were authorized and paid in the month of July:

General Fund	\$196,410.79
Highway	\$ 45,304.62
Water	\$ 71,185.10
Sewer	\$ 17,258.65
Refuse	\$ 42 265 47

RESOLUTION 141-18

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #15

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize payment of Abstract #15, on August 15, 2018, for the following expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 59,901.81
Highway	\$ 11,793.85
Refuse & Garbage	\$ 36,307.42
Sewer	\$ 7,974.99
Water District	\$ 6,324.25

OTHER REPORTS

Supervisor Maerten also reported that the tax collected for June 2018 was \$174,035.40. This is an increase of \$21,870.29 when compared with June 2017. The year to date received is \$798,378.16 which is an increase of \$25,526.21 from 2017.

Supervisor Maerten informed the Board that the Town has been awarded a \$91,902.00 grant aimed specifically at the addition of a restroom facility in the park that is accessible for persons with disabilities. This grant also includes additional money for path paving. He stated that he met with Justice Maziarz, Justice Mack and NYS Senator Robert Ortt to discuss the ongoing pursuit of funding for the court security project. The Board will need to start putting together a plan for 2019 to address the court security issues. The Bear Ridge Solar Project [Cypress Creek] draft Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan is on the Town's website. Supervisor Maerten will be attending a community safety meeting sponsored by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. Information from this meeting will be shared in the upcoming newsletter. The National Fuel Northern Access Project is back in the news and Supervisor Maerten wanted to assure everyone that the Town's attorney is doing his job. The Union Sun & Journal reported that Town of Lockport is looking to continue their trail and eventually connect with the canal trail near the Bypass.

Councilman Leible reported that the newsletter articles are due on August 25th. He also thanked Bill Torrisi for doing a great job as the Town's Dog Control Officer.

Councilman Fischer read the Highway Department's report for July. They painted the Pendleton Athletic Booster Association (PABA) football field, picked up the Summer Rec supplies, maintained the parks, cemeteries, athletic fields and ground, and cleaned roadside ditches. They also continued patching the Town roads, helped the Pendleton Veterans' Association with the base for the new monument, removed beaver damn remnants from the Bear Ridge Estates' pond, shot grades on the Campbell Boulevard and Bear Ridge Road church drainage ditch and installed a 40' pipe for a lot on Dunnigan Road. The Highway Department cleaned up the dirt piles in the yard, repaired road signs and equipment as needed and re-programmed the solar flashing lights for the Starpoint school zone. The Town also shared services with the Towns of Niagara, Wheatfield, Lockport, Newfane and Cambria as well as Niagara County. He also reported that the preparation for the Pendleton Farm & Home Days is coming along well.

Councilman Ostrowski also thanked Bill Torrisi for serving the Town honorably as the Dog Control Officer. He gave an update from the Recreation Committee. PABA is getting ready to transition from lacrosse to football and cheerleading. Central Niagara Baseball and Softball Association (CNBSA) has wrapped up the season for the in-house leagues. They might look into using the field for some travel teams. Councilman Ostrowski attended the Durkin Family Benefit on Macintosh Lane. It was a nice event with a lot of people in attendance. The Summer Recreation Program wrapped up at Starpoint School. He had received feedback from some participants suggesting more directed activities in the future. He also spoke about the security for the Farm & Home Days. The Town Constables will be working the event as well as some additional Niagara County Sheriff Deputies.

Councilman Graham read the Water/Sewer Department report for July. The Sewer Department conducted 17 regular and four overtime sewer calls. They repaired two pressure sewer breaks and updated three total grinder pumps and one partial grinder pump. Inspections were completed on three large pump stations and 15 duplex tanks. Electronic waste was picked up by Sunnking as well. The Water Department completed a water meter reading, a fire hydrant repair at Wendelville, two new home water meter installations, and three sold home compliance inspections. They also completed 41 underground utility stakeout requests and painted fire hydrants in the town. Councilman Graham also stated that he will be a judge for the talent show at the Farm & Home Days.

Attorney Joerg spoke about an article he recently read in the newspaper about broken windmills and the cost of repairs. This conversation led to a discussion about the new solar project coming to town. He is recommending that the Board makes a formal request for the Planning Board to address the dismantling of the solar panels once they no longer work.

Engineer Britton reported that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is currently conducting the MS4 Storm Water audit. There have been no major issues coming out of the audit yet. He also stated that the town is moving forward with National Grid for the Starpoint streetlight installation. Also, the Fisk Road project has been cleared environmentally. He will be filing an engineering report with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). It was found that there are no DEC or Army Corps wetlands and no historical artifacts. He will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Stowell and Clark Patterson Lee (CPL), on August 29, 2018, regarding drainage designs and costs for this project. Construction is expected to begin in 2019. Engineer Britton also mentioned that the generator bids were accepted and more will be discussed under New Business.

Budget Officer Bergman stated that the budget letters were sent out. He is hoping to have them all back by next month. The budget meetings will start on September 17, 2018. He also brought up an article¹ he read about a new fiber optic line that will be coming out of Toronto and is expected to come through Pendleton. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this topic. The Board will look into this.

¹ https://buffalonews.com/2018/08/01/under-lake-ontario-20000-gigabites-of-data-every-second/

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Building Inspector Masters reported that in July the Building Department issued 56 building permits and 10 contractor licenses. They completed 36 visual inspections and issued 14 new violations. There are 27 outstanding violations they are following up with. The Building Department received many complaints ranging from neighbor issues to random problems. They have spent a lot of time this month trying to facilitate friendly outcomes to these complaints. Construction in the area is going strong. He also stated that a lot of people have been flagged for doing work without a permit. He reminded people that they should call the Department to find out if a permit is required.

Highway Superintendent Stowell stated that the town is looking into solving drainage issues at the Pendleton Center United Methodist Church (PCUMC) property. A conversation regarding this issue ensued. He also indicated that Niagara County is willing to help with the milling for the Ridgeview Drive project. This will save the town at least \$10,000.00. He is expecting to start in the next week.

Assessor Coughlin reported that she has completed the current work on the census. She has also submitted the tax roll to the county for the school taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

BAS Software - Integrated Financial System (Ledger/Accounts Payable)

The discussion and decision on the proposed purchase of new Business Automation Services, Inc. (BAS) Integrated Financial System software was postponed until the September meeting.

RESOLUTION 142-18

WATER BILL CASH DRAWER - INCREASE "CHANGE FUND"

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the increase in the water bill cash drawer "change fund" from \$10.00 to \$50.00.

RESOLUTION 143-18

NYS DOT SPEED LIMIT EVALUATION REQUEST - IRISH ROAD

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Maerten to submit a Request for Speed Limit Evaluation (Form TE9) to the NYS DOT for Irish Road.

RESOLUTION 144-18

RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM TORRISI - RETIRED DOG CONTROL OFFICER

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski Nays 0

Resolved to recognize the service of retired Dog Control Officer William Torrisi with the following proclamation:

On behalf of the Citizens of the Town of Pendleton, we hereby issue this proclamation honoring commitment and service to the community.

William "Bill" Torrisi

Whereas, Bill Torrisi has dedicated his life to public service, through many decades of volunteering and community service in the Town of Pendleton; and

Whereas, Mr. Torrisi began his duties as the Town's Dog Control Officer and dutifully and conscientiously carried out his charge starting in 2004; and

Whereas, Bill has also volunteered his time as a longtime member of the Wendelville Fire Company, serving as both a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician, also spending countless hours organizing fundraising activities; and

Whereas, Mr. Torrisi has for many years selflessly served his fellow residents of the Town of Pendleton without regard for compensation or recognitions. Therefore:

The Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on behalf of the citizens of this great town, hereby recognizes Bill Torrisi and thanks Mr. Torrisi for his dedication and contributions to our community.

Mr. Torrisi was present for the reading of the proclamation.

RESOLUTION 145-18

PAGE DEDICATION - WILLIAM TORRISI

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to dedicate a page in the minutes for Dog Control Officer William "Bill" Torrisi recognizing his many years of service.

Pavilion Rental for Non-Residents

Councilman Ostrowski stated that he has had several requests from non-residents about renting a Town pavilion. We currently do not rent to non-residents. Councilman Ostrowski is asking the Board to discuss this and consider making it an option for non-residents. A discussion took place regarding a potential fee and the date the reservations would be opened up to non-residents. A motion was made by Councilman Ostrowski and seconded by Councilman Leible to allow non-residents to reserve the pavilions after May 31st for a \$50.00 fee. That motion was later withdrawn. This agenda item was tabled for further discussion and research.

RESOLUTION 146-18

EMERGENCY FENCE INVOICE - 6730 MACINTOSH LANE

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

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Nays 0

Resolved to permit Building Inspector Masters the authority to pursue reimbursement for a \$565.00 emergency fence invoice, needed for the property at 6730 Macintosh Lane, that was damaged by fire.

RESOLUTION 147-18

NYSDOT TAP/CMAQ APPLICATION - RECREATIONAL TRAIL BYPASS PROJECT

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Town Clerk Maurer to sign the following AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joel Maerten, as Supervisor of the Town of Pendleton, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the

New York State Department of Transportation, in an amount no less than 20% of the approved funding and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State of New York for such financial assistance authorized to the Town of Pendleton for the proposed Pendleton Recreational Pathway Bypass Project.

RESOLUTION 148-18

PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERK RESIGNATION

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the resignation of Julianna Wurzer from the position of part-time Deputy Clerk effective July 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION 149-18

ROAD PATROLS

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

ADOPTED: Ayes Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible

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Resolved to schedule up to four 4-hour shifts, at \$250.00 per shift, to be scheduled between August 13, 2018 and October 31, 2018, in coordination with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office (NCSO).

RESOLUTION 150-18

DECLARE SURPLUS - BROKEN MONITOR

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to declare a broken computer monitor from the Town Clerk's office as surplus.

RESOLUTION 151-18

FURNITURE - WATER BILLING OFFICE

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to approve the purchase of office furniture for the Water Billing Office, from HON, for the State bid pricing amount of \$1,030.00.

RESOLUTION 152-18

PLANNING BOARD REQUEST - EVALUATE CODES

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Maerten to submit a letter to the Planning Board requesting that they evaluate Town Codes §247-23 Access to Public Streets and §247-24 Contiguous Parcels.

RESOLUTION 153-18

MODERN WASTE SERVICES - FARM & HOME DAYS

Motion by Councilman Fischer, seconded by Supervisor Maerten, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to approve the expenditure of \$945.00, payable to Modern Corporation, for the rental of multiple portable toilets to be used at the Pendleton Farm and Home Days.

RESOLUTION 154-18

DECLARE SURPLUS MILLINGS - RIDGEVIEW DRIVE PAVING PROJECT

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to declare that surplus millings from the Ridgeview Drive project be sold to Town residents only for \$75.00 per delivered tandem load (approximately 18 tons).

RESOLUTION 155-18

PROCUREMENT POLICY

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Procurement Policy as revised on August 9, 2018.

Facilities Usage Agreement

A conversation took place regarding a proposed facilities usage agreement specifically for out of town organizations who request to use Town facilities. This agreement is not intended for residents. The conversation continued with a discussion about not permitting alcoholic beverages on Town property. Suggestions were made to change the wording in that section of the agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Leible to approve amendments made to the agreement with the approval of the Town Attorney. Further discussion followed and that motion was withdrawn. After another lengthy discussion, a new motion was made.

RESOLUTION 156-18

FACILITIES USAGE AGREEMENT

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Agreement for Use of Facilities of the Town of Pendleton by Non-Town Organizations as presented to the Board.

RESOLUTION 157-18

2018 NYS ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to allow Assessor Coughlin to attend the 2018 NYS Assessors' Association Conference in Binghamton, NY, September 30 – October 3, 2018.

RESOLUTION 158-18

PARK EQUIPMENT - MOWER

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the purchase of a 48" commercial mower for the Highway Department, from Outdoor Equipment Distributors, at a cost of \$5,199.60. This resolution supersedes RESOLUTION 132-18, adopted on July 9, 2018, for the purchase of a Cub Cadet RZT L42 Z-Turn mower.

Supervisor Maerten informed the Board that the Pendleton Farm and Home Days committee has secured substantial funding through fundraising efforts. They are requesting that the Board add \$3,400.00 to the \$5,000.00 they have already raised towards the cost of fireworks for this year's celebration.

RESOLUTION 159-18

FIREWORKS - FARM & HOME DAYS

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Supervisor Maerten, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the expense of \$3,400.00 towards the purchase of fireworks for the Pendleton Farm and Home Days.

RESOLUTION 160-18

WAIVE OPERATING PERMIT FEE - FARM & HOME DAYS

Motion by Councilman Fischer, seconded by Councilman Leible, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to waive the operating permit fee for the Farm & Home Days fireworks.

RESOLUTION 161-18

ROAD CLOSURE - OLD TONAWANDA CREEK ROAD

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to allow the road closure of Old Tonawanda Creek Road, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on September 5, 2018, as requested by Wendelville Fire Company, for the Harvest Moon 5k run and fun walk.

RESOLUTION 162-18

STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM (SAM) GRANT

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to accept a SAM grant in the amount of \$91,902.00, and move forward with the construction of a handicap accessible bathroom and additional paving in the park.

RESOLUTION 163-18

NATIONAL GRID STREETLIGHT AUDIT

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to allow Supervisor Maerten to accept the Settlement Agreement from National Grid, in the amount of \$5,544.21, which was the result of a billing error.

RESOLUTION 164-18

ACCEPTANCE OF GENERATOR BID

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Pendleton Pump Station Portable Generator Project bids listed below and follow through with the purchase:

- Item 1: 40 KW Trailer Mounted Generator Kinsley Power Systems \$32,100.00
- Item 2: Two 17.5 KW Portable Generators \$5,970.00 (\$2,985.00 each)
- Item 3: Trailer Mounted 15 KW Generator with LED Light Tower R.L. Kistler, Inc. \$12,343.00

For a total purchase price of \$50,413.00 to be offset by a grant of \$50,000.00 with \$413.00 to be paid by the Town of Pendleton.

RESOLUTION 165-18

REQUEST TO PLANNING BOARD - REEVALUATE TOWN CODE

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Maerten to send a letter to the Planning Board requesting the evaluation of the Town Code regarding the dismantling of Solar Panels including the potential need for a bond or other financial security.

PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS

A resident commented on the potential non-resident pavilion rental fee that was discussed earlier in the meeting stating that she thought it was a good idea to possibly charge a fee then refund part of that fee if the pavilion was left clean. The same resident also asked for clarification on the request for the Town Code to be reevaluated [see RESOLUTION 152-18]. She also complimented the Fourth of July Fireworks but had issue with the parking on Feigle Road.

Assessor Coughlin also added that she and Building Inspector Masters will be attending a meeting in Cambria regarding the Cypress Creek Solar Project.

Highway Superintendent Stowell provided an update on the tree proposal to remove four trees on Monroe Street that are on the right of way.

RESOLUTION 166-18

TREE REMOVAL

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Fischer, Graham, Leible, Ostrowski

Nays 0

Resolved to give permission to the Highway Superintendent to spend \$4,200.00 for required tree removal in the event that Niagara County is unable to help.

BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

There will be no Work Session in August. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A Budget Session is scheduled for September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and a Work Session will be held on September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by a Budget Session.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss litigation specifically related to the Town's ongoing work related to National Fuel's Northern Access Project at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Graham, seconded by Councilman Leible, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue inviting Highway Superintendent Stowell.

Motion by Councilman Leible seconded by Councilman Fischer, to adjourn from the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk

IN RECOGNITION

AND APPRECIATION

OF

William Torrisi

FOR HIS 14 ½ YEARS OF SERVICE AS DOG CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF PENDLETON

By resolution of the Town Board On August 13, 2018