

TOWN OF PENDLETON
Work Session
September 24, 2018

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on September 24, 2018. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Leible, Councilman Fischer, Councilman Ostrowski, and Councilman Graham were present.

Also present:

Noreen Lemma – Deputy Town Clerk
Claude Joerg – Town Attorney
Kelli Coughlin – Assessor
Tim Masters – Building Inspector
Jim Argo – Water/Sewer Superintendent
David Britton – Town Engineer

There were 4 residents in attendance.

Planning Board Response to Code Change Request

Building Inspector Masters reported that he received a response from the Planning Board regarding the proposed amendments to Town Code §247-23 *Access to Public Street* and Town Code §247-24 *Contiguous Parcels*. The Planning Board has recommended changing “public street” to “public street or private street” in §247-23. This would apply to commercial property only. Supervisor Maerten explained that the Town Board requested that the Planning Board consider making amendments to these codes because of potential development of another hotel and restaurant on Transit Road. A discussion ensued regarding health and safety precautions including maintaining the property/road for access by the fire company in the event of an emergency. These revisions could potentially allow for better development on Transit Road. A public hearing should be set for next month to discuss this further.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for amendments to the Town’s Code for October 8, 2018 at 6:55 p.m.

Subdivision Signage for Old Orchard Estates

Building Inspector Masters informed the Board that a resident of Macintosh Lane, whose house recently burned down, would like to put up a sign at the entrance of the subdivision. She will purchase the sign. He stated that he has already mentioned this to Highway Superintendent Stowell. A discussion took place and Supervisor Maerten suggested taking another month to look into this and discuss further with Highway Superintendent Stowell.

RESOLUTION 176-18

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #18

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 the expenditures on Abstract #18, to be paid on September 28, 2018, for the following:

General Fund	\$ 25,037.90
Highway	\$ 145,594.60
Refuse & Garbage District	\$ 35,158.12
Sewer	\$ 8,489.14
Water District	\$ 4,308.69
Total	\$ 218,588.45

Discussion on Nine Mile Island

Councilman Ostrowski began this discussion by reporting that the Recreation Committee has some concerns about the current status of the island. A resident has been living there and maintaining the property for years. Councilman Ostrowski is inquiring about the legitimacy of the lease. A discussion took place about the current lease with the Boy Scouts/Nine Mile Island Youth Camp and some upcoming projects to clean up the island. It was mentioned that even though it is a public park, residents have complained that they have been chased away. Currently there are “no trespassing” signs on the property. Supervisor Maerten confirmed that the town has updated agreements and insurance from the organizations involved. He suggested that the next step should be to follow up with these organizations. Comments were made that the condition of the facilities on the island are deplorable. Councilman Ostrowski asked Town Attorney Joerg to look into the current lease.

Heritage Landing Sewer Improvement Area and Stormwater District #4 Discussion

Town Engineer Dave Britton informed the Town Board that the Planning Board approved the revised subdivision for Heritage Landings. This process has taken about three years. The revisions included slight boundary changes, a reduction in the number of pump stations from two to one and a reduction in the number of lots from 56 to 52. The Town Board was presented with an amendment for the establishment of the sewer improvement area for Heritage Landings. A Public Hearing was scheduled for October 8, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. to receive public input on this matter. Engineer Britton explained that there is also an amendment needed for Stormwater District #3 for Heritage Landings to rename it District #4. This is because there is already a Stormwater District #3 designated for the Meadows Subdivision. A Public Hearing was scheduled for October 8, 2018 at 6:52 p.m. to receive public input on this matter.

Recreation Committee Projects

Councilman Ostrowski stated that the Recreation Committee is looking at new projects including potentially building a small pavilion in Depeau Park to make a picnic area for park attendees. He will ask the committee for a budget estimate for this project. It was suggested that they could potentially ask the Pendleton Lions or an Eagle Scout if they would be interested in building a pavilion.

Conservation Board Concerns – Chapter 13 Discussion

Conservation Board Chairwoman Sara Siracuse presented the Board with documents that explain the difference between a Conservation Advisory Council and a Conservation Board. The documents show that the Conservation Board is non-compliant with General Municipal Law Article 12F. Included in the documents submitted was Chapter 13 of the Town Code which defines the duties and powers of the town’s Conservation Board. Chairwoman Siracuse pointed out that Chapter 13 models that of a Conservation Advisory Council rather than a Board. A lengthy discussion followed and it was determined that the Town Board must make a decision as to whether it should be a Conservation Board or a Conservation Advisory Board. Supervisor Maerten asked for a couple weeks for the Board to research this issue before they take action.

The Budget Session that was originally scheduled to follow the Work Session was cancelled. The next Budget Session will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Fischer, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.
Motion Carried.