

TOWN OF PENDLETON
Work Session
February 25, 2019

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on February 25, 2019. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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

Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
Claude Joerg – Town Attorney
Kelli Coughlin – Town Assessor
Jeff Stowell - Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent
Craig Walter – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Donald Bergman – Budget Officer
Mark Walter – Emergency Services Coordinator

There were two other residents in attendance.

RESOLUTION 77-19

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #4A

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 payment of Abstract #4A, to be paid on February 27, 2019, for the following expenditures:

Water District	\$	66.00
Total	\$	66.00

RESOLUTION 78-19

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #4B

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 payment of Abstract #4B, to be paid on February 27, 2019, for the following expenditures:

General Fund	\$	39,984.49
Highway	\$	32,402.65
Refuse & Garbage District	\$	38,465.64
Sewer	\$	1,175.33
Water District	\$	340.67
Total		\$112,368.78

RESOLUTION 79-19

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - CHAPTER 247 ZONING

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

Resolved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 11, 2019 at 6:55 p.m. to discuss additional changes to Chapter 247 Zoning.

Door Maintenance Contract

The discussion about the door maintenance contract was postponed.

Flagpole

A discussion occurred concerning the flagpole in front of the Town Hall. The current flagpole needs repairs. The conversation was regarding whether the new Pendleton Veterans' flagpole can be the official flagpole for the Town Hall or not. More information is needed. No decision was made at this time.

RESOLUTION 80-19

TEAMSTERS' MOU

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 Teamsters' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as written.

RESOLUTION 81-19

COURT AUDITS

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

Resolved and acknowledged that the audits for the year of 2018, for the Honorable Judge Maziarz and the Honorable Judge Mack, have been conducted, the records have been found in good order and that audits are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Ostrowski reported that he has completed the audits of the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector. Councilman Fischer stated that he will complete the Water/Sewer audit soon. Councilman Graham reported that he has completed the Highway Department audit as well.

Supervisor Maerten spoke about \$2,500.00 in grant money that was approved for the town to receive from former Assemblyman Ray Walter in 2016. The money was originally earmarked for ball diamonds, however, no action had been taken. The town received assistance from Rotella Grant Management to convert the grant therefore allowing the town to purchase picnic tables for the park.

RESOLUTION 82-19

PURCHASE PICNIC TABLES FOR PARK WITH GRANT MONEY

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

Resolved to purchase two standard picnic tables, two universal access picnic tables and six serving tables for a cost of \$2,675.12 at State bid pricing.

Supervisor Maerten reported that the Highway Department pursued numerous estimates for HVAC work needed for the office at the Highway Garage. Information and/or estimates were received from Montgomery Heating and Cooling Corp., Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., Tri R Mechanical Services, Inc., M. J. Mechanical and Bennet Heating and Cooling. Not all vendors gave complete estimates. A few vendors requested a fee to come out to give the estimate. Another estimate did not include all of the necessary work. Expenses for this project are included in this year's budget.

RESOLUTION 83-19

HVAC WORK AT HIGHWAY GARAGE

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

Resolved to spend up to \$3,300.00 for Montgomery Heating and Cooling Corp. to complete the work at the Highway Garage office.

Supervisor Maerten went on to explain that repairs are also needed on the make-up air unit at the Highway Garage. Information and/or estimates were again received from Montgomery Heating and Cooling Corp., Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., Tri R Mechanical Services, Inc., M. J. Mechanical and Bennet Heating and Cooling with similar results.

RESOLUTION 84-19

HVAC MAKE-UP AIR UNIT AT HIGHWAY GARAGE

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to spend up to \$7,499.00 for Montgomery Heating and Cooling Corp. to complete needed repairs and maintenance to the make-up air unit at the highway garage and install a gas monitoring system.

Supervisor Maerten announced that the town will be hosting a meeting regarding the safety concerns at the intersection of Tonawanda Creek and East Canal Roads on Friday, March 1, 2019. Councilman Ostrowski and Councilman Leible will be representing the town.

Representatives from the Town of Amherst, the Niagara County General Manager, the Niagara County Public Works Director, Niagara County Legislator Nemi, Chief Dunn from the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and representatives from the NYS Canal Corporation are expected to attend. Assemblymember McMahan's office and Senator Ortt's office have also been invited.

A conversation took place regarding the status of the Holiday Inn Express proposed for South Transit Road.

Another discussion occurred regarding the Public Informational Meeting held by Cypress Creek Renewables for the Bear Ridge Solar Project. Many residents have expressed their disappointment with the meeting to various Town officials. They stated that their questions were not answered.

Supervisor Maerten briefly spoke about the recent newspaper article regarding the Northern Access Pipeline. He is in the process of obtaining letters of support from both Senator Ortt and Assemblymember McMahan encouraging the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and Governor Cuomo to continue their work on this project. He also met with the Pendleton Action Team who will be reengaging with the public to bring awareness to this matter.

The Board also discussed some potential funding options including money for a generator for the Highway Garage. Supervisor Maerten also spoke about the grant for the new park bathroom. He met with Superintendent Stowell and Jason Evchich from Mason's Mission Foundation to discuss where the bathroom could be placed.

Councilman Graham reported that he completed an audit of the Highway Department. He recommended changing the current process by having all payments, including those received by the Highway Department, processed directly at the Town Clerk's Office. This will also include payments for the Summer Recreation Program. Town Clerk Maurer will meet with Recreation Director Beatrice Mattina and the Highway Department to work out the details of this new process.

Councilman Ostrowski reported that KidsPlay will be starting its soccer program in May and discussed options for the use of the Wendelville soccer fields.

Councilman Leible reported that he is looking into leasing a vehicle to replace the Building Department's disabled truck.

Engineer Britton gave a brief update on the Borrego Solar project. He also stated that they are advancing with the final design portion of the Fisk Road project. He is expecting to be advertising for this in April.

Motion by Councilman Ostrowski, seconded by Councilman Fischer, to adjourn from the Work Session at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.