

**TOWN OF PENDLETON  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2024**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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 also observed to honor former Deputy Town Clerk, Doreen Genet, who passed away earlier this month.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Maerten	Present
Councilman Buechler	Present
Councilman Hickman	Absent
Councilman Leible	Present
Councilman Lombardo	Present

Also present:

Deborah Maurer - Town Clerk  
Claude Joerg - Town Attorney  
Tom Valentine - Assessor  
Dave Fischer - Highway/Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Ron Diedrich - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer  
Mark Walter - Deputy Town Supervisor  
Lucas Frew - Deputy Water & Sewer Superintendent

There were seven residents in attendance, three of which were Starpoint students.

**AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Remove - Meeting Minutes Approval
- Remove #13 - Budget Transfers
- Remove #20 - Executive Session

**PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no remarks or comments on the agenda items.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION 50-24

**ABSTRACT #2**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo

Nays 0

Absent 1 Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, to authorize payment of Voucher Abstract #2, Vouchers #24-00056 to #24-00073, that was paid on January 24, 2024 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 6,668.07
Highway	\$ 10,282.94
Sewer	\$ 3,229.98
Water	\$ 81.30
Total	\$ 20,262.29

RESOLUTION 51-24

**ABSTRACT #3**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4           Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
          Nays 0  
          Absent 1       Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, to authorize payment of Voucher Abstract #3, Vouchers #24-00074 to #24-00121, to be paid on February 14, 2024 as follows:

Budget Year 2023	
General Fund	\$ 233.69
Highway	\$ 603.93
Sewer	\$ 8,483.98
Total	\$ 9,321.60

Budget Year 2024	
General Fund	\$ 21,282.92
Highway	\$ 9,551.51
Refuse	\$ 46,234.14
Sewer	\$ 584.40
Water	\$ 2,599.75
Total	\$ 80,252.72
Total of All Funds	\$ 89,574.32

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Maerten** reported that the sales tax collected for December 2023 was \$247,806.95. This is an increase of \$16,966.22 compared with December 2022. The total tax collected for 2023 was \$2,482,414.94 which is an increase of \$123,652.99 from 2022.

**Councilman Leible** stated that all newsletter articles are due by February 18<sup>th</sup> and that he expects to be changing the quarterly due dates in the future due to the Buffalo USPS closing. He also reported that he and Councilman Lombardo will be meeting with the Skylighters (for 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration) later this week.

**Councilmen Lombardo** had nothing new to report.

**Councilmen Buechler** reported that the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) audit was completed for Wendelville Fire Company in January and the results were submitted to the Town Clerk. Mr. Buechler also stated that he is in the process of completing the annual Chief Financial Officer audit.

**Attorney Joerg** did not have anything to report.

**Engineer Britton** provided updates on several ongoing projects for the Town. He stated that the MS4 Stormwater Permit was issued on January 3, 2024 and that an updated plan is due in July of 2024. He also reported that the Town did not receive the WIAA grant award for the Campbell Boulevard water line replacement project but said that we can re-submit an application for it in June. Mr. Britton also provided brief updates on the emergency generator at the Highway Garage, the Community Center project, and the Server Room upgrade.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Town Clerk Maurer** reported that monthly reports were received from the Assessor, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, and Engineer. These reports, along with the monthly reports for the Town Clerk, Tax collection, and Water/Sewer collection, were posted online with the agenda documents. Mrs. Maurer informed the Board of the following monies received and collected in the month of January:

Total State, County and Local Revenues	\$21,9393.73
Town & County Taxes	\$7,176,737.00
Water/Sewer Collection	\$5,493.31

Mrs. Maurer also reported that Town Justices Kevin Mack and Todd Ostrowski presented their records and docket for the year 2023 to the Town Board for their review.

**Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent Fischer** read the January Water and Sewer Monthly Report that was provided by Deputy Water/Sewer Superintendent Lucas Frew. The report listed multiple projects that the Water and Sewer Departments completed during the month including repairing a sewer break, completing new build sewer and open trench inspections, monitoring the lift station during the period of high waters, repairing two water main breaks and conducting bi-weekly duplex checks. They also rebuilt pumps, installed water meters in new builds, and assisted the Highway Department with snowplowing. Mr. Fischer also commented on how drivers on the road do not respect the construction vehicles and crews while they are working on the side of the road. He spoke about a recent repair that was done on Bear Ridge Road on a Friday night that was extremely dangerous to his crew because of motorists not slowing down near the site.

**Building Inspector Diedrich** had nothing to report.

**Assessor Valentine** stated that his new Assessor's Information Clerk, Miranda Freiart, started in January and is a great addition to his office. He reported that they have been very busy following up with residents on their exemption forms which are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Maerten asked Engineer Britton to explain what the ArcGIS Online software program is and how it will be used by the Town. Mr. Britton stated that the ArcGIS software will be used as a background layer to map and illustrate various Town features such as zoning and Town infrastructure including water, sewer, drainage, and highway. He explained that the data will help build the framework and database for planning purposes by the various departments (i.e.: Planning, Building, Water and Sewer Department, Highway, Engineering, Town Clerk's Department) and also be used to assist the Town with an update to the Town Comprehensive Plan.

### RESOLUTION 52-24

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL - GIS PROGRAM**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4           Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
          Nays 0  
          Absent 1       Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, that the Town of Pendleton approves the proposal, as submitted by Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc., to provide engineering support services to the Town for the integration and utilization of ESRI ArcGIS Online software as submitted to the Town Board. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

### RESOLUTION 53-24

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL - 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4           Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
          Nays 0  
          Absent 1       Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, that the proposal from Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services Town 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Engineer Britton mentioned that a public information meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan is tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk Maurer stated that she will check the schedule and follow up with Mr. Britton. The meeting will be posted online once the date and time are confirmed.

RESOLUTION 54-24

**GRINDER PUMP PURCHASE**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, that grinder pump system components manufactured by Pentair Myers are declared as standardized equipment for use as a component of Town-owned sewer infrastructure; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fluid Kinetics, Inc. is recognized as the sole source provider of Pentair Myers products; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Water & Sewer Department is authorized to purchase grinder pump systems and components for new installations, with full expense prepaid by the property owner, without prior approval by the Town Board. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 55-24

**DIRECTIONAL BORING FOR UTILITY CONNECTIONS**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Water & Sewer Department of the Town of Pendleton is responsible for new connections to the Town's water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, connections to the Town's water and sewer systems for parcels located on the opposite side of the roadway from water and sewer main lines requires placement of system components beneath the roadway; and

WHEREAS, at the June 13, 2022 meeting of the Town Board a resolution was accepted requiring directional boring for utility connections and specified a contractor for this service; and

WHEREAS, new directional boring rates have been presented for 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that it is the policy of the Town of Pendleton to require direction boring for installation and placement of all water and sewer line connections that require the placement of system components beneath the surface of public roadways.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Custom Crews, Inc. (CCI) is named as the sole source contractor for boring services based on a quote of \$2,300.00 for the initial directional bore, an additional \$875.00 if a second utility pull is required, and \$500.00 set-up and mobilization fee for unforeseen obstacles.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the cost of directional boring for connection of water and sewer service, when necessary, shall be paid by the property owner prior to the commencement of the contractor's work. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 56-24

**PURCHASE OF JOHN DEER EXCAVATOR**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, that the request from the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of an engine for the John Deere excavator for a cost not to exceed \$15,378.51 is approved pending a third quote to be provided by Highway Superintendent Fischer. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 57-24

**SEWER PUMP PARTS**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, that the Sewer Department has standardized the use of pump equipment manufactured by Equipment One Corporation (E/One), and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Siewert Equipment is the sole source supplier for E/One equipment, parts, and components, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed expenditure of \$9,505.58 for service as quoted by Siewert Equipment is approved. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 58-24

**AMENDMENT OF COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Lombardo, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, at the January 8, 2024 meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton the Budget Officer was authorized to be paid annually; and

WHEREAS, historically the Budget Officer has been paid quarterly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Budget Officer shall be paid quarterly for 2024. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 59-24

**ACCESSIBLE ENTRY DOOR EQUIPMENT AND HARDWARE**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, proposals were presented to the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton for installation of accessible entry door equipment for the Town Hall at the January 8, 2024 meeting of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the pricing has been updated to reflect prevailing wage requirements; and

WHEREAS, attempts at three (3) quotes for installation of accessible entry door equipment and hardware are summarized as follows:

Imperial Door Controls, Inc.:	\$7,420.00
Aurora Door & Window, LLC:	\$7,502.49
Kelly Bros.:	No quote

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the quote from Imperial Door Controls, Inc. for \$7,420.00 for installation of door hardware equipment on the main entrance door at the Town Hall is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately. [Replaces RESOLUTION 14-24 adopted on 1/8/24]

RESOLUTION 60-24

**AMENDMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, certain employees of the Highway, Water, and Sewer Departments are collectively represented by Teamsters Local 264; and

WHEREAS, the previous collective bargaining agreement approved by Town employee membership of Teamsters Local 264 and the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the local membership of Teamsters Local 264 did approve the proposed contract extension prior to the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Town Board.

WHEREAS, the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement was approved by resolution of the Town Board on November 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, incorrect information was noted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement presented to the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Pendleton and Teamsters Local 264 shall be amended by removing the following language:

Article 24 - Job Assignment and Qualifications

All employees are required to obtain a Commercial Driver's license or learner's permit no later than six months after their date of hire.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 61-24

**GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo

Nays 0

Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Town of Pendleton has, and continues to, benefit from resources available through a variety of grant funding opportunities available at the local, state, and federal level; and

WHEREAS, Rotella Grant Management has an established relationship with the Town of Pendleton, providing comprehensive services related to identifying funding opportunities, securing grant approval, and administration of all grant awards; and

WHEREAS, the Town will continue to benefit from the services of an experienced grant writer with professional staff who are familiar with the Town of Pendleton and its needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Town of Pendleton will compensate Rotella Grant Management at a rate of \$1,500.00 per month for the 2024 calendar year for grant-related consultation, including but not limited to:

- 1) Identification of funding opportunities.
- 2) Grant writing, which generally includes preparation of all materials for submission of final grant applications.
- 3) Meetings and general communication with Town representatives.
- 4) Communication and coordination with representatives of grant-awarding agencies and organizations.
- 5) Grant administration, management, and mandatory reporting.
- 6) Grant reimbursement.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective as of January 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION 62-24

**NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC LIBRARY AGREEMENT**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo

Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Public Library was chartered in 1893 as a school district library, initially located in now demolished Goundry School #1; and

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Public Library is now located on Meadow Drive, having moved to this location in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Public Library's Mission is to continually assure access to a diversity of ideas, resources, and services to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community in a safe and comfortable environment; and

WHEREAS, the services of the North Tonawanda Public Library and all member libraries of the Nioga System are available to the residents of the Town of Pendleton, with 884 residents currently registered with the Library; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been presented to the Town Board which extends the services available to the residents of the Town through the North Tonawanda Public Library and supports the mission of this library.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Town of Pendleton approves the contract with the North Tonawanda Public Library, as presented. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

#### RESOLUTION 63-24

#### **LOCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY AGREEMENT**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo

Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Lockport Public Library had the forerunner of a public library prior to 1847 when a legislative act established the Union School system and provided for the consolidation of the seven district school libraries; and

WHEREAS, in 1892 the Board of Education adopted a resolution that the Lockport Public Library should continue as a free circulating library and a charter was obtained from the Board of Regents dated February 9, 1893; and

WHEREAS, the Lockport Public Library has been located at its East Avenue location since the buildings dedication in 1936; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lockport Public Library is to be the life-long learning center of its community, by promoting the love of reading and a thirst for knowledge from early childhood and continuing for a lifetime; treating each individual with the best of our particular knowledge and skills provided with respect for his or her opinions and privacy; presenting materials in an unbiased manner that promotes knowledge of all sides of an issue; providing fiscally adequate, responsible, competent and comprehensive library services to meet the many needs of our community; and informing the public fully of the operations of their library that they may appreciate and use the services provided; and

WHEREAS, the services of the Lockport Public Library and all member libraries of the Nioga System are available to the residents of the Town of Pendleton; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been presented to the Town Board which extends the services available to the residents of the Town through the Lockport Public Library and supports the mission of this library.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Town of Pendleton approves the contract with the Lockport Public Library, as presented. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 64-24

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER PC-2**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton authorized the advertisement for bids for a Community Center Project by resolution on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the lowest bid for this advertised project was accepted by resolution on May 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, work on the Community Center Project has commenced and Change Order PC-2 related to the addition of conduits has been recommended by the Town Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that proposed Change Order PC-2, as presented to the Town Board, is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 65-24

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER GC-4**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton authorized the advertisement for bids for a Community Center Project by resolution on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the lowest bid for this advertised project was accepted by resolution on May 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, work on the Community Center Project has commenced and Change Order GC-4 related to the addition of conduits has been recommended by the Town Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that proposed Change Order GC-4, as presented to the Town Board, is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 66-24

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER GC-5**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton authorized the advertisement for bids for a Community Center Project by resolution on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the lowest bid for this advertised project was accepted by resolution on May 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, work on the Community Center Project has commenced and Change Order GC-5 related to the addition of conduits has been recommended by the Town Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that proposed Change Order GC-5, as presented to the Town Board, is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 67-24

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER GC-6**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo



Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton authorized the advertisement for bids for a Community Center Project by resolution on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the lowest bid for this advertised project was accepted by resolution on May 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, work on the Community Center Project has commenced and Change Order GC-6 related to the addition of conduits has been recommended by the Town Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that proposed Change Order GC-6, as presented to the Town Board, is accepted. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 68-24

**CHANGE OF MEETING DATE - APRIL 8, 2024**

Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Lombardo, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, at the January 8, 2024 reorganizational meeting of the Town Board, the regular monthly meeting dates for 2024 was established as the second Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, a solar eclipse, which is a rare event, will be visible in the Town of Pendleton and surrounding areas on April 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinary number of eclipse viewers are predicted to be in the area on this date and plans are being prepared by local agencies to deal with the increase in people and traffic in the area on this date; and

WHEREAS, reports from previous eclipse events have documented the extraordinary pressure on traffic systems in the areas where the full eclipse is visible; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to move the date of the April 8, 2024 regular meeting of the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that April 8, 2024 regular monthly meeting of the Town Board is rescheduled for April 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 69-24

**TEMPORARY TOWN HALL CLOSING - APRIL 8, 2024**

Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Lombardo, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Maerten, Buechler, Leible, Lombardo  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Hickman

WHEREAS, a solar eclipse, which is a rare event, will be visible in the Town of Pendleton and surrounding areas on April 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinary number of eclipse viewers are predicted to be in the area on this date and plans are being prepared by local agencies to deal with the increase in people and traffic in the area on this date; and

WHEREAS, reports from previous eclipse events have documented the extraordinary pressure on traffic systems in the areas where the full eclipse is visible; and

WHEREAS, there is potential for an extraordinary amount of traffic and people in the Town Park on this date, impeding the operations of the Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to be prepared to close the Town Hall on April 8, 2024 to minimize potential disruptions to Town Hall operations, should conditions necessitate this decision.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that the Supervisor is authorized to close the Town Hall, at his discretion, April 8, 2024. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Maerten stated that a Work Session is scheduled for February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. and a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS**

One resident asked that the Public Comments section be added back to the Work Session agendas in the future. Supervisor Maerten asked the Town Clerk to add it to future agendas.

Another resident stated that she has concerns with the Town's financial status. She asked if direct payments are made to the Pendleton Senior Citizens group, commented about the Fire Reserve and Fire Equipment Reserve that was supposed to be closed in December of 2023, and asked a question about the 2023 Tax Levy.

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Lombardo, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk