TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2023
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS		NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Councilwoman Butler	Present	Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Councilman Hass	Present	Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney
Councilman Van Slyke	Present	
Councilman Wohlleber	Absent	
Supervisor Hammond	Present	

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler, and an oral vote of 4 ayes to approve that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Supervisor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The first item on the agenda was the Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget and it was opened at 7 p.m; the Affidavit of Publication was available for review. Supervisor Hammond asked if there were any comments on the Preliminary Budget. D. Jacangelo addressed the 2024 Town Budget and also said that "a Workshop is a Workshop" and described the overall budget "process". He said that the Proposed 2024 budget did not contain past actual results and he thought that it should. He also asked if Town interest receipts were contained in the proposed budget and asked about the Water Assistant Manager line item in the proposed budget.
The Affidavit of Public Hearing is available in the Town Clerk's office.

L. King addressed the Town Board and read a letter which Councilman Wohlleber had asked that he read to the group since he was unable to attend the meeting. In the letter Councilman Wohlleber proposed the use of "virtual meetings" for the Town Board meetings so that the residents could be involved, even if not physically present. Councilman's Wohlleber full letter is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Several residents, including C. Sargent, J. Batista and S. Sauer voiced their concerns to the Board regarding the need for a Decorum Bill. C. Sargent stated she and her family attended the June and September Town Board meetings and experienced discouraging remarks from the Board.
S. Valente, Town resident addressed Supervisor Hammond, he said that Supervisor Hammond did a fine job and wanted to thank him for all his time and for his service to the Town.

Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes (Wohlleber absent) to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of October 12, 2023, as written. Motion by Butler, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 4 ayes (Wohlleber absent) to accept the Town Clerk's minutes of October 26, 2023, as written.

Liaison Reports:
Planning Board – Town Board members had copies of the Planning Board's meeting of October 3, 2023, in their packets. J. Briggs, Board member reported on the agenda items.

Zoning Board – Town Board members had copies of the Zoning Board of Appeal's meeting of October 17, 2023, in their packets. T. Hoffay, Board member reported on the agenda items.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. October 2023 report in their packets. D. Basle reported on the number of calls the Fire Company received for the month. He also reported that all of the Storz Connectors have been installed except for three of them (due to an issue) however, DJ Goyer, Highway Superintendent will take care of the remaining three. L. Basle, Fire Co. requested that the Town Attorney, A. Gilchrist, start working on the Fire Company's contract so it can be signed next month.

Library – A Representative from the Board of Trustees reported on the activities at the library. She stated that the library had over 1,000 items circulated. She also informed the Board of some of the upcoming events which include garden cleanup, the annual lighting and stated that the library is a toy for tots drop off location.

Youth Advisory Board – Supervisor Hammond informed the Board and members of the audience that two candidates have been interviewed for the Youth Director's position.

CAC – There was no meeting this month.

Discussion Items:
Shuhart PDD – Status update – S. Hart, Hart Engineering, presented an update on the Proposal. He discussed the proposed changes and provided an overview of the project including site setbacks, parking, buffer areas, potential access points. The issue of density laws was highlighted and Engineer, S. Hart thought that they might be grandfathered, which Town Attorney, Andy Gilchrist stated was not the case. All Town Board members asked questions. Attorney Gilchrist discussed a number of issues including the changes, the need for a public hearing, and stated that the proper process needed to be followed regarding the Planning Board involvement, the need to provide information to the County, and the need for the Town to perform a comprehensive review of all details.

Fees for Commercial, Solar, Wind – T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman asked the Board to consider the fee of $5,000 for Commercial Solar and Wind permit which would be the same at the cellular tower fee.

Recognize/Commend/Resolution for Bill Daniel- T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman addressed the Board requesting a Resolution be prepared for W. Daniels, Planning Board member who has served the Town for many years. Bill will be stepping down in December when his term expires. T. Russell stated that Bill is a "stand up guy" very deserving of this recognition and thanked the Board for their help in preparing this Resolution.

Water Department/Software upgrade - Motion by Van Slyke, seconded by Hass and an oral vote of 4 ayes to approve the purchase to upgrade the software program for the Water Department in the amount of $10,000.

Action Items:
2024 Preliminary Budget - Town Board members discussed the current version of the Budget in detail and after further review, there were several changes that needed to be made. Therefore, a second Public Hearing will be held on November 14th for the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

Reports:
Supervisor's Report- No report given.

Town Attorney's Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney reported that aside from routine matters, he has worked on notices for the budget, and he has been working with the Building Inspector on a compliance matter.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of October 2023. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was $30,284.74 and of that amount $29,031.68 was remitted to the Supervisor. Town Board members had copies of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's written report. There were also reports from the Assessor, DCO, 811 report, Water report and the Highway Dept.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and an oral vote of 4 ayes to approve the following Budget Transfer:

FROM:	Bridge Maintenance – Account #251202	$10,000
TO:	Machine 4 – Account #251404	$10,000

Payment of Bills:
Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #34-2023 in the amount of $148,100. Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes to pay Warrant #35-2023 in the amount of $68,699.51.

Motion by Councilman Hass, seconded by Councilman Van Slyke and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a legal issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Hass and seconded by Councilman Van Slyke to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Horton, Town Clerk