

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2024
(Not approved at time of distribution)

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present
Councilman Burzesi	Present
Councilman Wohlleber	Present
Supervisor Russell	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Andrew Gilchrist, Attorney

Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler, and an oral vote of 5 ayes to approve that the monthly bills had been audited for payment.

Supervisor Russell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then opened the floor for public comments at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

P. Plante, town resident addressed the Town Board and indicated that he felt that we were being “lied to” regarding the proposed water district #2. He also had reservations regarding the accuracy of the LaBerge report and he felt that we were not being given the complete and accurate data. He cited the daily water flows and the Troy and Brunswick costs. He questioned why “we have got to get this done.”

L. King, town resident briefly addressed the last workshop and the discussions of the Zoning Code, possible changes, and land use considerations including density and allowable lots.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Supervisor Russell and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of March 14, 2024, as written. Motion by Butler, seconded by Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes of March 28, 2024, as written.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board – Town Board members had copies of the March 5, 2024, meeting minutes in their packets. H. Teal, Planning Board reported on the agenda items.

Zoning Board – P. Jamison informed the Board that there was no meeting this month.

Fire Company – Town Board members had copies of the Fire Co. March 2024, in their packets.

Library – S. Quimet reported that during the month of March circulation, which is physical items was 1,331, digital circulation was 876, programming 196 and total visits totaled 740.

Upcoming events include April 17th @ 6 p.m., Author Talk with Trent Romer,

April 18th @ 6 p.m., Let’s Dish about Chicken with Grab Farm

May 4th 9 a.m. – 12 Noon – SPRING MARKET DAY and May 9th @ 6 p.m., Educator from Planned Parenthood will be presenting an adult program for caregivers.

Youth Advisory Board – T. Russell updated the Board on the Summer Camp’s progress.

CAC – There was no meeting this month. Councilman Wohlleber will contact the CAC Board and schedule a meeting.

Discussion Items:

Update on new Veteran’s Memorial & Fund-Raising Efforts – Councilwoman Butler reported on the progress of the Fundraising for the Veteran’s Memorial. She stated that the first donation of \$1,269.00 was received from the Mark 20 Sportsman’s Club. Councilwoman Butler thanked L. Goyer, Deputy Town Clerk for her efforts in getting this information on our website.

Introductory Local Law #4 – Establishing Regulations on Large Group Events – Supervisor Russell stated the purpose of this proposed local law would ensure peace and tranquility by regulating large group events within the Town of Poestenkill. L. Basle, Town resident thought that this proposed law was very detailed and should be reconsidered. Councilwoman Butler agreed with Mr. Basle. However, she did state that the Town’s insurance carrier suggested a law be put in place for group events in the Town. Supervisor Russell stated that this is just a starting point, and this proposed law will be discussed at a later time.

Continuation of Shuhart PDD SEQRA Review – The Proposed PDD discussion was continued from numerous prior meetings and was largely focused on the SEQRA aspects of the plan. Outstanding items will be addressed at a “Special Meeting” on April 25th at 6:30 p.m. The application is still being considered. It included concerns regarding the proposed new Local Law and whether the existing applications would be affected. Wayne Bonesteel, Town Engineer provided information on the SEQRA.

*The Town Board will review the Shuhart PDD SEQRA on April 25th at 6:30 p.m.
This workshop will be held at the Poestenkill Fire House.

Action Items:

Introduction of Local Law #3-2024 – Local Law amending the Town of Poestenkill Land Use Law – Councilman Hass introduced proposed Local Law #3 – This proposed law will regulate the allowable density of residential dwelling units in the Town of Poestenkill. This has included consideration of both the maximum number of dwelling units allowed on a parcel, and total number of lots created through subdivision. After a lengthy discussion, mostly relating to whether “current applicants” would be affected by this proposed law, it was determined to set the Public Hearing for this proposed law on May 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Notice of Continuation of the Public Hearing for proposed Water District No. 2 –
RESOLUTION #8-2024 – RESOLUTION AND ORDER SCHEDULING THE CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF POESTENKILL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 - That a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Poestenkill shall be held at the Poestenkill Fire House, 182 Main Street, Poestenkill, New York on April 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to continue the public hearing and consideration of the proposed Town of Poestenkill Water District No. 2, and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof, and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation to the said proposed Water District No. 2 as may be required by law.

MOVED BY: Councilman Wohlleber
SECONDED BY: Supervisor Russell

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler YES
Councilman Burzesi YES
Councilman Hass YES
Councilman Wohlleber YES
Supervisor Russell YES

Resolution Adopting Town of Poestenkill Employee Handbook - This resolution has been tabled until Town Board members have a chance to review the updated handbook.

Resolution Adopting Town of Poestenkill Public Employer Health Emergency Plan – RESOLUTION #9-2024 – ADOPTING TOWN OF POESTEKILL PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN – The Town of Poestenkill Board hereby adopts the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Poestenkill attached hereto, and further that the attached Health Emergency Plan shall become immediately effective.

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Butler
SECONDED BY: Supervisor Russell

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler YES
Councilman Burzesi YES
Councilman Hass YES
Councilman Wohlleber YES
Supervisor Russell YES

Resolution Approving Revised and Updated ARPA Allocations and Expenditures – This resolution will be reviewed and voted on at the April 25th Workshop.

Standard Workday & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials – Betsy Pinho and Tom Russell – Motion by Wohlleber, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstention (Russell) to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for T. Russell, Supervisor from 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025 and B. Pinho, Bookkeeper from 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2028.

Poestenkill Library 2024 Service Agreement - Motion by Burzesi, seconded by Supervisor Russell and carried authorizing Supervisor Russell to sign the Town of Poestenkill’s Library Services Agreement for 2024.

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report- Supervisor Russell stated that he was thankful to all that worked on the ARPA allocations. He also stated that B. Guyer, Dog Control Officer, is back doing his job. Supervisor Russell informed the Board of a situation that occurred last week in trying to locate two Huskey’s owners. The dogs were eventually returned to their owners with the help of the Sand Lake Dog Control Officer, who was covering for the Town. Supervisor Russell stated there is a need for help from the County in getting help to house dogs that are picked up.

Town Attorney's Report – A. Gilchrist, Town Attorney reported that along with his routine matters it has been a very busy month.

Town Clerk's Report – Motion by Hass, seconded by Butler and an oral vote of 5 ayes to accept the Town Clerk's report of March 2024. The total amount received in the Clerk's office was \$14,934.09 and of that amount \$14,821.17 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.

Poestenkill Historical Society Quarterly Report - Town Board members had copies of the Poestenkill Historical Society's report dated April 8, 2024, in their packets. Supervisor Russell reported on the activities of the Historical Society and stated that the Annual Concert-on-the-Green will be held on June 23rd beginning at 2 p.m. This year's featured band is the Gone Gray Band.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Hass, seconded by Supervisor Russell and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #16-2024 in the amount of \$17,036.21. Motion by Hass, seconded by Burzesi and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #17-2024 in the amount of \$21,623.29. Motion by Hass, seconded by Supervisor Russell and an oral vote of 5 ayes to pay Warrant #18-2024 in the amount of \$13,441.18.

Motion by Councilman Burzesi, seconded by Supervisor Russell and carried to enter into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes taken. Motion by Councilman Wohlleber and seconded by Councilman Hass to exit Executive Session at 10:31 p.m. and immediately adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk