

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on May 15th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Ingleside Christian Church, Ingleside, NY. Supervisor Wordingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Albert Wordingham Supervisor
Angela Einwachter Councilmember
Elizabeth Peck Councilmember
Janette Payne Councilmember
Pete Scheid Councilmember
Edward Brockman Legal Counsel
Kim Sobolewski Town Clerk

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the April 17th, 2023, Minutes were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the May 2023 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #5 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #5 is \$105,106.18 (Voucher#180-212)

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

HIGHWAY

Since our last meeting we have painted all the plows and stored them for the summer, we have oiled and greased the small Sander and stored that away for the summer, boom mowed down to the water tank, spent two days cleaning plugged pipes after a microburst on the 27th of April, spent 12 days tiling Hotchkiss Road, hauled in 1452 1/2 tons of 1A stone for chip sealing and 531 ton of #1 stone for a base treatment ground and injected Block School Rd.

Repairs and maintenance:

T304 inspection and air leaks_
T105 inspection and air leaks

TR117 new battery_
T305 flat fire

CODE/WATER

Code

Permits- 10

Appearance Tickets- 0

Renewals- 1

Building Inspections- 10

Septic Inspections- 0

UFPO- 25

C of O/C- 1

Compliance Inspections- 8

Code Complaint- 4

Compliance Orders- 6

Remarks- I condemned one residential structure

Al and I met with Chris Whipple about helping and updating the Code Department

I answered or returned 83 calls and emails about code related issues

Water

5/2 – Sent in April’s water report to the DOH

5/9 – I met with the NYMIR Representative at the pump house and reservoir

5/10 – Took May’s Coli/Ecoli sample to the Wayland Lab

5/11 – Turned on one water service

5/11 – Worked on two curb boxes that were bad on North Main St

5/12 – Had the generator at the pump house serviced by Cummins

Fred and I have installed 52 meters with only three left to install this round totaling 86 meters

Crossing Guard Report

Everyone crossed the street safely

SUPERVISOR

4/18/23 As everyone is aware the financial challenges the town faces are significant. In an effort to keep taxes within the state threshold of 2% we are going to do an experiment for 2024. As you may or may not be aware Calvin Smith is retiring this year. Instead of replacing Calvin the highway crew has accepted the challenge of maintaining the town’s roads without a new hire. This will enable the town to take that compensation and put it directly in the reserve for highway equipment (66% increase). I want to thank the highway crew for their willingness to step up when needed.

4/19/23 I met with the Presbyterian Church Session last night to further our discussion on the use of the church property for a portion of the project. The discussion was positive and will be continued.

4/21/23 I gave Brad Sick (Larson Engineering) the O.K. to proceed with the Wastewater PER. We need the P.E.R to apply for state grant money. The report will be paid for with ARPA funds.

4/27/23 I met with Jack Wheeler yesterday to continue our discussions involving the Cohocton – Prattsburgh Landfill. We still have a couple of sticking points, but we are focused on finding a solution that works for all parties.

5/1/23 Jim Baase (C.O.O. of Empire) called this morning and confirmed that Empire is building their warehouse in Prattsburgh. I sent him information regarding 485-b (Real Property Tax Law for a partial property tax exemption). This is very good news for the town.

5/5/23 Ed Brockman, J.C. Smith, and I met this morning to establish a sequence of steps necessary in moving forward with the sewer project including a deal with the church, financing, and engineering.

5/9/23 Chris Underhill and I met with Chris Whipple (an applicant for the CEO position) Chris W. has years of experience in the building trades and is transitioning into a Code Enforcement Officer. He has all the necessary paperwork to be effective immediately. He is currently the C.E.O. for Italy.

5/9/23 Chris Underhill, John Perry, Kim S., and I met with Michelle Leroux from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) to review the town’s insurance policy. Michelle took a tour of our buildings and water tank with John and Chris.

5/10/23 Tom MacAllister (Planning Board member) gave a power point presentation to Ed Brockman, Dwight Kanyuck, Kathy Spenser, Jeanette Underhill and me regarding the second submission of Terra-Gen to O.R.E.S. With the exception

of a few minor changes the submission is still in violation of many of the O.R.E.S. rules. Setbacks, flicker, and accuracy of participating and non-participating landowners are a few examples of noncompliance. Tom spent many hours reviewing Terra-Gen's submission and creating the power point. We are lucky to have Tom on the Planning Board and I thank him for his work.

5/11/23 The electric in the park should be completed by May 19th. Other than racking and seeding the only significant work remaining is mounting the lights on the gazebo.

5/11/23 We have received the updated P.E.R. from Brad Sick of Larson Design for the Water Department upgrades. The board will review, and Brad will attend a board meeting in the next couple of months to review and answer questions.

PLANTERS

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the Board approved \$250.00 from the Beautification Fund to be used for the town planters.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

YOGA

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, with all Board members in favor the town park may be used by Intention Yoga for a benefit honoring Morgan Stratton on July 8th, 2023.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

SUMMERFEST

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, the Board approved use of the Town Park for Summerfest 2023.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AMENDED CODE OF ETHICS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Resolution No. 13 -2023

Adoption of Amended Town of Prattsburgh Government Code of Ethics

Motion by Councilperson Einwachter, seconded by Councilperson Peck to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, a Code of Ethics was previously adopted by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, an administrative change has been made thereto with respect to any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh adopts the amended Code of Ethics which will be applicable to the Town Governmental operations.
2. The Town Clerk is directed, to file such Code of Ethics in the Town Clerk's Office, as well as to assist the Town Supervisor in the posting and distribution thereof in accordance with sub-sections (a) and (c) of Section 19 of the Code of Ethics.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF STEUBEN) SS:

I, the undersigned, Town Clerk of the Town of Prattsburgh, Steuben County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh, duly scheduled meeting and held on the 15th day of May, 2023, at which a quorum was present and participated in throughout, said Resolution having been unanimously passed, and that the same has not been in any way rescinded or annulled but is still in full force and effect and is duly entered in the minutes of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town the 16th day of May, 2023.

(SEAL)

Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk
Town of Prattsburgh

TO PURCHASE CHURCH PROPERTY WITH ARPA FUNDS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUTHORIZATION OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR SEWER PROJECT RESOLUTION NUMBER: 14 of 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsburgh, New York received American Rescue Plan ("ARPA) Funds under the COVID 19 declared pandemic in the amount of \$200,307.09, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsburgh is desirous of utilizing said funds to secure property on a needed sewer district and,

WHEREAS, utilizing ARPA funds for water and sewer infrastructure is an allowable expense and whereas the purchase of property from Prattsburgh Presbyterian Church will be required in order to facilitate the necessary sewer district, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsburgh has available additional funding for the Sewer project from other sources which is also contingent upon the purchase of the necessary land,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Prattsburgh hereby authorizes the negotiation and purchase of the necessary property to expedite the sewer district, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution by a majority vote of the board.

MOTION was made by Councilperson Einwachter, seconded by Councilperson Peck, and voted as follows:

Yes

Abstentions: none

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF GENESEE)ss

TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kimberly Sobolewski Clerk of the Town of Prattsburgh, Steuben County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following resolution was duly passed by the municipal Board on this 15th day of May, 2023.

Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk
Town of Prattsburgh, New York

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, with all Board Members favor, the Board will go into closed session to confer with legal counsel.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter and seconded by Councilmember Payne, the board agreed to exit closed session and reenter regular session.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Payne, and duly carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk