

Regular Town Board
Meeting
June 20th, 2022

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on June 20th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall, Prattsburgh, NY. Supervisor Wordingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEARING –T elecommunications regulations

A motion was made by Councilwoman Einwachter and seconded by Councilman Scheid and duly carried, the hearing was open at 6:35 P.M. On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter and seconded by Councilman Scheid and with all board members in favor and with all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, the hearing was closed at 6:40 P.M.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye
Councilwoman Peck-Aye
Councilwoman Payne-Aye
Councilman Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

GUEST SPEAKER

Kevin Sheen and Jim Muscato from TerraGen came to speak to the Board regarding the wind project.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Paine, the May 16th, 2022 Minutes were accepted as presented.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye
Councilwoman Peck-Aye
Councilwoman Payne-Aye
Councilman Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Peck, seconded by Councilwoman Einwachter, the June 2022 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye
Councilwoman Peck-Aye
Councilwoman Payne-Aye
Councilman Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter, seconded by Councilwoman Payne, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #6 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #6 is \$113,837.37. (Voucher#231-292)

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

CODE/WATER

Permits- 13 Appearance Tickets- 0

Renewals- 2 Building Inspections- 24

Septic Inspections- 3 UFPO- 43

C of O/C- 2 Compliance Inspections- 6

Code Complaint- 4 Compliance Orders- 0

Remarks- I have been dealing with some illegal buildings in the town. I met with the Town Attorney and Town Health Officer about a couple of properties in town. I have answered and returned around 70 calls for code related issues.

5/17- Took water sample to Wayland

5/18- Fred and I attended a water conference in Big Flats

5/19- Cleaned up around the pump house and the reservoir

5/27- Helped Tim do some trimming in the cemetery before Memorial Day

6/1- Met with Markus Anten (Ti Sales) for Neptune meter presentation

SUPERVISOR

5/16/22 I spoke with Brian Polmateer (T&R) on the status of the milk plant site. Brian informed them that their scope of work is nearly complete. This week they have to bring in topsoil and seed for completion. They just completed removing 3,000 tons of contaminated soil and treating 600,000 gallons of water. I also talked with Leonard Carruthers (Steuben Foods). He agreed with Brian and said we will be receiving DEC release forms from the site.

5/18/22 We are trying to help Empire find a piece of property to build a new warehouse. Brian and I met this morning to discuss the possibility of a piece of town property that adjoins Steuben Foods. He is reviewing the property and will get back to us.

5/20/22 I spoke with Judy Hall (Cohocton Supervisor) regarding the landfill issue with the county. They have still not decided whether they want to work with the county. Judy promised an answer at their next board meeting.

5/24/22 We are gathering quotes on the carpentry and paint work for the utility building at the cemetery.

5/25/22 I met with Kevin Sheen (Terra-Gen) for the first time this year. He gave me his estimates on when he would receive permits, when construction would start, tower size, longitude and latitude of each turbine, software to deal with flicker, escrow agreement with the town, intervenor funds, pilot, and Host Community Agreement. We are planning another meeting before the June board meeting.

5/27/22 SCT Computers installed a server, hard drives, power supply, and other server essentials to back up all the town's records. Previously if the town hall were to burn or experience some other catastrophe all of the town records would have been lost. All information is now on the "cloud".

5/27/22 I called Dave Sinclair at Metering and Technology Solutions (Badger distributor) and he confirmed that the water meters we use are discontinued. We will start the process of identifying another manufacturer.

6/1/22 Chris, Jeanette, and I met with Marcus Anten (Ti Sales). Marcus is a sales representative for Neptune. They supply water meters, data collection instruments, and software for the Water district. Neptune has their equipment in hundreds of towns in New York including Naples, Penn Yan, and Cohocton. Our current supplier (Badger) is no longer supporting our equipment.

6/7/22 J.C. Smith is updating our Rural Business Development Grant information for 2022. This is one of the grants for the sewer. We are still hoping for news on a grant opportunity from the state.

6/8/22 I met with Jamie Smith (I.D.A.) to discuss the Prattsburgh Wind Project. Unfortunately, with the adoption of 94-c the projects are controlled almost exclusively by O.R.E.S. (Office Renewable Energy Siting) out of Albany and the wind company.

6/9/22 Jeannette, Chris, and I met with representatives from EJP (water metering company). We are gathering information and quotes to identify the manufacturer that is most compatible with Prattsburgh's existing water metering system.

6/10/22 Chris and I had a meeting with Jason Bellis on a number of issues. First, Jason said we will have a draft of the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) for the Water District before our June meeting. Second, we discussed the next step in the sewer project, and finally the potential new regulations for drinking water. The new regulations are concerned with lead in the water. The old "trigger level" was 15 ppb (parts per billion) and the new level is 10 ppb. Prattsburgh's last test came in at a high of 4.7 ppb and an average of 1.87 ppb.

PLANNING BOARD

On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Peck, the following was approved:

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Town of Prattsburgh

Resolution No. 24 –2022

Appointment of Town Planning Board Members

Motion by Councilperson Scheid, seconded by Councilperson Peck to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has created a Town Planning Board consisting of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members by means of a Local Law adopted pursuant to Article 16 of the Town Law of the State of New York and the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a number of applications from residents of the Town of Prattsburgh who wish to serve as members of the Town Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law Section 271 intends to appoint members and alternate members to the Town Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to address any SEQRA issues related to this matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh designates itself as "Lead Agency" for SEQR purposes with respect to this action, determines that there will be no negative impact on the environment as a result of this action, therefore finds this to be a Type II action and accordingly no SEQR review will be undertaken.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh hereby appoints Dave Covert, Tom McAllister, E.J. Warden, Ron Woudenberg, and Betsy Peacock as members of the Town Planning Board and Amie Matchak as an alternate member of the Town Planning Board. The terms of office for the members shall be as follows:

The term of Dave Covert shall expire on December 31, 2022;

Term of E.J. Warden shall expire on December 31, 2023;

Term of Ron Woudenberg shall expire on December 31, 2024;

Term of Betsy Peacock shall expire on December 31, 2025;

Term of Tom McAllister shall expire on December 31, 2026.

Appointments for subsequent terms of Planning Board members shall be for a term of five (5) years.

The term for Amie Matchak as an alternate member shall expire December 31, 2023. Subsequent appointments to the office shall be for five (5) years.

3. Members and alternate members are required to be sworn into office by the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of the date hereof.

4. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Planning Board Members and the alternate member thereof upon being sworn into office.

5. There is hereby created the position of Clerk to the Town Planning Board who shall receive remuneration at a rate to be set from time to time by motion of the Town Board.

6. The Town Board determines that the Planning Board shall appoint the chairperson of the Town Planning Board, whose duties shall be as prescribed by Town Law Section 271, sub 10.

7. The Town Planning Board may elect a member or alternate member to be the Town representative on the Steuben County Planning Board.

8. The Town Planning Board may formulate rules and regulations with respect to operation of the Town Planning Board and recommend adoption thereof to the Town Board, which must be done by Local Law pursuant to Town Law Section 271, subdivision 13.

9. The Town Planning Board members and alternate members shall acquire four (4) hours of training each year with respect to their position and report that training to the Town Planning Board Clerk, who shall file those records with the Town Clerk annually by January 31, with respect to the prior calendar year.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)
TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION 24- 2022 was adopted at the regular meeting the Town of Prattsburgh Town Board held on June 20th, 2022, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Dated: June 21, 2022

Kim Sobolewski – Town Clerk

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

On a motion made by Councilwoman Paine, seconded by Councilman Scheid, the following was approved:

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye
Councilwoman Peck-Aye
Councilwoman Payne-Aye
Councilman Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH

Resolution No. 25 -2022

Adoption of Local Law with Respect To Telecommunication Tower Regulations In the Town of Prattsburgh.

Motion by Councilperson Payne, seconded by Councilperson Scheid to adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Town Board previously designated itself as Lead Agency with respect to this action and has reviewed and adopted a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), which resulted in the issuance of a Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Law Section 239-m referral was made to the Steuben County Planning Department on May 12, 2022 and more than thirty (30) days having elapsed since such deliver; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Town Board on the proposed Local Law.

Now therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh adopts said proposed Local Law.
2. The Town Clerk is directed, through the Town's legal counsel, to file such Local Law with the Secretary of State of the State of New York and provide for the requisite publication and posting of the Notice of Adoption of such Local Law together with such other acts that are customarily associated with the adoption and implementation of a Local Law, including the entry thereof in the minutes of the Town Board Meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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 held on the 20th day of June, 2022, at which a quorum was present and participated in

throughout, said Resolution having been 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 21st day of June, 2022.

(SEAL)

Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk

Town of Prattsburgh

WAYNE FINGERLAKES ELECTRIC

On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter, seconded by Councilman Scheid, the following was approved:

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

MAIN STREET GRANT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter, seconded by Councilwoman Peck, the Board approved Supervisor Wordingham to sign the letter to New York State, stating there is no conflict of interest between Cahoon Building Company and The Town of Prattsburgh.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

REPAIR QUOTE

On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter, seconded by Councilman Scheid, the Board accepted the quote from Dan Raymond being that it was the only quote we received.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Peck and duly carried, Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Peck, the board entered closed session to confer with legal counsel. On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Paine, the board adjourned closed session after conferring with legal counsel at 9:20P.M.

Councilwoman Einwachter- Aye

Councilwoman Peck-Aye

Councilwoman Payne-Aye

Councilman Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk