

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on May 16th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at the Ingleside Church Ingleside, 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-(TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

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 Councilman Scheid and seconded by Councilwoman Peck 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

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Einwachter, seconded by Councilman Scheid, the April 18th, 2022 Minutes were accepted as presented.

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

On a motion made by Councilman Scheid, seconded by Councilwoman Peck, the May 4th, 2022 Special 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 Einwachter, seconded by Councilwoman Payne, the May 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 #5 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #5 is \$92,097.18. (Voucher#186-231)

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

HIGHWAY

We've plowed and sanded twice. And pushed back drifts once.
We provided shared service for Pulteney 2-1/2 hours scaffiring lower Armstrong Road
We changed four sluice pipes, two on Flaherty, one on Williams, and one on Nickel Road. And did an extension on a pipe on Flaherty as well.
Changed all small truck tires and truck 104 back to summer treads. Stored small sanders for the season. We had four days invested into tiling block school road.
We've swept Mattoon, Butts, Cayward, and Flaherty Road.
Made 300 tons of cold-patch on the 27th.
Took off all plow frames.
Graded Block, Burke, Gleason, Fisher, and Dillenbeck roads.
Finished a gravel lift on Ringrose. And are currently working on doing the same to Prattsburgh Italy valley road.
And we put the new truck box on truck 200.
Just regular repairs and maintenance.
I'm still working on FEMA. I have been in contact with chips trying to find diesel fuel monies, currently the excavator is broken down waiting to be fixed. And sweeping will resume once we have rain to work with.

Respectfully John Perry.

CODE/WATER

Permits- 2
Appearance Tickets- 0
Renewals- 0
Building Inspections- 14
Septic Inspections- 0
UFPO- 57
C of O/C- 2
Compliance Inspections- 4
Code Complaint- 2
Compliance Orders- 0
Remarks- Working on posting a residence for health issues
Starting property maintenance inspections next week
Water
I have been working on cleaning up after winter water main breaks
Fred and I started making a summer repair list for the water system
We have been working on getting water to the old McConnell building
We published our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report in the Shopper and on the Town webpage
4/22/22 –We took our second quarter PFOA, PFOS and 1,4Dioxane test samples to ALS Labs

5/3/22 – I met with Mike Bailey from the DOH at the pump house to discuss issues that might need attention for potential system projects.

5/4/22 – Generator at the pump house was serviced

5/9/22 – 5/13/22 Attended and passed Grade D water class in Cortland

SUPERVISOR

4/19/22 Angela set up a meeting with Marjorie Burns for May 6th at 1:00 P.M. We will be discussing the possibility of state funding for the sewer project along with a couple other challenges facing the town.

4/21/22 I ask Jason Bellis (Larson Engineering) if they are still interested in working with us on the sewer project given the fact, they will require significant modifications. He said that Larson had committed a lot of time and that they would like to complete the project.

4/22/22 After working on the ARPA report every day since 4/4/22 and talking to dozens of people we finally found a person working with the government that was able to “cut through the red tape” and file Prattsburgh’s report just before the deadline. The town of Prattsburgh is very fortunate to have the office staff consisting of Kim, Michelle and Jeannette, because without their commitment to this project it may not have been successfully completed.

4/22/22 J.C. Smith and I are setting up the next meeting with Jason Bellis (Larson Engineering) to discuss the possible changes to the sewer project.

4/26/22 I spoke with Judy Hall (Cohocton’s Supervisor) about the on-going dilemma between Cohocton, Prattsburgh, and the county over the landfill. Cohocton has been trying to fill board seats for the last couple of months. Hopefully she will get that done and a decision on how they want to move forward will be determined at their May meeting. I shared Judy’s and my discussion with Mike Hanna and Jack Wheeler.

4/27/22 An email was sent to Terra-Gen to inform them that the escrow account had dropped below \$40,000 and that they have 15 days per the Escrow Agreement to add an additional \$40,000.

5/2/22 Tim H. and I spent time looking at the condition of the vault and the tool shed at the cemetery. The vault has water encroaching from the neighboring property to just in back of the vault’s wall. We need to dig a drainage ditch to eliminate the problem. The vault needs repair work on the ceiling. The tool shed needs floor replacement boards and painting. There are numerous trees that need to be removed for public safety.

5/4/22 The “Tool Shed” at the cemetery is very much in need of floor board replacement and paint. John, Chris and I inspected the building and are working to come up with a plan.

5/5/22 I met with Marcus Anten from Ti Sales (Neptune water metering equipment) to discuss the cost involved in transitioning over to Neptune equipment from Badger. Marcus is going to email a current customer list and pricing. We will meet again when Chris is available.

5/5/22 John P. took me on a tour of the south western part of Prattsburgh showing me the challenges the highway department faces all times of the year. We are all aware that snow is a problem, but the fallen trees, ditching, and gravel control require many hours a year. The professionalism of the Prattsburgh team is evident when you cross over to a neighboring town road.

5/6/22 Angela and I had a meeting with Marjorie Burns at her office in Avon. We discussed two issues facing Prattsburgh. First was the concern that small communities of New York are losing the right of “Home Rule”. Marjorie’s only solution was that constituents voice their opinion in the form of written letters to their representatives. The second discussion was regarding the sewer project. I had written a letter to her a few weeks ago asking for consideration on any state money that becomes available for water or sewer. She is going to keep us informed of any funds that become available.

5/9/22 I had a meeting with J.C. Smith regarding the Water and Sewer projects. There is a state grant WQIP (water quality improvement program) that J.C. is going to apply for. J.C. Smith, Jason Bellis, and I will be meeting in a week or so to discuss progress on both projects.

5/10/22 Ed Brockman, Angela, Kathy Spenser (LaBella), Jennifer Vaughn (LaBella), and I had a meeting regarding Terra-Gen. LaBella, an engineering firm, would work on behalf of the town if the wind project moves forward.

5/10/22 Fred and I inspected a couple streets in town where a number of the residents are in clear violation of property maintenance code. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Peck, seconded by Councilwoman Einwachter and duly carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk