

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

**PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN  
COUNCILPERSON CARLA BRAND  
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK  
COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS  
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES**

**ALSO**

**PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON  
TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There will be an Executive Session on Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 pm and a Work Session on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 pm.
- State Senator Peter Harckham will host Coffee and Conversation from 11:00 am to noon at the Town House. Topics to be discussed include possible redistricting as a result of Census 2020.
- First graders from PRES will be caroling along Westchester Avenue on Wednesday, December 15 from 12:15 to 1:00 pm. The rain date for this event is Thursday, December 16.
- Thank you to the Garden Club for decorating the Town House as well as street signs throughout town.
- Volunteers are needed for the Neighbor 2 Neighbor luncheon at Conant Hall.
- Thank you to Receiver of Taxes Deborah Damascus, who will be ending her term this year, for her many years of service.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Review of 2022 Town and Parking District budgets**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to open the public hearing.

Director of Finance Steven Conti presented an overview of the Preliminary Town and Parking District budgets, which include an increase that is under the tax cap. The average tax increase per household is approximately \$91.

Receiver of Taxes Deborah Damascus asked why there was such a dramatic increase in hourly clerical work in Finance. This increase is necessary due to the many special projects that have increased the departmental workload dramatically. Ms. Damascus also expressed concern that there are no funds allocated to the Receiver's office for a deputy. She also stated that salary increases appeared to have been apportioned unevenly.

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Resident Leah Benincasa asked who would be training the new Receiver, and Mr. Conti noted that he would be training her. He had already scheduled a meeting for the following day.

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to close the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Finance – Approval of 2022 Town and Parking District budgets**

**Resolution 184-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the provisional 2022 Town and Parking District budgets.

**B. Highway – Approval to transfer funds for bulk tree cutting**

**Resolution 185-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves a transfer of \$35,000.00 from contingency to the Highway Department budget for bulk tree cutting.

**C. Police – Approval for purchase of firewall replacement**

**Resolution 186-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the purchase of a replacement for an existing server firewall as budgeted at a cost of \$7,256.12.

**D. Office of Emergency Management – Approval for additional AED expense**

**Resolution 187-21**

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**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Brand, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes an additional \$582.00 for the claim for the purchase of automated external defibrillators submitted in March 2021.

**E. Water Control Commission – Approval of bond release**

**Resolution 188-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Brand, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the release of Water Control Commission Bond #2020-19 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Ronnie Lee, of 107 Cross Pond Road.

**F. Recreation**

- Request to authorize survey

**Resolution 189-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the Recreation Commission to conduct a survey to gauge community interest in various recreational offerings.

- Approve refunds

**Resolution 190-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the following refunds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Christa Fredrickson	40 Ridgecrest Road Stamford, CT 06930	\$360.00	basketball refund
Clair Bernard	22 Long Meadow Road Bedford, NY 10506	\$100.00	basketball refund

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Christine Juchem	14 Lewis Road Bedford, NY 10506	\$160.00	basketball refund
Bethany Spaziante	1871 Long Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06903	\$160.00	basketball refund
Andrea Peters	15 Lower Trinity Pass Pound Ridge, NY 10576	\$500.00	Conant Hall refund
Sherry Fisher Georgi	66 Garlen Road Katonah, NY 10536	\$250.00	flag football refund

**G. Town Clerk – Approval to award fuel oil and recyclables bids**

**Resolution 191-21**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Brand, all voting aye, on the following:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby awards the bid for delivery of #2 fuel oil at a price of \$0.07/gallon above the low New York Harbor Barge Reseller’s price to Marshall Oil Company; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby awards the bid for removal of recyclable materials to City Carting/WIN Industries at a rate of \$160/30-yard pull of cardboard, mixed paper, commingled recyclables, and metal, and at a rate of \$520/30-yard pull of household junk.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
December 12, 2021