

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK, AND 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: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

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PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Saturday, November 5, 2022, is the PRES pancake breakfast. This year the fifth grade is honoring Recreation Superintendent David Goldberg as their local hero.
- Also on Saturday, November 5, from 12 noon to 4:00 pm, the Market at Pound Ridge Square will host "A Taste of the Holidays," showcasing specialty holiday items and offering a variety of tastings.
- The general election is November 8, 2022. You can also vote early at the Town House through November 6.
- Because of Election Day, the next Town Board meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, November 8 to Thursday, November 10, 2022. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm rather than 8:00 pm because it will include a public hearing regarding proposed leaf blower legislation.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. County Legislator Erika Pierce – District 2 update

County Legislator Erika Pierce presented a proclamation to Growing Pound Ridge representative Carrie Sears in recognition of the town's recent America in Bloom award.

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She reported that the fiscal health of the county is strong, with the bond rating at AA+. The county has gone several years with no property tax increase while continuing to replenish its fund balance and tackling much-needed infrastructure work.

Legislator Pierce also reported on legislation that makes it easier for seniors and disabled residents to qualify for county tax exemptions, though it is necessary to complete a form to receive this benefit. She also noted that residents, especially seniors, should be made aware of the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which helps defray heating costs for low-income households.

B. Finance – Presentation of 2023 Tentative Budget

Director of Finance Steven Conti provided an overview of the 2023 Tentative Budget. He emphasized that the amount allocated from the fund balance actually reflects past surpluses that have been rolled over, not a diminishment of the fund balance. He also noted that what may appear at first to be increased spending is in fact increased grant funding.

C. Supervisor – Recognition of Teamsters Local 456

RESOLUTION 178-22

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby recognizes Teamsters Local 456 as the bargaining representative of Highway Department blue collar employees.

D. Town Clerk

1. Approval of cemetery plot sale

RESOLUTION 179-22

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the sale of Plot 7 in Section 3 (2 gravesites) at a price of \$2,000.00 to Richard Loew, of 169 Eastwoods Road.

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2. Approval of PRBA Special Event Permit application

RESOLUTION 180-22

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the application by the Pound Ridge Business Association for a “Made in New York” holiday market, subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant should contact the Highway Department to arrange for the delivery of barricades (sawhorses) and cones to be used in blocking off the driveway adjacent to the Kitchen Table
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that food trucks are properly licensed and inspected and for securing any other applicable permits related to any service of food or beverages, including alcoholic beverages, in connection with the event.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining a certificate of insurance naming the town as an additional insured.

E. Planning Board – Approval of return of unused escrows

RESOLUTION 181-22

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the return of the following unused Planning Board escrows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lisa Boxer	129 Upper Shad Road	\$2,497.00
Gunks Holding	66 Westchester Avenue	\$2,795.00
Alex and Kenny Creed	10 East End Avenue, 4D	\$1,578.00

F. Water Control Commission – Approval of bond release

RESOLUTION 182-22

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the release of Water Control Commission bond #2021-28, in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Salim Ladah, of 37 Indian Hill Road, Pound Ridge.

G. Friends of Pound Ridge – Discussion of proposed dog park

Matt Polinsky and Rich Wetschler presented plans for a proposed dog park at Sachs Park on behalf of the Friends of Pound Ridge. Town Attorney Bill Harrington pointed out that creating a dog park would not constitute the creation of a second park within Sachs Park that would exist in perpetuity under state law; it would only authorize a use within the existing park. No decision or action was taken.

H. Supervisor – Discussion of proposed leaf blower legislation

Supervisor Hansan sought to ensure that the Town Board was in agreement regarding the language that has been proposed for discussion at the November 10, 2022 public hearing. Town Attorney Harrington clarified that the board could adopt the proposed legislation with amendments without an additional public hearing.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
November 2, 2022
Updated February 1, 2023