

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 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 7:30 PM

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK
COUNCILPERSON NAMASHA SCHELLING

ALSO

PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON (via Zoom)
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

NOT

PRESENT: COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING: Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to the Pound Ridge Police Benevolent Association for a very successful car show this past weekend.
- Residents are encouraged to register for the Recreation Department's Paint 'n' Scare event, which includes a scarecrow contest.
- The Westchester County SPCA will hold a free rabies clinic on September 28 in Briarcliff Manor from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; appointments are required.
- The Pound Ridge Library will be hosting an inclusive connection experience called "Melodies and Masterpieces" on Saturday, September 28 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Residents are invited to "Wooffstock," a pet rescue and adoption event at the Pound Ridge Community Church on Sunday, September 29, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

III. MINUTES

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Town Board meeting.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Maximum hiring age for Police Department

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye to open the public hearing regarding the maximum hiring age for the Police Department.

Resident Alex Goldfarb asked whether the proposed change would help fix the problem related to maximum annual pay. Supervisor Hansan responded that it would not.

Resident Katherine Biagiarelli asked whether the current budget reflects any increased costs associated with the proposed change. Supervisor Hansan responded that the proposed change would not lead to increased costs.

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye to close the public hearing regarding the maximum hiring age for the Police Department.

RESOLUTION 216-24

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

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board, for the Town of Pound Ridge as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-4 of the Town Code of the Town of Pound Ridge is amended as follows:

21-4

In the Town of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, part-time Police Officers at the time of appointment must be at least 21 years of age and not more than 70 years of age.

Section 2. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

B. Zoning amendment to regulate cannabis-related retail business activity

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye to open the public hearing regarding a zoning amendment to regulate cannabis-related retail business activity.

Resident John McCown stated that the permitted hours for dispensaries and consumption sites should end at 8:00 pm. He also said that the Planning Board should not be able to make exceptions regarding parking.

Resident Alex Goldfarb said that he agreed with Mr. McCown's position on hours of operation. Mr. Goldfarb said it was unclear whether the ordinance would permit public consumption of cannabis outdoors.

Planning Consultant Malcolm Simpson, of Hardesty and Hanover, explained that the proposed legislation prohibits outdoor seating at consumption sites.

Town Attorney Harrington explained that a dispensary license prohibits on-site consumption. He also explained that stringent state regulations require any licensee operating a consumption site to control noxious odors and that the town's odor ordinance would also apply; the panoply of regulations would make it very difficult to operate a consumption site in Pound Ridge.

[NOTE: The proposed legislation also prohibits the establishment of any dispensary or consumption site within 2,000 feet of any other dispensary or consumption site. Given the location of the dispensary already in operation, it would not be possible for any additional dispensary or consumption site to operate in Pound Ridge under the proposed legislation.]

Resident John Henkel stated that he is glad there is a dispensary in Pound Ridge but that he does not want people to use cannabis in town.

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye to close the public hearing regarding a zoning amendment to regulate cannabis-related retail business activity.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT I

Ms. Biagiarelli thanked the board for providing a bus for the most recent senior trip. She asked what she could do to ensure that funds for a new senior bus are included in the 2025 budget. She was advised to ask the Recreation Commission to include the bus among its funding requests for 2025.

Nick Cianciola, Sr. said he didn't understand why no vote was taken on cannabis legislation. Councilperson Boak said that comments made in the public hearing would be considered before a vote is taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Clerk

1. Fuel oil bid award

RESOLUTION 217-24

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the bid for the 2024-25 heating season to Marshall Oil Co., Inc., at a rate of \$0.02/gallon below the Low New York Harbor Barge Reseller's price AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the bid for boiler and hot water heater service contracts to Marshall Oil Co., Inc. at rates of \$100.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

2. Sale of cemetery plots

RESOLUTION 218-24

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the following cemetery plot sales:

<u>Plot(s)</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Purchaser(s)</u>
292-1, Section 3 (one gravesite)	\$1,000	David Chanpong and Katherine Jordan Chanpong 8 Robin Hood Road, Pound Ridge
292-2, Section 3 (one gravesite)	\$1,000	Michele Jordan 11 Heerdt Farm Lane, Pound Ridge
399-1, Section 3 (one gravesite)	\$1,000	John and Lucille Oricchio 5 Heerdt Farm Lane, Pound Ridge

B. Planning Board – Return of unused escrow

RESOLUTION 218-24

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the return of an unused Planning Board escrow in the amount of \$2,962.50 to Albano Appliance and Service LLC.

C. Liaison Reports

Councilperson Schelling reported that the Planning Board’s public hearing regarding the Pound Ridge Tennis Club has been rescheduled.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT II

Mr. McCown asked when the voting rules for the special election would be available. Councilperson Boak replied that the Town Attorney and District Council are still working to finalize those rules.

VIII. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Pay bills

RESOLUTION 219-24

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, the motion passing 3–0 with Councilperson Schelling abstaining, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to pay the following claims as detailed in Abstract 16-2024:

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
General Fund	A00911–A00990	\$191,341.36
Highway Fund	D00182–D00198	\$19,720.85
Trusts & Agency Fund	AT00035–AT00038	\$6,293.04
Capital Projects Fund	H00008	\$742.50

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following advance-of-audit claims listed in Abstract 16-2024 are hereby allowed:

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
General Fund	A00991–A00995	\$14,048.52

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.
- X. RECONVENE AS PARKING DISTRICT COMMISSION:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm.

XI. FINANCIAL MATTERS – Pay bills

RESOLUTION 220-24

Board Action: Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, the motion passing 3–0 with Councilperson Schelling abstaining, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to pay the following claims as detailed in Abstract 16-2024:

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	ST00025–ST00026	\$8,017.50

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following advance-of-audit claims listed in Abstract 16-2024 are hereby allowed:

Fund	Claim Numbers	Total Amount
Parking District Fund	ST00027–ST00028	\$518.70

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Parking District Commission, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York
September 30, 2024