

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held a Special Meeting on January 19, 2022 to determine the means by which coverage of the Town Assessor's Office will be handled on an emergency, temporary basis, and such other business as the Town Board deems necessary to address. The meeting was held in-person and was also livestreamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas (virtually), Judy McElhannon, Bill Lipe; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Attorney Tim Frateschi; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling; along with 3 residents.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Rotondo, Councilor McElhannon, Councilor Lipe, Councilor Christmas.
Absent: Councilor Loomis.

Supervisor Rotondo stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is for the unfortunate passing of our Town Assessor, Larry Fitts, on Friday, January 14, 2022. A moment of silence was had to honor not only his service to the Town of Pompey but for the kind of person that he was and how he treated everyone.

R-28-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 30-41, totaling \$26,615.81. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN ASSESSOR:

There has been much discussion and negotiation in the consideration of staffing the Assessor's Office. The Town Board needs to make an appointment of an Interim Town Assessor since it's such a busy time of year for the Tax Assessor.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi drafted an agreement between the Town of Fabius and the Town of Pompey and Fitts Appraisal Company, this agreement also provides assessment services. This contract would allow the Town to hire that company to provide services to both Towns. The contract was prepared based on the emergency that the Town has due to the vacancy in the Assessor's Office. Instead of appointing an Assessor for a 6-year term, this contract would be an interim step to make sure the residents of the Town of Pompey have services provided to them. The contract appoints Brian Fitts, who is qualified as an Assessor in the State of New York, to do services while the Town of Pompey is trying to find a more permanent solution. This is a 6-month contract that can be terminated at any point. It will cost the exact amount that it was for the personal employee services that Mr. Fitts provided to the Town.

R-29-22 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Christmas to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the contract for Professional Service Agreement with Fitts Appraisal Company. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-30-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to approve the following transfer:

GENERAL FUND

From: A1355.1	Assessors	Personal Services	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$15,000.00

To: A1355.4	Assessors	Contractual	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$15,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo shared that Larry was an invaluable asset to the Town. She can't say enough good things about him; he will be missed.

Calling hours for Larry Fitts will be Friday, February 4, 2022.

R-31-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid

Pompey Town Clerk