

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on November 20th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall, Prattsburgh, NY. Supervisor Wordingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Albert Wordingham Supervisor
Angela Einwachter Councilmember
Elizabeth Peck Councilmember
Janette Payne Councilmember
Pete Scheid Councilmember
Edward Brockman Legal Counsel
Kim Sobolewski Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING- (WATER RATES)

A motion was made by Councilmember Einwachter and seconded by Councilmember Scheid and duly carried, the hearing was open at 6:35 P.M. On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter and seconded by Councilmember Scheid 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.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

Town of Prattsburgh
Resolution No. 32 -2023

Setting Water Rent Rates and Associated Fees for the Prattsburgh Water District
Motion by Councilperson Scheid, seconded by Councilperson Peck to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh is the entity which operates and manages the Prattsburgh Water District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held upon the proposed amendment to the District rates and fees: and

WHEREAS, SEQA issues have previously been addressed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

Pursuant to the Town of Prattsburgh Water District Policy Local Law of 2022, Town Law of the state of New York Section 198.3(d) and other applicable statutes and regulations, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh, the governing body of the Prattsburgh Water District, does hereby establish and set forth the following water rent rates and associated fees for the Prattsburgh Water District.

The proposed rates and charges are as follows:

Water Rent Rates and Associated Fees

1. Water Usage:

- a. minimum charge for 0-1,000 cubic feet of water: \$ 65.00
- b. for each 1,000 cubic feet or part thereof over the minimum of 1,000 cubic feet of water: \$76.00
- c. annual water use charge: Prattsburgh Fire Department: \$185.00
- d. maximum charge to churches: \$ 60.00

2. Discontinuance and restoration (reconnecting) Fee:

a. Discontinuance or shutoff of water service for any reason: \$45.00

b. Restoration or reconnecting water service: \$45.00

3. Debt Reduction Fee - All real property tax map parcels within the Prattsburgh Water District which have a Prattsburgh Water District water main either passing through the parcel or adjacent thereto in a public right of way or private right of way shall be subject to a quarterly fee of: \$40.00

4. New water main connections – The customer is required to contact the Town Water District Office. The charge will be TBD determined by the Water District Superintendent or designee.

5. Other service:

Any problems within the customer's home or business, other than the water meter, as well as any problems with the customer's water lateral line, except the curb box, must be performed by a private contractor. Any work on the lateral line requires approval by Water District personnel.

6. All charges will be collected through the Town's Water District.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION 32 2023 was adopted at the regular meeting the Town of Prattsburgh Town Board held on November 20, 2023, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Dated: November 21, 2023

Kim Sobolewski – Town Clerk
Town of Prattsburgh

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

HISTORICAL

Historical Report 2023 THINGS ARE A CHANGING IN PRATTSBURGH

Our phone line started in 1896 by a store owner, Mr. Conine. He ran a wire on small poles between his home on County Route on 74 and his store. Everyone wanted a phone so the first telephone company was born. In 1948-1949 became first dial and in 1960 it became Empire Telephone Company. In 1961 all exchanges all exchanges were converted to dial. In 1946 Mr. Herman Wagner became President. Over the next years the company was run by three generations of Wagners until it was sold to Antin in early January 2023. This sale included North Penn and Empire Access.

The Steuben County Prattsburgh Shop located on the corner of County Route 74 and 77 is getting an update this past summer. They removed all the metal on the outside and is replacing it with better insulation and new metal. They also put new concrete on the floor and made the doors ways wider for the trucks. This is the first update the building has since it was built in 1960.

The Prattsburgh Bus line was sold to : First Student Corporation January 9, 2023 and took possession in summer beginning of school year. Its so sad that Prattsburgh is no longer on our buses. Another identity lost.

Summer Fest was revived last year. This year was in full swing. Food trucks were setup, Organizations had stands to sell food or whatever they had to sell, Crisusin Time was setup on the green for the owners of Classic Cars to display, 20 cars attended. A large parade was enjoyed by everyone. Also during the festival the Historical Museum was open for tours and we were very busy. Wheeler Historical was also setup on the museum front lawn and the mural of Prattsburgh railroad station for picture taking. An interesting fact about our Museum that was built in 1848-1868. It took two years to build because the stairway had to be removed four times and steamed each time until it fit the front area where it belonged.

This spring the Senior Citizens received a letter from the Habitat For Humanity . The letters were looking for any Senior Citizens that needed help, Yard work, painting or staining deck, etc. We needed our pillars on front porch painted. The program was held in August and was sponsored by Habitat For Humanity. A total of 10 families were helped by students from Alfred State about 60 students and 10 superiors. They did a Super job my pillars look like new.

The Festival lights will be held in December. The Bean Station Tree Farm will furnish the trees for the Festival of lights this year as they have done many years. The Boys basketball team usually set them up as a community service. This year the park has been updated and we have electric for the trees. There are 30 plus outlets. There are four very

tall lights spaced evenly so the park is well lite. Also two lights were installed on the roof of the gazebo. The Historical museum will be open serving Hot chocolate and cookies. The voting on the trees this year will be monetary because the food pantry is in need of a refrigerator. The pantry also can purchase food at a lower rate than in the store.

The total of obits for December 2022 and November 2023 that has been reported. *as 25*

Thank you for your attention In closing I would like to mention that the Rotary has done a great job on the Home Town Hero for recognizing the Soldiers service to our country.

Let me be the first to wish everyone Merry Christmas *ca*

Respectly Submitted.

*Senora Applebee
Town Historian*

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the October 2nd, 2023, October 16th, 2023, and October 30th, 2023, Minutes were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the November 2023 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #11 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #11 is \$76,261.83.(Voucher#413-469)

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

APPROPRIATIONS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the November 2023 appropriations were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid- Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

CODE

Permits apps -3
Appearance Tickets-0
Renewals- 0
Building inspections- 17
Septic Inspections – 0

C of O/C of C – 1

Compliance inspections - 0

Compliance orders – 0

Phone Calls – 85

Emails – 181

iWork migration, Plan Reviews. Spent a lot of time trying to set up 3rd party reviewer for main street followed by a lot more time finding and setting up a 3rd, 3rd party reviewer because one of the ones I found backed out after Costanza reached out to them referencing lawsuits.

WATER

10/26 - Patched a driveway from a curb box replacement with the help of John Perry

10/27 - Turned off one water service

11/1 – Sent in October's water report to the DOH

11/14 – Took monthly coli sample to Wayland Lab

11/15 – Fred and I went to training in Cuba, NY

11/17 – Keuka Fire and Safety came to do our fire inspection

Worked on and finished customer info files (multiple days)

Finished Locating curb boxes (multiple days)

Worked on the Water District parcel numbers to identify the Water District boundaries (multiple days)

I have been working on getting our final water tests done. Hopefully they will be done by the end of next week.

Cleaned out the creek and cross pipe up to the Reservoir (Thanks to John and the highway guys)

On vacation from 11/1 – 11/10 (while on vacation, I checked water twice a day every day and came in 5 times for UDIG mark outs).

UDIG

Tickets – 30

Mark outs – 6

SUPERVISOR

10/16/23 I had a conversation with J. C. Smith (I.D.A.) regarding a New York State grant we applied for. We have hope that we will be included in the award this December. Next month we will be starting the S.E.Q.R. for the wastewater project.

10/19/23 Last night the Planning Board gave final approval for the site plan for the Empire Project. Also, Tract Engineering (Dinehart solar project) was in attendance to drop a check and signed agreement for the escrow account.

10/23/23 I had a conversation with Brad Sick (Larson Engineering) regarding the Dinehart Solar project. The town will need an engineering firm to advise the town as the project moves forward. Larson has been a good resource in the past for both the wastewater and water department. All the cost will be covered by Tract Engineering, the solar company developing this project.

10/24/23 Vicky Kopylczak, Sandy Squires, Angela Einwachter, Gaynor Updike, and Paul Zimmerman (Clock service person) had a meeting to discuss the clock repair on the Presbyterian Church. The clock has to be totally disassembled for cleaning and repair. It was agreed to schedule the work in the spring. Paul is also pricing an electronic mechanism for winding the clock.

10/31/23 Lynn Dinehart and I had a discussion regarding the sale of the church property to the town. Lynn informed me that the Attorney General is scheduled to have a zoom meeting with the church attorney on November 9th.

11/3/23 I received an email from Brad Sick (P.E. from Larson Design) talking about the S.R.B.C. (Susquehanna River Basin Commission) grant opportunities. The Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program has grant money to help municipalities reduce water use. We may be eligible for some financial help to replace the remaining 200 water meters.

11/8/23 Angela and I met with Dwight Kanyuck from Knauf-Shaw, the law firm handling Prattsburgh with respect to Terra-Gen. At the end of October Terra-Gen's application was deemed complete by O.R.E.S. In 60 days O.R.E.S. will either deny Terra-Gen the permit or offer draft permit. At that time the town will issue a statement of compliance with local laws and/or a petition for a hearing on substantial issues impacting a permit. If a notice of intent to deny a permit is issued, Prattsburgh Wind will request a hearing on the denial.

8/9/23 Pete and I met with Amanda and Chris Costanza to discuss a strategy to get the main street project moving. We are in the process of putting an agreement together and hopefully we can all agree.

11/14/23 We received a letter from the State Supreme Court granting the church permission to sell the "Green Space" to the town for the wastewater project. Once again, we have sufficient federal money and hopefully next month, we will be approved for a state grant.

11/15/23 Chris Whipple, Brad Sick (Larson Engineering), and I had a phone conference this morning to ensure we were all in agreement with the role Larson Engineering will play in assisting the town with the main street project.

WASTEWATER

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, the following was approved:

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED
TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH, STEUBEN COUNTY, NY
WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)
LEAD AGENCY ESTABLISHMENT

WHEREAS, septic systems serving some commercial properties in the Hamlet of Prattsburgh are suspected of contributing to ground and surface water degradation; and

WHEREAS, many of those commercial properties are insufficient in size to support a modern properly located on-site septic system; and

WHEREAS, an engineering report prepared by Larson Design Group dated June 2023 recommends construction of a collection sewer and community septic system as the best long-term solution to wastewater needs for those commercial properties, and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction project may have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsburgh may seek NYS Clean Water State Revolving Fund financial assistance for the proposed project, in which case the Town would be required to perform a coordinated review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA):

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh determines pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereafter called SEQRA, that the proposed project is a Type I action under SEQRA, and therefore a Full Environment Assessment Form (full EAF) must be prepared.
2. The Town Board declares its intent to establish itself as lead agency in the coordinated review of this action;
3. The Town Clerk shall notify all Involved Agencies of the Town Board's intention to designate itself lead agency.
4. A coordinated review will be performed.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated:

Introduced by: Scheid

Seconded by: Einwachter

Voting Aye: 5

Voting Nay: 0

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution authorizing the establishment of Lead Agency status and conduct of a coordinated review under SEQR for the wastewater capital improvements proposed to serve the Town of Prattsburgh as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh duly held on the 20th day of November, 2023; and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the record of Town board minutes in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at this 21st day of November, 2023.

Kimberley Sobolewski, Town Clerk

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

MAIN STREET

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

Town of Prattsburgh
Resolution No. 34 -2023

Approval of Agreement with The Costanza's Related to the Main Street Project

Motion by Councilperson Einwachter, seconded by
Councilperson Scheid to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it requires an agreement with Costanza related to issues concerning the Main Street Project; and

WHEREAS, a draft Agreement with respect thereto has been prepared and presented to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the form and content thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board intends to address any SEQR issues related to his matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh declares itself to be Lead Agency with respect to this matter. This action involves approval of an agreement, which in itself will not result in any adverse environmental impacts, the renovation and restoration project itself having been the subject of a SEQR review, this is therefore deemed to be a "Type II" Action and accordingly no environmental review will be undertaken with respect to this Agreement.
2. The Town Board approves the proposed Agreement with Costanza, as well as authorizing and directing the Town Supervisor to execute such Agreement.
3. The Town Supervisor is further authorized and directed to implement and enforce the terms and conditions of that Agreement subsequent to its execution by Costanza.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION 34 2023 was adopted at the regular meeting the Town of Prattsburgh Town Board held on November 20, 2023, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Dated: November 21, 2023

Kim Sobolewski

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

WATER PARTS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the Board approved the purchase of the new water parts now and again in 25 weeks.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, and duly carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne-Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk