

October 4 2021  
Town Board Special Meeting

The Pine Plains Town Board met on the above date at 7 p.m. Supervisor Cloud, Councilman Bartles, Councilwoman Jones, and Councilman Chase. were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, Recreation Director Michael Cooper and two members of the public.

Supervisor Cloud called the meeting to order to discuss the Tentative Budget for 2022.

Cloud explained the Tentative Budget is in a sense a wish list. Each department has stayed the same except for an increase in salaries. Cloud discussed revenues, she let the Board know that the sales tax income will exceed last year's due to Covid. The Town will not receive the last payment until March 2022. Councilman Chase asked about what the increase would be. Cloud explained the Town should expect a \$120,000 increase for the third and fourth quarter. Chase said the increase would be mainly due to on-line sales such as Amazon. Councilwoman Jones asked about the insurance recovery. Cloud told the Board that the town received \$4,200 for safe work-place. Cloud said the total revenues are at \$326,100.00. The Board discussed the Fund Balance, General, Highway, and Water. The sweep account has \$2,041,519.19. Unallocated Insurance will be at an increase of 7%, summer camp salaries increase. Recreation Director Cooper wanted to discuss an increase of beach salaries. The recreation is going to be taking proactive steps to keep the beach open, especially the swimming area. Cloud wanted to revisit this discussion. The board discussed a grant for Betterment of Communities for infrastructure for lights. Councilman Bartles wanted to discuss how the money and work would be contracted out. Cloud let the Board know that 8 North Main Street bond was paid off. To keep the tax cap at 2%, \$145,275 will need to be taken from the Fund Balance. Councilman Bartles asked about the consulting and planner fees for the map changes for the zoning changes. Cloud is hopeful that it will be finished by the end of 2021. Bartles also wanted to discuss the engineering fees for the 2 major highway projects, how they would be paid. Cloud said the engineering fees get paid out of the budget. Chase wanted to discuss bringing in fill at the beach and to divert water from the driveway from pooling in the recreation area and around the playground. The highway Budget was discussed. The Board discussed the slope stabilization bid for \$77,000. Cloud went on to discuss that salaries will increase and medical insurance will decrease due to employees left or employees not getting on insurance. The board discussed the buyout for insurance and if it compared to the school. Cloud let the Board know the bond service was decreased because the Town paid off a bond. The Highway Superintendent wanted to let the Board know that to replace a 6-wheel truck it would take about 2 years to obtain the truck after it is ordered and built. Emerich urged the Board to start the process of getting estimates. Cloud explained the Lighting District will stay the same, and the Water District will have an increase due to hydrant fees.

Discussed was the bill for General Codes for the changes that have been made to the Zoning Codes. The board decided to wait until the new year. Cloud also wanted to remind the ARPA fund will need to be decided for what the Town will use the funds for by April 2022, but can spend the funds by 2021. Rancort has a bill for the brush and weeds at \$6,000. Bartles asked about the Liberta dumpster bill for Town Clean-up Day. Cloud said the bill was about \$2,100 for 5 dumpsters.

Jones motioned to go into executive session to discuss salaries. Second by Chase 4-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to come out of executive session. Second by Chase 4-0 Passed.

Bartles motioned to adjourn. Second by Jones 4-0 Passed.

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Supervisor Cloud

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Councilman Bartles

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Town Clerk

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Councilwoman Jones

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Councilman Chase