PENDLETON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on the 8th day of December, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Maerten	Present
Councilman Buechler	Present
Councilman Hickman	Present
Councilman Lombardo	Present
Councilman Rumbold	Present

Also present:

Deborah Maurer - Town Clerk
Claude Joerg - Town Attorney
Mark Walter – Deputy Supervisor
Dave Fischer - Highway/Water & Sewer Superintendent
David Britton - Town Engineer
Troy Barnes - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Don Arnts - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Miranda Freiert - Assessor
Patrick Covell - Recreation Director

There were 29 residents in attendance, 23 of whom were Starpoint students.

AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

A resident commented on the resolutions approving the water meter purchases, the scheduling of the public hearing for the proposed local law, and the resolution regarding the contract with Niagara County, noting that the latter lacked specific details about the agreement.

No further comments were made by the public.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 315-25
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 24, 2025
Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Lombardo, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, that the meeting minutes from the Work Session held on November 24, 2025, are hereby approved as presented by Town Clerk Maurer.

RESOLUTION 316-25
ABSTRACT #23
Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Rumbold, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, to authorize payment of Vouchers #25-01239 to #25-01300, to be paid on December 10, 2025, as follows:

General Fund	$	104,277.69
Highway	$	93,985.86
Capital Fund	$	10,720.00
Sewer	$	26,131.75
Water	$	14,880.19
Trust & Agency	$	10,192.00
Total	$	260,187.49

OTHER REPORTS

Supervisor Maerten reported that the tax collected for October 2025 was $195,889.29. This is an increase of $8,995.56 when compared with October 2024. The year to date received is $2,168,363.04 which an increase of $125,547.77 from 2024.

Councilman Hickman stated that this was most likely his final meeting as Councilman and thanked the public, fellow Board members, the Town Clerk, and the Town Supervisor for their support over the years. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and stated that he looks forward to seeing the work of the newly elected and recently appointed Councilmembers. Supervisor Maerten thanked Councilman Hickman for his years of service and dedication to the Town.

Councilman Lombardo had nothing to report. Supervisor Maerten also thanked Councilman Lombardo for his time, service, and positive impact on the Town.

Councilman Buechler reminded the public that the annual Holiday Event is scheduled for the following day and encouraged residents to attend, noting that it has consistently been a well-attended and enjoyable event.

Councilman Rumbold reported that he attended a seminar regarding the TAP Grant and stated that he plans to contact the owner of Skylighters to obtain information needed for planning the 2026 Fourth of July event.

Attorney Joerg had nothing new to report.

Engineer Britton reported that he anticipates providing the finalized contract documents for the Court Resurfacing Project to the Board in the near future.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Town Clerk Maurer reported that monthly reports were received from the Assessor, Building Inspector, Dog Control Officer, Engineer and Highway Superintendent. These reports, along with the monthly reports for the Town Clerk and Water/Sewer collection, were posted online with the agenda documents.

Next, Mrs. Maurer informed the Board of the following monies received and collected in the month of November, 2025:

Total State, County and Local Revenues	$	43,812.33
Water/Sewer Collection	$	188,992.89

Mrs. Maurer further reported that Armored Alarm is expected to begin the Town Hall Network Infrastructure Project by the end of the month, which will result in increased activity at Town Hall.

Mrs. Maurer formally announced that she has filed an official letter of resignation from the office of Town Clerk with the New York State Department of State, effective December 31, 2025. She stated that this decision comes with mixed emotions and that it has been an honor to serve the community for the past eight years. She expressed her gratitude for the support, encouragement, and kindness she has received over the years and stated that she takes great pride in the Town Clerk's Office and in serving the residents and staff of the Town of Pendleton. She concluded by

thanking the public for the privilege of holding the position of Town Clerk and for placing their trust in her.

Supervisor Maerten thanked Town Clerk Maurer and Councilmen Hickman and Lombardo for their years of hard work and dedication to the Town.

Highway Superintendent Fischer thanked Councilmen Hickman and Lombardo for their service and expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Maurer for the assistance she consistently provided to him and the Highway and Water/Sewer Department staff, noting that she regularly went above and beyond her duties.

Building Inspector Barnes reported that New York State has suspended, until further notice, the gas ban that was scheduled to take effect in 2026. He also introduced Don Arnts as the newly appointed part-time Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Assessor Freiert had nothing to report.

Recreation Director Covell thanked Councilman Hickman for appointing him as Recreation Director and thanked Mrs. Maurer for her assistance. He also announced that the Children's Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 317-25
ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT – WFC EMERGENCY SERVICES
Motion by Councilman Hickman, seconded by Councilman Buechler, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, that the agreement between the Town and the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc, for emergency services, as presented, is approved. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 318-25
ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT – WFC FUEL PURCHASE
Motion by Councilman Hickman, seconded by Councilman Buechler, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, that the agreement between the Town and the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. for the purchase of fuel, as presented, is approved. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 319-25
SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Rumbold, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, that a public hearing is scheduled for the proposed Local Law, *A Local Law to Amend the Town of Pendleton Code to Regulate Battery Energy Storage Systems*, on December 22, 2025 at 6:55 pm. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 320-25
PURCHASE OF WATER METERS (1 OF 2)
Motion by Councilman Lombardo, seconded by Councilman Buechler, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
WHEREAS, water meters and meter readers manufactured by Badger Meter has been declared as a standardized item for use as a component of Town-owned water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Moley Industries is recognized as the sole source provider of Badger water meters and meter readers; and

WHEREAS, a request has been submitted by the Water & Sewer Department for authorization to purchase a water meter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 8th day of December 2025, that the purchase of water meters and related components, as quoted separately, is approved for a cost of $8,324.00 plus shipping. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 321-25
PURCHASE OF WATER METERS (2 OF 2)
Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Rumbold, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
WHEREAS, water meters and meter readers manufactured by Badger Meter has been declared as a standardized item for use as a component of Town-owned water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Moley Industries is recognized as the sole source provider of Badger water meters and meter readers; and

WHEREAS, a request has been submitted by the Water & Sewer Department for authorization to purchase a water meter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 8th day of December 2025, that the purchase of water meters and related components, as quoted separately, is approved for a cost of $9,168.00 plus shipping. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 322-25
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH NIAGARA COUNTY
Motion by Councilman Buechler, seconded by Councilman Rumbold, the following resolution was
ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Maerten, Buechler, Hickman, Lombardo, Rumbold
Nays 0
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, on this 8th day of December 2025, that the contract between the Town and Niagara County, as presented, is approved. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PUBLIC REMARKS/COMMENTS

A resident thanked Attorney Joerg for providing additional information regarding the Niagara County contract resolution but stated that she was more concerned with the fact that the actual resolution did not include the details of the contract. She continued by showing gratitude to Councilman Lombardo, Councilman Hickman and Town Clerk Maurer stating that they will be missed.

Councilman-elect Tim Lukasik introduced himself and thanked the Councilmen and Town Clerk as well. He also stated that he is looking forward to working with the Town Board and doing great things for the community.

No further public remarks or comments were made.

Supervisor Maerten announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Town Board Work Session: Scheduled for December 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- Town Board Special Meeting: Scheduled for January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- Town Board Regular and Organizational Meeting: Scheduled for January 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Lombardo, seconded by Councilman Buechler, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk