

August 15, 2016

A workshop meeting with the Greenville Rescue Squad was held at Pioneer Town Hall on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Four board members were present, as well as attorney Tal Rappleyea; Councilman Bensen was absent. There were 7 guests in attendance: Ted Nugent, Andrew Scirico, Cliff Powell III, Fran Sickles, Paul Augstein, Mark Overbaugh, and Audrey Mattot. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of a proposed 2017 budget for the Greenville Rescue Squad was given by Mr. Ted Nugent. This provided for 24 hour EMT coverage for the town. Minus 3rd party billing reimbursements, the total to be raised by taxes with this proposed budget is \$264,775.

Councilman Richard Bear left, ill, at 6:08 pm

This amount would equal \$1.04 per \$1,000 assessed value for the taxpayer, based on a total assessed value of the town of \$253,880,134. A home valued at \$200,000 would be taxed \$208 per year. If assumed that Greene County would take over this service on 1/1/2018, the proposed budget for 2017 could drop to \$230,000, which would show a \$200,000 home taxed \$182.00 per year.

Supervisor Macko noted that the board will have to consider the cost to the residents; also that NYS has imposed a 0.68% tax cap for the upcoming year. Mr. Cliff Powell III asked if this could be voted upon by the taxpayers; Attorney Rappleyea responded that this does not fall under a 'referendum vote', although a tax cap override would require a public hearing, at which time the public would have the opportunity to voice their support or objection to the increased rates.

All agreed that service provided has been exceptional.

A public hearing with the Town Board began at 7:00 pm to address adjusting sewer rates within the town's sewer district; at this time, three board members were present as well as Attorney Rappleyea and 11 guests. Councilmen Bear and Bensen were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Supervisor Macko moved to open the public hearing at 7:02 pm, seconded by Mr. Davis.
Carried 3 ayes

Mr. Macko explained that there have not been any rate increases since the approval of the district in 2007. At the public hearing held 3.5 years ago for the extension of the sewer district, it was recommended that the quarterly rate increase by \$36.00, to \$420.00 per year. **Councilman Stern**, a resident within the sewer district, stated he did not have a problem with the increased cost, especially as it hasn't been increased in almost 10 years. **Supervisor Macko** noted that the proposed increase will only affect the first 10,000 gallons of water used; any extra water used would be charged at the current rate. **Engineer Alan Tavener** noted the 1.5 million dollar grant received certainly helped the debt service, and the project has stayed under budget as well.

There being no further public nor board comments, Mr. Davis moved to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Stern. Carried 3 ayes

An audit of bills began, followed at 7:30 pm by the regular monthly meeting; three board members were still in attendance, as well as attorney Tal Rappleyea and six guests.

Mr. Davis moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of July 18, 2016, seconded by Mr. Stern. Carried 3 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the Rescue Squad, Highway, Buildings and Grounds, Code, Assessing, Clerk/Tax, Dog Control, Sewer and Water departments, and Planning and Zoning Boards.

No motions were made during these reports.

New business discussed at 7:45 pm:

The new pavilion project at Vanderbilt Park requires a SEQRA study; the short-form environmental assessment form was reviewed.

Mr. Davis moved to declare a negative declaration for the SEQRA review, seconded by Mr. Stern. Roll call requested:

Supervisor Macko	aye
Councilman Bear	absent
Councilman Bensen	absent
Councilman Davis	aye
Councilman Stern	aye

Carried 3 ayes, 2 absent

Regarding the sewer district rates, Councilman Davis feels that a 25% increase is too much of an increase despite the fact that the rate has not changed since 2007.

Mr. Davis moved to hold the rate increase at \$110 per quarter instead of the proposed \$120 per quarter (which reflects a \$14 rate increase per quarter), to become in effect for the billing period of October 15, 2016, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 3 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to enter executive session at 7:51 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion, or suspension, seconded by Mr. Stern. Also invited were Engineers Alan Tavenner and Travis Smigel, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, and Maintenance Supervisor P. Leroy Bear.

Carried 3 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to return to regular session at 8:17 pm, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 3 ayes

No motions were made in executive session

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the attached inspection process and permit forms for the sewer project's connection process; also that no fee will be charged for this permit if the hook up is completed within the first year from the date which is designated on the notice provided to each resident; also, that the Inspectors will be Mr. P. Leroy Bear and Mr. Mark Overbaugh.

Carried 3

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:19 pm: Mr. Paul Augstein asked questions about the creek which leads into the town pond. Also, Mr. Leroy Bear relayed gratitude from the couple who was married in the North Barn last weekend, and compliments for such a lovely venue.

After audit, Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stern, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 323 - 362 on General abstract #8 for \$53,110.14
- Bills 137 - 151 on Highway abstract #8 for \$17,403.71
- Bills 91 - 94 on Sewer abstract #8 for \$449.08
- Bills 52 - 62 on Water abstract #8 for \$21,902.20
- Bill 1 on Mavis escrow account #1 for \$520.40

Carried 3 ayes

After review, Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for July, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 3 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. DAVIS

MR. STERN