

October 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear
Councilman John Bensen
Councilman Greg Davis

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rapplelea

Department Heads Present: Maintenance and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Brian Tumey
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams

and 12 guests

Other: Delaware Engineering Engineer Travis Smigel
Bohler Engineering Engineer Caryn Miodzianowski
Ms. Therese McGee Ward, Executive Director of the
Greene County Department of Human Services, along
with the Head of Transportation Ms. Barbara Lindsay, and
Ms. Beverly Meyers, Advisory Board member.

Absent: Councilman Kenneth Stern

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following sealed bids were received for the paving of Hill Street and part of Country Estates Road:

Peckham Industries, Inc.	\$37,125.00
New Castle Paving, L.L.C.	\$62,530.00
A. Colarusso & Son, Inc.	\$41,031.00

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to reserve their decision until after the Highway Superintendent has reviewed the bids received. Carried 4 ayes

Ms. Therese McGee Ward, Ms. Barbara Lindsay, and Ms. Beverly Meyers, of the Greene County Department of Human Services, presented those in attendance on its service plan for the years 2016-2020. The only changes presented were related to the transportation services; specifically to the Cairo route. There has been a major reduction in users, and with changes they hope to better serve Greene County residents. In the future, routes may go across the bridge into Hudson as well, i.e. Columbia Greene Community College and the train station.

Supervisor Macko thanked them for their information; he also relayed future plans to create a 'bus stop' along State Route 32 for the residents after the TAP grant comes in for the sidewalk project.

A public hearing addressing **Local Law No. 3 of 2017** followed this presentation. A copy of the proposed law has already been provided to the Town Board and was also available for review at the Clerk-Collector's office. Appropriate notice was published in an official newspaper, the Daily Mail, on October 3, 2017.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to open the public hearing at 7:14 pm.
Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Macko reviewed the purpose of this hearing was to review the allowance of limited exemptions from real property taxes for residential real property owned by veterans who rendered military services to the United States during the Cold War. The current exemption is set to expire; all who offer the exemption must hold a public hearing in order to reenact it. Supervisor Macko read the proposed law.

Resident **Charles Hunt** addressed the Board, stating that "Cold War veterans are still veterans, and that combat veterans should still be recognized". **Councilman Bensen** reviewed that this public hearing has only to do with the proposed law being discussed, Local Law #3 of 2017, and not with any of the other exemptions offered to veterans. **Councilman Davis** clarified that this exemption would be continued at the same level as in the prior law it was replacing. Resident **John Collins** stated he would like to see the exemption continue on, and spoke in support of Mr. Hunt. **Councilman Davis** stated that Mr. Hunt was welcome to discuss his concerns about other veteran's exemptions during the open part of the regular meeting. No other questions or concerns were raised at this time.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to close this public hearing at 7:20 pm.
Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of September 18, 2017, September 25, 2017, and October 2, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 4 ayes

At 7:20 pm, oral and/or written reports were received from the Rescue Squad, Highway, Buildings and Grounds, Code, Clerk/Tax, Sewer and Water departments, and the Planning Board. It was noted by Supervisor Macko that a letter of resignation was received from Code Enforcement Officer William Silk, effective October 13, 2017, as he has decided to retire; Mr. Silk has served the Town of Greenville since 1992.

Additionally, Engineer Travis Smigel requested the Board consider two change orders for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for J. Squared, #12 for \$23,450, and #13 for \$20,150, and two change orders for electric work by Brunswick Electric, #3 for \$24,594.24 and #4 for \$3,689.56. He noted that the project as a whole is still \$400,000 under budget.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve Change Order #12 and Change Order #13 for J. Squared as described above; attached. Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve Change Order #3 and Change Order #4 for Brunswick Electric as described above; attached. Carried 4 ayes

In other reporting, Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear reported on issues at the water plant. The plant has been on manual operations since the motor seized; the motor and pump, located 336 feet underground, has been replaced. The two wells at Plant A are up and running but are under manual control. The instruments appear to be working but are not communicating and must be manually adjusted. He reports that since 2002, "Day 1", there have been issues that were all small at the time, but have compounded themselves since then. Engineer Smigel read a letter from Engineer Tavenner, which states in part, "Considering the state of operations and the condition of the equipment at this point, it is our recommendation that this be undertaken as an emergency measure so as to provide continued safe drinking water to the Town. There is not adequate time to bid this out and, in our experience, the results of bidding would not reduce the price to any significant degree." Attorney Rappleyea stated that the Board can dispense with bidding under emergent circumstances, and based upon Engineer Alan Tavenner's recommendation, would seem to be fine. An estimate has been obtained from General Control Systems, Inc., for these repairs in the amount of \$60,906; attached.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to consider this repair an emergency measure, to dispense with bidding, and to repair the plant as described in the estimate, expending up to \$65,000.

Carried 4 ayes

New business discussed at 7:45 pm:

A Budget Hearing must be scheduled;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct the Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. David Battini's term on the Board of Assessment Review has expired and he has expressed willingness to serve an additional term;

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to reappoint Mr. David Battini to the Board of Assessment Review for an additional 5 year term ending September 30, 2022.

Carried 4 ayes

A contract for services by our accounting firm, Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C., has been received for the year 2018; attached.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to accept this contract.

Carried 4 ayes

A request has been received by Bohler Engineering to include the site of the proposed Tractor Supply in both the Water and Sewer Districts. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Macko has discussed this with Attorney Rapplelea and the engineers involved, and believes this site should be added to the districts. Attorney Rapplelea and the Engineers will proceed with developing a plan establishing a revised boundary description and pertinent user fees, which then would need to go to public hearing.

The Veteran's Day ceremony will be held this year on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 am in Veteran's Park.

The Old Timer's Party will be held this year on Sunday, December 3rd at noon in the Greenville High School.

An upgraded computer infrastructure proposal was received at the last budget workshop from Business Automation Services, Inc.. The initial cost for the hardware and set up is \$9,500, and the quarterly fee for contracted help desk, anti-malware/virus monitoring and backups is \$1,275. Supervisor Macko recommends we obtain these services from BAS, Inc., and plan on upgrading the phone system in 2019. Councilman Bensen noted that security is emphasized within this proposal.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to accept the BAS proposal for network implementation and IT services proposal; attached.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions

at 8:00 pm: Mr. Charles Hunt again spoke, requesting the Board adjust the level of exemption offered to veterans. It was noted that the level was increased by 2 steps a few years ago, but that the Town of Windham offers the highest level of exemption possible; Mr. Hunt is not asking that but does wish for "another bump". Supervisor Macko stated he would always cordially receive all concerns brought to him, and fully understands the sacrifices that our veterans made. However, what one group saves from tax exemptions, another group pays. Councilman Davis noted that New York State residents are at a breaking point, and to burden others with higher taxes in order to allow a larger 'break' to another is just not the way to go. It was agreed that further discussion and evaluation of the numbers could be done, and a report of the findings would be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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

Bills 353 - 380 on General abstract #10 for \$13,256.86
Bills 175 - 191 on Highway abstract #10 for \$240,496.13
Bills 109 - 118 on Sewer abstract #10 for \$7,350.95
Bills 72 - 77 on Water abstract #10 for \$1,619.72

Carried 4 ayes

After review, Mr. Bear made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for September, seconded by Mr. Davis. Carried 4 ayes

After review of the bids for paving, and follow up discussions, Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to award the paving bid for Hill Street and part of Country Estates Road to Peckham Industries, Inc. for \$37,125.00.
Carried 4 ayes

Mr. P. Leroy Bear addressed an issue which had arisen related to sewer connections within the extended district. There are a few locations not utilizing the Town water which are required to connect into the sewer district; these properties have paid for years through a line item tax within the water district. Now that it is required to connect into the sewer system, it was thought a good time to utilize the town water as well. However, there is listed a \$2,000 fee charged for any new connection to the line.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to waive the \$2,000 hook-up fee to anyone within the existing water district for residents connecting to the new sewer line, on or before December 31, 2017.

Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. DAVIS