

November 19, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rapplelea

Department Heads Present: Maintenance and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Assessor Gordon Bennett *arrived at 7:10 pm*
Greenville Rescue Squad Vice President Cliff Powell III
Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Matthew Marlow
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Dog Control Officer Melissa Rosa
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams

Other: Travis Smigel, Delaware Engineering
Presenters Mrs. Gina Blenis, Mr. Ed Volmar, Mr. Jon Kerner
Eagle Scout candidate Eugene Somers of Cairo BSA Troop 43
and 3 guests

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eugene Somers presented an update on his Eagle Scout project to the Board. Losee Cemetery, on Surprise Result Road, needed much tending. After several weeks' work, he repaired the fence, managed the overgrown brush, and righted stones that had fallen. Supervisor Macko thanked him for all of his efforts, and called it a "fantastic" job, well done.

Mrs. Blenis, Mr. Volmar, and Mr. Kerner discussed an undertaking involving four GCS high school students at the South Barn in Vanderbilt Park. The barn, although currently with an intact roof and foundation, is in a state of need. These students, under the direction of Mrs. Blenis, an architect, Mr. Volmar, mentor and retired educator, and Mr. Kerner, current teacher of auto-CAD and engineering at GCS, had the opportunity to evaluate this structure. They have measured and drawn the building on-site, and now have the ability to go back into the classroom and apply it into the auto-CAD program. The students will then deliver a folder of documents/information/plans to the town with this preliminary work complete. The group is not offering hands-on repair/restoration work, nor is pushing the town to complete the repairs. It simply is an opportunity for learning at a local site; it will give the students further connection to the town of Greenville through hands-on evaluation and application. Supervisor Macko feels it is a great learning project for the kids which will introduce them to design and restoration.

Mr. Bear moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of October 15th, October 22nd, and November 7th, 2018, seconded by Mr. Davis. Carried 5 ayes

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

Greenville Rescue Squad, Inc. – Matthew Marlow provided both a written and oral report.

Highway – Superintendent Terry Williams verbally reported on winter preparations. Discussion occurred regarding the new fuel delivery system; hopefully the installation will progress in the coming week. Also discussed was putting to auction some older equipment.

Buildings and Grounds – Maintenance Supervisor Leroy Bear verbally offered a report on work done this month, including the new storage building near the Park, and the Pioneer building's garage roof. Preparations are underway for the tree lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 23rd.

Codes – Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh provided both a written and oral report. Also commented on another Eagle Scout project underway involving a new sign on Route 81, near Maple Avenue, for the American Legion.

Sewer – Supervisor Macko reported the plant has been running without problems. Connection fees related to the new extension were addressed; the grace period has come and gone and after 2 ½ years, several hook ups still have not occurred. The fee for connection for a commercial entity is \$4,000 and for a residential entity, \$3,000. The Sewer fund has owed the General fund \$80,000 since 2006-2009 and Mr. Macko suggests applying the funds obtained here into the General fund as a means of beginning to replenish that debt.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to deposit these sewer connection fees into the General Fund to replace money loaned from the Sewer Fund. The fees are per the December 17, 2007 Resolution outlining a \$4,000 fee per commercial connection and a \$3,000 fee per residential connection.

Carried 5 ayes

Water – Water Superintendent Leroy Bear first questioned if the water connection fees remained the same as said 12/17/2007 resolution; the Board replied “yes”. Written report provided. Supervisor Macko reported that the Governor's Office has awarded the Town of Greenville a grant of \$1,107,180 for drinking water upgrades; this is 60% of the cost of the water project and will result in substantial savings for our residents. Delaware Engineering's Travis Smigel will prepare a general outline for this project; bids will be sought by late springtime, with construction hopefully beginning by the Fall of 2019.

Mr. Leroy Bear also discussed 8-9 foot square ‘cubes’ offered by the Office of General Services which he would like to obtain a few to use for storage at the water plant and elsewhere as needed. They are approximately \$50 per unit, plus the cost of transportation.

Councilman Bear moved, seconded by Councilman Bensen, to allow Supervisor Macko and Water Superintendent Bear to pursue and purchase 4 cubes the next time they become available.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko also noted that Tractor Supply's issues with the Health Department have resolved and they are now allowed to use the water. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh added that they've received their permanent Certificate of Occupancy now, as well.

Recycling – Councilman Bear reported that all is well at the Recycling Center.

Assessing – Assessor Gordon Bennett verbally reported on senior STAR exemptions as well as the town's senior exemptions. NYS is now mandating automatic renewal and income verifications for both of these exemptions. Supervisor Macko inquired as to Mr. Bennett's opinion if the Town creates an

Emergency Medical special district; he stated creating a district would be a very transparent process, 100% of the assessed value would be achieved through a district, and it would aid in the tax cap calculations. Mr. Bennett did ask that the Town create this prior to the next taxable status date (March 1st) for ease in application.

Planning Board – Written report received from Chair Donald Teator and read aloud by Supervisor Macko. Attorney Rappleyea noted Cypress Creek will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

Dog Control – DCO Rosa readdressed prior discussion regarding amending the Town’s Dog Law to include provisions for abandoned dogs. Much of our law is per guidelines and standards of NYS Agriculture and Markets, and some verbiage cannot change. A draft law was provided to the Town Board last month, including verbiage on violations as they relate to unpaid fees, and they feel ready to proceed to a public hearing.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to conduct a public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018: Licensing, Regulating and Controlling the Activities of Dogs, on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 5 ayes

New business discussed at 7:43 pm:

DCO Melissa Rosa has submitted a letter of resignation effective December 1st. Supervisor Macko and Councilman Bear thanked her for 11 years of service to the Town and wished her well in the future; Councilman Davis stated, “It’s been a job well done.”

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to accept this resignation with regret.

Carried 5 ayes

Ms. Sherry Vieta, DCO currently serving in the Towns of Athens for the past 8 years, and more recently serving in Cossackie and Catskill as well, wishes to be considered for appointment. She is fully trained, recently passed her annual Ag & Markets inspection, and is available to start on December 1st. Mrs. Rosa has offered to aid in the transition.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to appoint Ms. Vieta for a trial term beginning December 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 at a salary of 1/12th per month as the current DCO earned.

Carried 5 ayes

Two shared service agreements have been addressed at recent meetings. 1. An agreement for snow plowing between the Greenville Fire District and the Town’s Maintenance Department was discussed. All parties are comfortable with the agreement;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to accept this agreement and authorize Supervisor Macko to sign it.

Carried 5 ayes

2. Next was an agreement between the Greene County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Greenville for use of upstairs office space and for providing court security measures two hours weekly during regular court sessions. As there are a few points of concern with the agreement on behalf of the GCSO, this agreement is tabled until next month’s meeting.

The 2019 Ambulance Contract with Greenville Rescue Squad, Inc., was discussed. As all parties are in agreement with said contract for \$277,500.00;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to accept this 1 year contract between the Town of Greenville and the Greenville Rescue Squad Inc.; attached.

Carried 5 ayes

Annually, any unpaid water or sewer rents are submitted back to Greene County to be relieved onto the next property tax bill.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the attached 2018 TAX RELEVY & MISC. LEVY REPORT for water and sewer rents, in the amount of \$13,760.90.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko noted the 2018 Old Timer's Party will be held at the Greenville High School on Sunday, December 2nd. As the phone number published was incorrect, please contact Mr. Macko at 518-966-5055 extension 2 should you need to request a meal be delivered.

Justice-elect Kevin Lewis needs approval for training which will occur on December 10th – 14th.

Mr. Bear moved to allow this educational training, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko relayed that the stained glass windows out for repair are expected to return for reinstallation in January, and he would like to put out to bid the remaining 3 windows (B, C, & E).

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to request sealed bids for the Prevost Hall Stained Glass Repair and Renovation, Windows B, C and E, to be opened on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

Clerk-Collector Park provided a notice to Supervisor Macko regarding term expirations of appointed and elected officials. Of note, a position is open on the Board of Assessment Review due to the death of Mr. David Battini. Assessor Bennett suggested reviewing the list of applicants who have already applied for this position in the past; the Board agreed.

Supervisor Macko noted that as claims have been low, NYMIR will be sending 4 disbursements back to the town in the amount of \$618.85, totaling \$2,475.40.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments & questions at 7:58 pm:

Councilman Davis reported concerns about Veteran's Exemptions. As the Greenville School Board recently passed a Veteran's exemption, and considering 35% of the students at GCS qualify for a free or reduced lunch, 12% of Greene County residents are living below the poverty line, and 10% of households are single women, he would like to discuss the level of exemption we offer. Assessor Bennett reported that currently, the Town offers an exemption which is 5 levels above the minimum; the other towns he works in offer the exemption at 2-3 levels below Greenville. Councilman Davis stated he personally thinks this Town Board should consider moving that exemption back down towards the minimum level, and that there should be limits on how much is placed on the backs of other people. No other comments received.

Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh questioned if the Board had considered his request to determine an appropriate fee for commercial solar building permits. He recommended charging 10 cents per square foot of panel size, as this provides the most accurate data with which to base the fee. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the Town of Durham set their fee at 15 cents per square foot, and how it may be wise to be consistent with the neighboring towns.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to set the fee for commercial solar construction on the Town of Greenville Building Permit at 15 cents per square foot of panel size.

Carried 5 ayes

Food Pantry volunteer Paul Augstein requested gutters be placed over the East side door of the building, as roof water runs off where the food deliveries are made. Maintenance Supervisor Leroy Bear will evaluate and arrange for this addition.

Mr. Leroy Bear also inquired about the delay in approving the GCSO shared service agreement. As there is no agreement in place yet, and the GCSO plans on initiating renovations in the morning, he asked about liability concerns of work being done to the town building. Also inquired as to “who was responsible for what” as far as the Maintenance Department was concerned, as there was nothing in the agreement to address ongoing cleaning, maintenance or repairs. Councilman Richards, who is also a GCSO Deputy, relayed that the agreement’s issues involve the request for a main floor bathroom, and not allowing other people in “the Pioneer Building” as it is too broad of a statement. Clerk-Collector Park asked the Board and Maintenance Department what would be done to provide a better functioning and reliable, main level, handicapped bathroom when the 2nd floor became inaccessible to employees. Civility was also requested by Clerk-Collector Park in the interactions between Town Hall officials and members of the GCSO. Lengthy discussion ensued. Councilman Richards advised the County wait to start work until the contract has been signed. Councilman Bear feels that if the County’s Building and Grounds Department can’t assist with a bathroom, as the contract resolves to use ‘the entire second floor, including all common areas, such as hallways and bathrooms, to be used by the GCSO solely for administrative and detective personnel’, “maybe we should think about this more. We’re giving quite a lot at a reduced rate. This discussion is at the last hour and they want to start work tomorrow ~ it is very unprofessional. They should be here to discuss concerns with the Board, not just send word.” Maintenance Supervisor Leroy Bear suggested allowing exclusive use of only the former Greenville Press area, which was secure, and leaving the hallway and bathroom outside of the contract. Agreed the main level bathroom will still need to be addressed in the future.

Attorney Rappleyea will make adjustments to the agreement.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct a special meeting on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm to review and readdress this agreement.

Carried 5 ayes

There being no further comments, Mr. Bensen moved to enter executive session at 8:35 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear, to discuss the proposed acquisition/sale/lease of real property when publicity might affect value. Mr. Travis Smigel was invited to participate.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to return to regular session at 9:09 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 5 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

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

Bills 386 – 420 on General abstract #11 for \$68,362.05
 Bills 200 – 218 on Highway abstract #11 for \$58,373.20
 Bills 123 – 135 on Sewer abstract #11 for \$7,019.03
 Bills 107 – 120 on Water abstract #11 for \$10,454.85
 Bill 12 on Freehold Solar, LLC, escrow abstract #6 for \$390.00
 Bills 1 – 2 on Sidewalk Project account abstract #1 for \$36,238.27
 Bill 1 on Maintenance Building Project account abstract #1 for \$8,611.00
 Bill 1 on Highway Fuel System Project account abstract #1 for \$62,300.00

Carried 5 ayes

After review, Mr. Bensen made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s report for October, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 5 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

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