

February 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, February 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman John Bensen
Councilman Joel Rauf
Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rapplelea

Department Heads Present: Maintenance and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh arrived at 7:13 pm
Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Matt Marlow arrived at 7:02 pm
Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator

Other: Greenville Volunteer Fire District #1 Assistant Chief Kip Drolette
Deputy Highway Superintendent Peter Baskiewicz
Greene County District #4 Legislator Greg Davis arrived at 7:24 pm
and 10 guests

Absent: Councilman Bear

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of January 21, 2019, seconded by Mr. Bensen.
Carried 4 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the following departments:

Supervisor Macko addressed the **Highway Department**, as Superintendent Williams was absent due to hospitalization. The department has been short-staffed, and as another employee is going out on medical leave in March, they will have 3 employees out of 5 out on leave. Macko stated, "It's soon a crisis situation". He requested anyone with a CDL license interested in a part-time job, to please come talk to a member of the Board. Councilman Rauf questioned the requirements of the position, and Maintenance Supervisor Bear questioned who did the hiring in the absence of Mr. Williams. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to advertise for highway department jobs in the Daily Mail.

Carried 4 ayes

Building and Grounds ~ Oral report received from Maintenance Supervisor Bear.

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief Matthew Marlow provided an oral and written report; also addressed one issue which occurred three times the previous month related to fuel pumps being turned off inside of the highway garage, rendering the trucks not able to fill up with fuel. Deputy Highway Superintendent Peter Baskiewicz was not sure why they were off inside, but would ensure the pumps were on and accessible. Chief Marlow also noted the Board's request for budget numbers have been passed on to the GRS, Inc. Board, as requested.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant has met all expected parameters. He reported that the Town has finally received DASNY's promised \$100,000 on January 31st, and thanked Mrs. Barbara Walter and Dr. Nicole Ambrosio for their diligent work in getting that accomplished.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered oral and written reports. Training will soon occur through New York Rural Water Association entitled "Laboratory".

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to send Superintendent Bear and Deputy Superintendent Hamilton to this one day training on April 9th at a cost of \$100/attendee.

Carried 4 ayes

Recycling ~ Supervisor Macko reported the center has been busy.

Assessing ~ Assessor Bennett's written report read by Supervisor Macko.

Planning Board ~ Chair Donald Teator updated the Board on several cases brought before the Planning Board at the last meeting.

Dog Control ~ no report received.

Beautification Committee ~ no report received.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ reported on recent activities, including attendance at New York State Association of Counties training, and many meetings. He learned of and recommends the Town investigate using the company Auctions International to sell our surplus equipment, as it would provide a much larger pool of interested parties with better benefit to the Town. Also discussed the Legislature's refusal to form an ATI (Alternative to Incarceration) Group, as the requested budget for 2 full-time employees was \$300,000 and he believes that would be duplication of services and wasteful spending.

New business discussed at 7:29 pm:

A resolution addressing prior case law as it pertains to a town being exempt from its own subdivision law was addressed by Attorney Rappleyea. He explained the Town was buying a portion of a parcel and subdividing part off for a water tower. The Town of Greenville proposes to exempt itself from town requirements related to subdivision ~ it used to be it was "just done". Now, a 10 step analysis must be done, and if appropriate, we can proceed. However, time must be allowed for public review. Supervisor Macko recommends we table this discussion until next month's meeting;

Mr. Bensen moved to table this issue until the March meeting, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 4 ayes

A liquor license 30 day advanced notice to municipality was received for license renewal by the American Legion Post 291. No concerns were reported regarding this application.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept the resolution authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at the American Legion Post 291, and does express a favorable opinion.

Carried 4 ayes

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant application process requires the Town of Greenville resolves to approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project known as Prevost Hall Enhancements project;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve this Municipal Resolution stating the Town approves of and endorses the application for this grant application.

Carried 4 ayes

A proposal has been received from Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc., requesting they be allowed to install a power loss notification device at the Hill Street pump station property, in exchange for an annual fee paid to the Town of Greenville of \$600. Attorney Rappleyea suggested an easement would be necessary. The Board would like to know what the annual electric costs are for their proposed use, to ensure the compensation is appropriate. Supervisor Macko would also like to ask them for free internet at the sewer station; Attorney Rappleyea says this detail should be in our franchise agreement already for free service! Supervisor Macko will review the agreement.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to table this issue until next month's meeting to allow time for research.

Carried 4 ayes

Historian Donald Teator has requested the Board consider adopting the Edwin Laurentine Drake Proclamation in honor of what would have been Mr. Drake's 200th birthday. 160 years ago, Mr. Drake successfully drilled for oil in Titusville, PA and was the first person to do so, anywhere. As Greenville is his birthplace, we have been invited to Pennsylvania to celebrate the Col. Edwin L. Drake Day on March 29th.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, move to extend a Certificate of Recognition to the Drake Well Museum and Park on the occasion of Col. Drake's 200th Birthday and declare March 29th the Col. Edwin L. Drake Day in the Town of Greenville.

Carried 4 ayes

Preparations are underway for the 2020 Census. The State is seeking 700 census-takers from Greene County alone. Contact information is available on the town web-site & upon request.

Greene County's Community Action Weatherization Assistance Program is underway; information available through Community Action at 518-943-9205.

The Town Board is still seeking an interested person to appoint to the Board of Assessment Review. Please contact Mr. Macko for any questions related to this position.

Last month, the Greenville Volunteer Fire District #1 requested the Board review and adopt policy to install Knox Box Key Systems in all locations within the Greenville Fire District. This would allow for rapid, non-destructive entry into structures without causing unnecessary damage. Discussion ensued. The Towns of Catskill and New Baltimore already have such a policy in place. Differences between Local Laws and Resolutions were explained as they would pertain to a policy enacted; Laws would require mandatory participation, whereas Resolutions would be optional.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to revisit this at the March meeting in order to allow time for the Greenville Fire Company to revise the resolution per our discussion this evening.

Carried 4 ayes

The Town annually budgets for provisions for a youth program during the winter. Historically, 3-4 sessions at the Purling Roller Rink was offered to the youth of Greenville. Last season, the Roller Rink did not open their doors for us due to health issues. This year, after discussion with owner Mrs. Sally Schneider, we've been told that they hope to have their doors open by late April, again due to health concerns. That being said, most youth are outside in the warm spring air, and starting spring activities. Other options were discussed, including bowling at the Hoe Bowl in Catskill, hosting a movie at the Drive In this summer, snow tubing at Windham Mountain, swimming at a local resort, ice skating at the Y, and expanded offerings at Greenville Day this fall. No decisions formalized at this time; Supervisor Macko will make some phone calls and further investigate options.

Supervisor Macko addressed the Sidewalk Project. NYSDOT will put the work to bid next month. All bills must be paid up front and then will be reimbursed 80%; he requested permission for Attorney Rappleyea to contact Christine Chale to establish a Bond Anticipation Note. The Town's obligation will end up \$180-200,000 over a 20 year period. The electric charging station and bus stop would be worked into this project as well. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to authorize Attorney Rappleyea to proceed with the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) in the amount of \$750,000 for the Sidewalk Project.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:07

pm: Mr. Paul Augstein and Ms. Barbara Valicenti inquired as to what would be done with the flagstones currently serving as sidewalk material. Supervisor Macko noted they would be offered to the homeowners, or a sitting area would be created at the Park with the extra stones.

There being no further comments, Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards, 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. Mr. Leroy Bear was invited to participate.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to return to regular session at 8:49 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 4 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to establish a committee of one board member, Supervisor Macko and Maintenance Supervisor Bear to create a job description for "Maintenance Supervisor" and to advertise for that position and to interview and review applications once received.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko reported he came across a bill that was not paid from November 19, 2018 for the Plug In station related to the electric vehicle charging station.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to authorize Supervisor Macko to pay this \$7,942.00 bill from the Sidewalk Project fund. Carried 4 ayes *Note from J. Park: (This bill will be included on the abstract #3 for March 2019)*

Discussion on the lack of heat in Town Hall occurred. The \$35,000 grant expected from NYSERDA has been earmarked for a heating and cooling unit in Pioneer Hall, per Supervisor Macko. Maintenance Supervisor Bear noted he thinks the units in the meeting room are simply unplugged for the air conditioning units in place; he will evaluate in the morning.

After audit, Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 55 – 91 on General abstract #2 for \$21,460.62
- Bills 23 – 44 on Highway abstract #2 for \$40,842.55
- Bills 10 – 19 on Sewer abstract #2 for \$8,501.88
- Bills 11 – 18 on Water abstract #2 for \$1,726.58
- Bill 2 on Freehold Solar, LLC, escrow abstract #2 for \$2,343.75
- Bill 2 on Windows & Sidewalk Project account abstract #2 for \$14,812.67

Carried 4 ayes

After review, Mr. Bensen made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s report for January, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS