

May 20, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rappleyea

Department Heads: Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Matt Marlow
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams
Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Assessor Gordon Bennett *arrived at 7:06 pm*
Grant Administrator Nicole Ambrosio
and 20 guests

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gerry Erskin offered a presentation about the Town of Catskill's upcoming Awakening of Rip Van Winkle project. This celebration will occur on June 22nd in Catskill and will include artisans and musicians. Money raised will be used to refurbish the Rip Van Winkle statue on Main Street. The goal of this event is to revive his image and utilize it as a marketing tool. This coincides with the 200th anniversary of the writing of this tale.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of April 15th and May 6th, 2019, seconded by Mr. Rauf.
Carried 5 ayes

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

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief Matthew Marlow provided an oral and written report.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Williams provided an oral report. Clerk-Collector Park inquired if he had received any communication from the NYSDOT or the Secretary of State regarding the completed speed studies. Newry Lane is to be decreased to 40 mph and Newry Road is to be decreased to 45 mph ~ pending receipt of confirmation of filing with the Secretary of State. Supervisor Macko asked if while waiting, he could order the signs so they were ready to go up asap. Also;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to put 3,000 tons blacktop out to bid for the 2019 paving season, to be opened at the June 17th meetings at 7:00 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

Building and Grounds ~ Oral and written reports received from Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton.

Code Enforcement ~ Supervisor Macko read CEO Mark Overbaugh's written report. Councilman Richards inquired how the notices were sent out to those within the sewer district who we weren't sure if they were connected into the system yet. Supervisor Macko replied via regular mail. Councilman Richards feels those who do not respond to the notice will need to be formally or more directly made aware; for further discussion as more information is compiled.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant has met all expected parameters despite the large volume of rain we've had lately.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered oral and written reports.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear reported all was well. He noted the cardboard issue seems diminished due to better management, despite the increasing volume now that the resorts are open for the season. **Assessing** ~ Assessor Bennett provided an oral and written report. He noted Grievance Day would occur on June 3rd between 4:00 -8:00 pm. The change of assessment notices were sent out. He reported on STAR changes; NYS seems to be pushing a check (which is taxable) rather than to continue receiving a deduction on a tax bill. Feel free to contact him with any questions. Councilman Rauf questioned if the vacancy on the BAR had been filled yet ~ Supervisor Macko noted it has not yet been filled, but it won't be a complication during Grievance Day.

Planning Board & Zoning Board ~ Supervisor Macko reviewed the provided agenda from the last ZBA meeting and the minutes from the last Planning Board meeting.

Dog Control ~ no report received.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko reported 3 large ducks were purchased and are now being painted. These will be placed at various businesses and will travel around town. Small ducks will return to town next year. Mr. Macko also spoke of Community Partners; he said that donations are being sought to support Greenville Day celebrations. Councilman Bear discussed plans to offer a free carnival for the kids. It will cost \$7,000 to bring the carnival here; money has started to come in from businesses, and the town has unexpended money from the youth line. Iroquois Pipeline will be solicited for a donation. Other Towns will be asked for donations as well, as our school district reaches out into many neighboring towns and many friends and classmates from outside of the Town of Greenville will surely attend with their classmates. This will be offered at no cost to the children.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided by Clerk-Collector Park.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ Supervisor Macko read the provided written report.

New business discussed at 7:37 pm:

Greene County Hazardous Materials collection day has been occurring for the past 15-20 years; it will occur on June 8th this year between 7:30 am – 12:00 noon. See the Town's website for details.

Greenville American Legion Post 291 has requested the Boy Scout Building be renamed posthumously after their long-time leader Mr. David Battini. Councilman Bear thinks that is a great idea.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, by Proclamation to rename the Scout Building as the David Battini Scout Building.

Carried 5 ayes

A proposal has been received from Nolan Bottle Gas Inc. to offer the Town of Greenville the same rates as is offered to Greene County. Currently we pay Suburban Propane \$1.80 per gallon. Nolan has offered a rate of \$1.29 per gallon, without rental costs, costs to change the tanks, or delivery fees. This offer is piggy-backed onto the County's contract.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to accept this bid as long as no fees would be incurred by Suburban Propane.

Carried 5 ayes

Tom Vance, proprietor of a new business coming to Main Street, requested the Town consider passing a local law "Business Investment Tax Exemption". Assessor Bennett commented that we already have one on the books, but it wouldn't include the apartments upstairs from this new business. Mr. Macko advised Mr. Vance to come in to discuss further with Assessor Bennett to see how he may qualify.

A resolution has been prepared exempting the Greenville Central School District from the Town's subdivision laws, relating to a 1/2 acre parcel the school wants to purchase from a North Street resident. The purpose will be to expand the North parking lot of the elementary school in order to ease congestion, which has been a problem for a very long time. Should this proposition fail at the 5/21/19 budget vote, the resolution would become null and void.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the resolution EXEMPTION OF THE GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL FROM TOWN SUBDIVISION LAWS. Carried 5 ayes

A contract renewal is necessary for Mrs. Nicole Ambrosio, Grant Administrator, for 2019. The contract is unchanged from previous years.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve this contract with Mrs. Ambrosio.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:01 pm:

Mr. Sandy Garden asked when the Board would open up State Route 32 as a commercial zone? Supervisor Macko clarified Mr. Garden was referring to the ¾ mile area between the old JP North, south to almost Carlsen's Gallery. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Macko suggested he apply to the Planning Board for a special use permit, as retail use is allowable at his property with a special use permit. Attorney Rappleyea confirmed this.

Mrs. Nicole Ambrosio suggested the Town dedicate the David Battini Scout building at the upcoming Greenville Day celebration. This will be considered.

Mr. Tom Vance requested an update on the sidewalk project. Supervisor Macko relayed the DOT manages all the bidding and contractors; he is not sure what the delay is. Feels once they begin, it will only take 1 ½ - 2 months to complete.

Discussion occurred regarding use of Town property behind the library (the tennis court formally owned by the Cunningham family) as a skateboard and bike park. The Town is willing to work with the interested parties, but insurance coverage is a concern. It has been advised an official club be formed, with leadership, dues, and insurance coverage which any group using public property must supply (even the Town, when using school property). Councilman Bear asked that those issues be looked into, then to please come back to discuss with the Board. "We will work with you!" Councilman Rauf suggested the group write to companies such as Vans, Red Bull, etc. to solicit corporate sponsorship. Supervisor Macko said, "We have the spot ~ just need a plan and the insurance."

Ms. Barbara Valicenti questioned the status of the demolition permit of the Suwara property formally known as the Chatterton House. Supervisor Macko noted CEO Overbaugh has not, nor will issue, a permit until the asbestos survey is complete and reviewed. Attorney Rappleyea noted the International Building Code governs this process. Discussion ensued; follow up will be noted as information becomes known.

Supervisor Macko noted Assessor Bennett's contract expires on 9/30/2019, and he would like to continue. He has served in this role for 19 years. The new term would run from 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2025.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to table this for approval until next month's regular meeting.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Paul Augstein inquired as to how the new water tank off Meadowbrook would be filled? Councilman Bensen replied water would be pumped in.

There being no further questions, Mr. Richards moved to enter executive session at 8:36 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to collective bargaining negotiations per Article 14 of Civil Service Law.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to return to regular session at 8:53 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the tentative agreement with the Teamsters.
Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to compensate Renee Hamilton 40 hours' salary for work she did for safety violations compliance and training at the Highway Department recently.
Carried 5 ayes

The audit of bills occurred at 8:56 pm; after audit, Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 176 – 218 on General abstract #5 for \$23,488.17
- Bills 79 – 102 on Highway abstract #5 for \$13,467.42
- Bills 39 – 44 on Sewer abstract #5 for \$3,285.95
- Bills 44 – 57 on Water abstract #5 for \$11,008.07
- Bill 8 on Windows & Sidewalk Project abstract #5 for \$156.25

Carried 5 ayes

After review, Mr. Bear made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for April, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS