

October 21, 2019

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville began on October 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting the 2nd budget workshop.

Those present: Supervisor Macko and Councilmen Bear, Bensen, Rauf and Richards, as well as the following Department Heads: Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh. Greenville Rescue Squad representatives Ted Nugent, Cliff Powell II, and Fran Sickles, Highway Superintendent-Elect Mike Dudley, and one interested guest were also in attendance for this workshop.

Those absent: Attorney Rappleyea

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Continued review of the 2020 tentative budget began. Discussion occurred regarding the line item increase for the Rescue Squad. Supervisor Macko invited the Greenville Rescue Squad to explain their numbers to the Board, to give them a better understanding of their needs. Mr. Ted Nugent discussed the 3 year projected budget; stated, "We're not trying to make money on you, this budget funds the service. We need to be able to provide the service that the town contracts us for." Long term goals for the Squad are to replace the 2nd ambulance, and to locate an appropriate facility to house the rigs and the crew. Lengthy discussion occurred. Although the 2020 budget shows a \$106,000 increase, 2021 and 2022 each reflect only a \$10,000 increase. In previous years, GRS, Inc. allowed for budgets far less than was required to properly operate; they cannot use up any more of their reserves.

Attorney Rappleyea arrived at 6:40 pm

Supervisor Macko recommended they go with the 3 year contract; Councilman Richards stated he would like to go to a long term contract. Councilman Bensen stated to put it in the budget for 3 years. Supervisor Macko will have Attorney Rappleyea draw up a contract to present at the November meeting.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to adopt the Greenville Rescue Squad's 3 year contract and budget plan.

Carried 5 ayes

In other areas of the budget, Supervisor Macko relayed that both Justices requested an increased rate of pay for their Clerk, currently at \$13.92, a 3% increase as everyone else will receive equals \$14.35. They are requesting her salary increase to \$16.50 per hour x 17 hours. Discussion followed. It was noted that the Assessor also feels his Clerk's salary should be raised to an appropriate level; the standard 3% increase would have been to \$15.14. It was requested to bring the salary to \$16.50 as well. Councilmen Rauf and Bensen verbalized approval to increase both to that level in the 2020 budget.

The Freehold Cemetery Association has also requested an increase of \$250, to bring that line to \$1,000 annually. No one had issue with this request.

Supervisor Macko noted the leaking roof and buckets placed throughout Pioneer Town Hall. He suggested putting \$20,000 into the 'Building Account' to save up for a new roof, perhaps truss it out and put metal on it. In December, \$20,000 - \$25,000 would be moved per transfer of funds resolution to transfer into the Pioneer Building account.

The numbers presented for the 2020 budget reflect a tax *decrease* on the General, Highway, and Library lines in the amount of .67/\$1,000 assessed value; equaling 9%. Supervisor Macko noted the numbers are 'juggled' as the special districts are outside of this, i.e. the Rescue Squad is up 38%, so the true rate will not be 9% down.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the preliminary budget as presented this evening, with changes made as discussed.

Carried 5 ayes

This workshop was followed by the regularly scheduled town board meeting at 7:00 pm. All present for the budget workshop continued in attendance at this time, as well as Attorney Rappleyea, Maintenance Supervisor & Deputy Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Highway Superintendent Terry Williams, Greene County Legislator Greg Davis, and 5 additional interested parties.

Mr. Robert Scardmalia, Partnership Specialist for the NY Regional Office, offered a presentation on the upcoming 2020 Census. A census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. Their motto is "Count everyone once, only once, and in the right place." Options include an internet self-response, a telephone or paper self-response, or a non-response follow up (if no response made independently, a representative will come to your home). This process begins mid-March 2020; results are due to the President of the United States by December 31, 2020. Census takers are being sought; apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs, or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of September 16th and October 7th, 2019, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 5 ayes

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

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief Matthew Marlow provided a written report; attached.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Williams provided an oral report.

Building and Grounds ~ Oral report received from Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton about work completed last month. Noted a furnace had been donated by neighbor Bill Atwood for use in the new maintenance building.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh. A concern was raised to County Legislator Davis about a property recently sold at the County tax auction which had the red 'X' removed from the structure being auctioned, twice, leaving it unmarked and thus very dangerous. Attorney Rappleyea interjected that anyone found doing that would be arrested. CEO Overbaugh will address this issue with the new owner; Legislator Davis will address this concern at the County level.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the plant was meeting expected parameters, though the 4 inches of rain last week hasn't helped. Conversation on ground water infiltration followed. Mr. Macko also reported a quote from Callanan Industries, Inc. had been received to repair and repave the Town Hall parking lot, post sewer line placement; Delaware Engineering is working with the EFC to incorporate the repair into the sewer project as was planned.

Water ~ Deputy Water Superintendent Hamilton offered an oral report.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear reported the Center looks good.

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

Planning Board ~ Supervisor Macko read Chair Donald Teator's written report; attached.

Dog Control ~ no report received. Clerk-Collector Park noted the County's last rabies clinic of the year will occur on Wednesday, October 23rd in Hensonville.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko reported on a very successful Greenville Day. Estimated the attendance on Friday night was 1,000 and that 4-5,000 people were there on Saturday. Offered thanks to all those who helped make the weekend a success.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided; attached.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ Written report provided. Noted that the County taxes were up only 1.7% for 2020, but the Town of Greenville's portion will decrease by 0.8%.

New business discussed at 7:41 pm:

Mrs. Mary Heisinger and Mrs. Joan Smith's names were submitted by the Greenville Public Library Board of Trustees for consideration for appointment to their Board of Trustees;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to appoint Mary Heisinger & Joan Smith to five year terms on the Library Board of Trustees, terms running 1-1-2020 through 12-31-2024.

Carried 5 ayes

The 2020 Greene EMS contract has been received;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to authorize Supervisor Macko to sign this Agreement for Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) Services. Carried 5 ayes

On August 20th, Governor Cuomo passed a law waiving the state fee on marriage licenses for Active Duty members of the Armed Forces. This equates to a \$22.50 savings out of the typical \$30 total fee. The local fee in Greenville is \$7.50; all municipalities have the option of resolving to waive this local fee. Discussion occurred;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to waive the local fee for marriage licenses for Active Duty service members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Carried 5 ayes

The 2019 Old Timer's Christmas party has been scheduled for Sunday, December 1st at 12 noon at the Greenville High School auditorium and cafeteria.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve the expenditure as previously budgeted to host this event.

Carried 5 ayes

The 2020 Budget Hearing need to be scheduled;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct the 2020 budget hearing on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko thought it important to override the tax cap, with concerns that the rate will be over the 2% cap once the ambulance is figured in;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct a public hearing regarding an override of the tax cap, on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:45 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

A clean-up day for the planned skate board park and Prevost hall area has been scheduled for Saturday, November 9th between 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Anyone interested and able to assist with this project is welcome to do so.

Supervisor Macko discussed the \$30,000 grant received to use for energy efficient projects; the mini-splits are estimated to cost \$21,000; running the electric will be between \$1,000 - \$2,000. Window World has given an estimate to replace the 1st floor windows in this building for approximately \$17,000. He suggested the balance remaining from the mini-splits' project be used towards replacing the windows, and take the balance from the 1620 (general fund) line.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to allow Supervisor Macko to order the windows.

Carried 5 ayes

Another phone system proposal has been received. Discussion occurred; for further consideration next month.

A reappointment to the Board of Assessment review is necessary;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to reappoint Mr. Douglas Overbaugh to the BAR, term 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2024.

Carried 5 ayes'

Clerk-Collector Park noted that there still remains one vacancy due to the unexpired term of Mr. David Battini. Supervisor Macko urged anyone with interest to call him to discuss this.

Also discussed was the new maintenance building. Supervisor Macko asks approval to obtain 3 quotes for spray foam insulation, as it makes no sense to heat a building without insulation. Also noted

Prevost Hall was somewhat damaged with all of the recent rain. Part of the ceiling was knocked down. He asks approval to order a 90-100 foot basket lift to seal up the bell tower. Discussion ensued. Barbara Walter said Community Partners will pay for the repair;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to order a lift to use for this repair.

Carried 5 ayes

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh updated the Board on the sewer district extension, and reported there being approximately 10 open sewer connection permits. All are expected to be completed by the spring. He doubts the remaining sites will connect, due to the \$3,000 connection fee, and asked the Board to consider this problem. Also relayed 'static' from some homeowners regarding the requirement for newer (less than 10 years old) systems being 'certified'. The Law is very specific on both cost and status requirements. There has been another problem found during an attempted connection which needs to be addressed, concerning the infrastructure. The GCSD district office tried to connect but the pipe from the office to the main line is angled uphill. A meeting must occur with all parties. Discussion on who will be paying for these errors occurred; CEO Overbaugh stated, "Someone needs to own the mistake." Supervisor Macko stated the blame should be shared between American Evergreen and Delaware Engineering. For further discussion.

Supervisor Macko explained the following communications have been received:

~ The Town of Westerlo has submitted notice of a public hearing on Local Law 3 of 2019 relating to the Solid Waste Management Code. This will occur on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm at the Westerlo Town Hall.

~ Training on the Greene County Natural Resources Inventory will occur on Tuesday, October 29th focusing on municipal planning and conservation policy, as well as on Wednesday, November 6th, for the public. Please call 518-622-9820 x102 for additional information.

~ The annual Greene County Honor a Vet, Veteran of the Year Ceremony will occur on Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 am at Catskill Point.

~ Notice has been received by the New York Power Authority, which has submitted a negative declaration for their Communications Backbone Execution Plan, to protect the security of its telecommunication system.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:08 pm:

Ms. Valicenti inquired if the Town was responsible for cleaning up the Norton Hill pond? Indeed, the 4 inches of rain previously discussed is to thank for the improved condition there.

Ms. Zibura asked for clarification on the Tax Cap Override public hearing and Budget Hearing scheduled this evening, as it conflicted with a regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting. Supervisor Macko is aware, and stated if the Planning Board meets, they will schedule it for an earlier time.

Clerk-Collector Park informed those present that the Peddlers & Solicitor's permit issued to Clearway Energy last month has now expired. Also acknowledged Historian Donald Teator upon receiving a Zadock Pratt Museum History Award in recognition of his outstanding work in the local and regional history of the Tri-County area of Delaware, Greene and Schoharie Counties. Supervisor Macko agreed he does a wonderful job for the Town of Greenville.

Mr. Paul Augstein reported vandalism at the food pantry and Vanderbilt Park. Ms. Hamilton added the gazebo had recently been vandalized as well. Discussion occurred; Councilman Bear feels it is "time to invest in some cameras." No motions made at this time. Mr. Augstein also requested a light somehow be incorporated at the cooler in the food pantry; Supervisor Macko will evaluate.

The surplus soccer goals put to bid and awarded last month have been claimed; there were no bids for the used Cub-Cadet. Supervisor Macko has been approached by Mr. Paul Vosburgh, who offered \$100 for the old mower.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to allow Mr. Vosburgh to buy these for \$100.
Carried 5 ayes

The audit of bills occurred at 8:18 pm; after audit, Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 377 – 415 on General abstract #10 for \$17,490.59
- Bills 191 – 212 on Highway abstract #10 for \$273,883.75
- Bills 82 – 87 on Sewer abstract #10 for \$6,367.64
- Bills 109 – 121 on Water abstract #10 for \$6,250.26
- Bills 16 – 17 on Windows & Sidewalk escrow abstract #9 for \$3,284.32
- Bill 4 on maintenance building project, escrow abstract #2 for \$1,319.70
- Bills 1 – 2 on Highway Fuel escrow abstract #1 for \$2,058.50

Carried 5 ayes

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

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS