

December 4, 2019

An emergency meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 5:03 pm at Pioneer Hall. This meeting was called by Supervisor Macko on Wednesday morning and notice was immediately given to the Pioneer and Catskill Daily Mail newspapers and WRIP radio, was sent to the Town of Greenville's website for posting, and was noticed on the signboard in front of Town Hall. The Pioneer Newspaper also posted the information on their Facebook page.

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Department Heads: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh

Other: 8 guests

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then explained this meeting had been called to address the recent snowfall and the broken equipment at the Highway Garage; they are down 1 1/2 plows, and "have a mess on their hands". He had received 50+ calls with complaints of the road condition and expressed great disappointment with some of the quality of the work that was done by the guys, and the lack of urgency to repair what is broken. Stated he believes that with the amount of taxes we all pay, there is no excuse for the poor condition of roads or equipment. Noted he doesn't usually call for an emergency meeting, but this was a matter of public safety and it couldn't wait.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding specifically what was in good working condition and what was not. Councilman Richards thought our Maintenance Department could help to open up some of the roads within Country Estates. Calls have been made to outside mechanics to assist in the repairs, and thus far all are unavailable. Some names were suggested as options; Councilman Rauf made a call during this meeting to Ralph Borwegen of Borwegen Trucking and Repair, who agreed to do the heavy truck repair. Councilman Rauf also offered for discussion, if not unethical, to use his company's mobile service technician for the other, in-shop, repairs. He could free up his workload and allow him to work at the shop here to make the necessary repairs that have not been done by our own highway department employees. He will abstain from signing the payment voucher and offer him up at a favorable rate. Supervisor Macko reported the plow that was purchased from the Town of Broome via auction was being picked up this week thanks to Councilman Bensen. Also noted there was unexpended money in the Highway line which he feels should be used to purchase a good, 4 wheel drive pickup with a plow.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to allow Councilman Rauf's service man repair the Peterbilt brake situation and plow, at the Highway Garage. *Councilman Bear stated he had contacted the Teamsters to notify them of the emergency situation and that they were aware 'outside' people were coming in.*

Carried 4 ayes; Councilman Rauf abstained

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to send the OshKosh to Borwegen's Trucking and Repair shop to install the transfer case.

Carried 5 ayes

Discussion occurred regarding buying new versus used pickups. It was asked why the trucks were breaking down, and if something was lacking in general maintenance? Councilman Bensen replied affirmatively, and added they were also old. Clerk-Collector Park asked if compiling an inventory and

condition of all Town vehicles and equipment could be documented, and a long-term plan for replacement be devised in order to avoid this situation in the future.

Discussion of the condition of Main Street occurred. Supervisor Macko has repeatedly asked the NYSDOT Supervisor in Cairo, Steve Shepherd, to clean up the part of State Route 81 we know as Main Street; annually he is denied. He will call again in the morning, and if no cooperation can be obtained, he will pursue other avenues. Councilman Rauf added that we now have “draws” on Main Street, and as a community we need to support these businesses!

A few other local residents reported displeasure with the state of the roads and lack of attention to the snowed-in hydrants in Country Estates. Another complaint was directed at the Highway Superintendent specifically. It was noted the Town Council had no authority over an Elected Official. Councilman Bear stated, “We, as a Town Board, are working together to do the best we can for the Town of Greenville.” Supervisor Macko implied that all would improve “in 27 days”. Councilman Bensen noted, “Hopefully we’ll fix these emergency issues. The new man coming in has a daunting task ahead.”

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 5:57 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS