

April 15, 2019

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed order to establish an emergency medical services district.

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 *arrived at 6:49 pm*

Department Heads: Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Matt Marlow
Greenville Rescue Squad President and Chairman Ted Nugent
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams *arrived at 6:38 pm*
Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton *arrived at 6:49 pm*
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear *arrived at 6:59 pm*
Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator *arrived at 6:51 pm*
Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta *arrived at 7:06 pm*

Other: Greene County District #4 Legislator Greg Davis *arrived at 9:15 pm*
and 15 guests

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Appropriate notice of this hearing was published in an official newspaper, the Catskill Daily Mail, on Saturday, April 6, 2019, and posted on the official signboard at Town Hall as required.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to open this public hearing at 6:30 pm.
Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Macko explained that the establishment of an official ambulance district would allow the Town of Greenville to assess the taxes required to fund the service, separately. He believes if it is taken into its own taxable budget line, that residents will have a better understanding of what they're paying for. If this had been in effect for the 2019 taxes, the rate would have been \$1.199 per \$1,000 in assessed value; or, a home assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$120 for that levy line.

At 6:33 pm, the hearing was opened to public comment, and the following interested persons desired to be heard: Ms. Anita Zibura inquired if the budget line was switched to a separate line, would it change the amount of money that we pay? **Supervisor Macko** responded that if we stay below the imposed tax cap, residents would actually get a rebate check back. **Councilman Bensen** noted if the lines were separated, we could then keep the general fund below the tax cap; we can't control the rising ambulance costs and balance the budget within the requirements of the tax cap as it is now. **Supervisor Macko** noted that the EMS District would comprise the whole town. **Greenville Rescue Squad President and Chairman Ted Nugent** raised concerns about the wording in the Order to Establish an Ambulance District document.

The Town Board agreed it must be revamped;

Councilman Rauf moved, seconded by Councilman Bear, to amend the proposal to specifically address the purpose and authorities of district, and organization and management of district, and to revisit at the May 6th public hearing, and to make the changes available to the public prior to the hearing.
Carried 5 ayes

At 6:49 pm, Supervisor Macko asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Attorney Rappleyea arrived at 6:49 pm

Proposed changes within the document were addressed with Attorney Rappleyea.

There being no other comments received,

Mr. Bensen moved to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to rescind the prior motion to amend the proposal specifically addressing purpose and authorities and organization and management.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the plan to form an ambulance district as amended at the public hearing today, April 15, 2019, providing the public with the amended draft before the May 6, 2019 final public hearing and adoption of the order.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Ted Nugent questioned if the dollar amount currently in the document, \$307,561, is an amendable number ~ Attorney Rappleyea confirmed that yes, it is adjustable.

The regular monthly meeting followed at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of March 18th and March 28th, 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 an oral and written report. Clerk-Collector Park inquired if he would be able to instruct Town Hall employees on use of the AED that we have on-site; he asked that we call to arrange a time and that he would be happy to facilitate that.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Williams verbally relayed work done this month.

Councilman Richards inquired if the fuel tanks were installed yet; Mr. Williams replied not yet, but the concrete base may be poured this week.

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

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh. Councilman Richards inquired if he's heard from Freehold Solar yet; CEO Overbaugh replied negatively.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant has met all licensing requirements.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered an oral report.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear reported the center looks good as holes are being filled in the lot.

Thanked the highway and maintenance departments for getting the precast concrete in place, to correct what was broken last year ~ feels it came out pretty well.

Assessing ~ Assessor Bennett's written report read by Supervisor Macko. Councilman Rauf questioned if anyone has been found to serve on the BAR. Supervisor Macko replied that there was still one vacancy to fill and should anyone have an interest to serve, to please contact him.

Planning Board ~ Chair Donald Teator provided a written report.

Dog Control ~ DCO Sherry Vieta offered a verbal report. Requested approval to attend the annual DCO conference sponsored by NYS Agriculture and Markets, to be held in Guilderland on May 15-16th.

Mr. Bensen moved to allow DCO Vieta to attend this annual conference, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes.

(DCO Vieta will seek reimbursement amongst all of the towns that she works in to pay for this class)

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko verbally updated all present on Committee activities.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ Written report received and read by Supervisor Macko.

New business discussed at 7:18 pm:

The Greenville School District's SADD Chapter requested a donation to assist in the after-prom party on June 1st. The purpose of this event is to provide students with a safe alternative, after-prom function in an alcohol and drug-free environment. Mr. Bensen commented that it kept kids out of trouble after the prom and believes it is a good thing.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to donate \$100 to this event.

Carried 5 ayes

Attorney Rappleyea commented that he will match the Town's donation & will send it directly to GCS. Clerk-Collector Park thanked him for the generous, unsolicited donation.

A letter was received from Mr. Mark Wilcox and Mr. James Stryker, regarding a parcel of land they've purchased in front of Vanderbilt Park. Their letter requests the Board amend the zoning at that site to allow commercial enterprise. Supervisor Macko read their letter aloud. Zoning Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh inquired what they wanted to do, which was not already allowed in Hamlet Zoning? Mr. Wilcox offered "shopping" as an idea. ZEO Overbaugh stated that retail stores are allowed in Hamlet Zoning, with a site plan review... he encouraged they review the zoning before going through with a request to change the zoning classification. Discussion regarding traffic patterns, safety, and open space continued. Many opinions were offered on acceptable land use at that site and commercial development in Greenville.

Mr. Andrew Zampariolo presented the Board with a proposal for new phone service with Twin Bridges Solutions. This technology proposes a SIP enabled service over a cable connection. All sites (Town Hall, Highway Garage, Sewer and Water plants, Library...) would be connected. This would show a \$200 per month savings as compared to what we are paying now. For this to work, though, an updated phone system would need to be installed. CEO Overbaugh asked about the reliability of our internet connection; Mr. Zampariolo noted if the cable was down, the calls could be routed to a cell phone. The Board agreed that cell service was spotty here. Phones with alarms would remain on copper wire, i.e. at the water department. The phone system itself costs approximately \$7,800 for a one-time investment. This includes 20 new handsets. The service, saving \$200/month, would pay for itself over approximately 3 years. It was noted that in April 2003, our current Northeast System phone service cost \$6,500. Supervisor Macko thanked him for his proposal and noted we needed to obtain 2 other quotes.

The PILOT agreement was addressed. Greene County has signed off on the agreement, and the Greenville Central School District is in the process of adopting their portion. Currently that site's property tax bill is approximately \$240. As last presented, the first year, \$3,095 would be payable to the Town (per megawatt) with a 2% annual escalation and a reevaluation every 3 years. Attorney Rappleyea believes their numbers are off, as they are based on \$8,000 per megawatt. He recalls the amount offered as \$8,686 per megawatt.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to table this discussion until the May 6th meeting to allow time to explore discussion regarding payment per megawatt.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko explained that at last month's meeting, the Board moved to donate \$500 to the summer Sprouts program. Attorney Rappleyea explained that an agreement between two parties was now required by the Comptroller when any money is donated. Supervisor Macko requested these

agreements be prepared for today's SADD donation, the Freehold Cemetery, Golden Agers, and the Legion as well.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve agreements for donations to SADD, Freehold Cemetery, Golden Age Club, and the American Legion.

Carried 5 ayes

An unidentified resident who approached the Board last month (Mr. Pete Liquari) interrupted the discussion and said that CYL needs help too! Stated we're all taxpayers here. Discussion ensued. Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton agreed that the concession stand would benefit from a new roof this year, and she was about to measure for it. Councilman Richards feels that if we're bidding out, we could do the dugouts, too. Supervisor Macko agreed that we will do the measuring, and if it was something we can afford to do, we'll help. Discussion on the recent vandalism followed; Supervisor Macko noted that it had been addressed by family court and community service will occur, but other than that we are unable to comment.

Supervisor Macko had received several calls recently regarding the late sewer hook ups. Currently, as the grace period has ended, a commercial connection fee is set at \$4,000 and a residential hook up is at \$3,000. Mr. Macko feels we have to adjust those numbers. Councilmen Bensen feels the Board has given property owners 2 years to hook up for free; CEO Overbaugh noted there still are 20+/- to be done. Clerk-Collector Park asked if Cumberland Farms, the only parcel to have hooked up since the grace period ended, would be refunded their fee if the Board now changed the terms; Supervisor Macko said, "Yes, we would have to." He feels if the cost is left at this high level, people won't hook up. Councilman Bear stated he spoke at length with Supervisor Macko, and believes the rates are set kind of high and that as we have a water and sewer district, as many people as possible need to be actually hooked up. Stated, "\$3,000 - \$4,000 is a lot of money!" and recommends the fees decrease to between \$250 - \$500 per connection. Councilman Bensen feels if this is done, it should be for a short time period only. Commercial property owner Tom Baumann expressed concern with the high fee, and noted he would also have to pay the contractor to dig. He asked if anyone was notified that the fee was so high? Supervisor Macko, Councilman Bensen, and Attorney Rappleyea each replied the law stating the connection fees has been in use since 12/17/2007. Discussion continued.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen to provide a moratorium on permit fees as established and to charge \$100 for residential parcels and \$250 for commercial parcels effective today through October 1, 2019. The property owners not yet connected will be formally notified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. These fees are not retroactive.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions. Ms. Valicenti asked about the sidewalk project as she has flowers to remove from the bed at the Tiny Diner and did not want them wasted. It was suggested they be removed as soon as possible.

Maintenance Supervisor and safety coordinator Renee Hamilton asked for permission to attend the annual Perma safety conference in May. There is no cost to attend and she plans on driving a town vehicle, so there will not be any mileage reimbursement needs.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to allow Ms. Hamilton to attend the safety conference next month.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Richards moved to enter executive session at 8:29 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen, 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.

Carried 5 ayes

At 8:42 pm, Ms. Renee Hamilton was asked to join them in executive session.

Mr. Rauf moved to return to regular session at 9:04 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.
Carried 5 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay retired maintenance supervisor P. Leroy Bear as temporary help as needed at the maintenance department at the supervisory rate of the current maintenance supervisor's rate of \$20.50 per hour.
Carried 5 ayes

The audit of bills occurred;
Clerk-Collector Park brought to the attention of the Board a voucher presented for 3 storage cubes for a total of \$682.26, when minutes of the 11/19/2018 meeting reflected the following:

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

Discussion followed. Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay the actual cost (\$682.26) as was billed for the containers.
Carried 5 ayes

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

- Bills 135 – 175 on General abstract #4 for \$111,517.66
 - Bills 62 – 78 on Highway abstract #4 for \$47,761.01
 - Bills 29 – 38 on Sewer abstract #4 for \$149,208.72
 - Bills 31 – 43 on Water abstract #4 for \$9,882.03
 - Bill 4 on Freehold Solar, LLC, escrow abstract #4 for \$650.00
 - Bills 6 – 7 on Windows & Sidewalk Project abstract #4 for \$29,625.33
- Carried 5 ayes

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

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

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS

AND FOR ANOTHER MONTH:

After consideration, the Town Board recommends _____ be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review.

Mr. _____ moved, seconded by Mr. _____, to appoint _____ to the Board of Assessment Review to fill an unexpired term ending September 31, 2022.

Carried 4 ayes

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