

January 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rappleyea

Department Heads: Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Matthew Marlow
Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Assessor Gordon Bennett

Other: 6 guests

Absent: Councilman John Bensen

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of December 16, 2019 and January 2, 2020, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 4 ayes

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

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief Matthew Marlow provided an oral and written report; a time has been arranged for Mr. Marlow to provide instruction on proper use of the AED for town hall employees on February 7th. He also encouraged the community to contact him for CPR and First Aid instruction.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral report. Supervisor Macko reported that from comments he's heard from residents, people are pleased with the road conditions. Councilman Richards asked Mr. Dudley to compile a list of surplus items in that department, which he agreed to do. Signs for the unmarked, new town vehicle have been ordered. No motions made.

Building and Grounds ~ Oral report received from Maintenance employee Bear on work recently done. No motions made.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh. A summary was given for activity in 2019; last year showed the highest number of permits since 2015. No motions made.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant has met all expected parameters. A new, 3 year contract was in effect until 12/31/2022 with North Dome Operations, Inc. Mr. Leroy Bear received a letter from DEC which he gave to Supervisor Macko; a spill must be reported within 3 hours and Mr. Steve Grimm is the designated person to do so. Supervisor Macko will address this in the morning.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered an oral report. Reported a recent issue with the billing of sewer bills, where the sewer pump station bills were pulled out of the water line. He hasn't yet figured out why this occurred but will investigate. He also would like the amount taken from the water and sewer lines for the Bookkeeper's services to come out once annually into the general fund, instead of a monthly draw. Supervisor Macko will look into this. Councilman Richards asked Supervisor Macko how he made out with BAS and their utility billing software? This has not yet been inquired on.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear reported the center looks good.

Assessing ~ Assessor Bennett provided an oral report; exemption letters were mailed out and the deadline is March 1st. Data collection regarding current building permits began, which CEO Overbaugh and he are reviewing. Noted Clerk Park and Assessor's Clerk Nugent's ongoing work re: address updates.

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

Dog Control ~ no report received.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko relayed they continue work on the 'duck project'.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided.

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

New business discussed at 7:23 pm:

Renewed agreement for the continued provision of EAP/SAP services is necessary. This provides random drug and alcohol testing for employees with a CDL license as well as necessary treatment; the cost continues as \$750 for the year.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to authorize Supervisor Macko to sign this contract for EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Carried 4 ayes

Renewed retainer for representation of the Town of Greenville as Attorney for the Town has been given for consideration to the Board by Attorney Rappleyea; there are no changes compared to last year's contract.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to accept this retainer and authorize Supervisor Macko to sign it.

Carried 4 ayes

A liquor license application's 30 day advanced notice to municipality was received by Mountain View Brasserie of Greenville LLC, at 10697 State Route 32. No concerns were received regarding this application.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to accept the resolution authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at Mountain View Brasserie of Greenville LLC, and does express a favorable opinion.

Carried 4 ayes

Ms. Karen dePeyster, Program Director for the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Coalition, has become aware of the new youth skateboard park being planned alongside of Veteran's Park. She offered signage if we were interested, for that park or any other, indicating the area was a tobacco-free & e-cigarette-free area.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to approve the Tobacco-Free Park Resolution, attached, and to designate all Town Parks smoke and vaping free areas, and to contact Ms. de Peyster for the offered signage.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko relayed that the Old Timer's party, which was cancelled due to inclement weather in December, has been rescheduled as the "After Christmas Party". This will be held on March 8, 2020 at noon at the Greenville High School.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 7:30 pm:

CEO Overbaugh asked Attorney Rappleyea if he'd like to address the special use permit for Cypress Creek. Attorney Rappleyea noted we are at the expiration time for the Cypress Creek solar project; they will need to go before the Planning Board to discuss or renew their special use permit. CEO Overbaugh confirmed they have been made aware. He also noted that the home on Irving Road and SR 32 is "back on the block" for demolition, but that he is still awaiting the asbestos report.

Supervisor Macko addressed, after discussions with Delaware Engineering, Bond Attorney Christine Chale, and the EFC, the recommendation to look into a sewer rate increase. He will bring data to the board meeting next month. Potentially, he is talking about a \$10 increase per quarter for the basic

sewer bill of \$110, bringing it to \$120/quarter. Noted there has not been an increase in usage costs for some time, while the costs for chemicals, electricity, all the factors which go into running the plant, have increased.

Councilman Rauf inquired to the status of the sidewalk project. Supervisor Macko stated the project went out for a second bid, which was opened in late November. The two projects, Cairo and Greenville combined, came in at more than \$800,000 than what was expected. The Engineers have been discussing this with the DOT to investigate why the numbers were so high. Councilman Rauf stated he would like to *not* ignore our sidewalks; that if we had to move away from sharing the project with Cairo, "I would be in favor of that." Supervisor Macko will call Mr. Tony Christian to see if it may benefit the Town of Greenville to split from the Town of Cairo for this project.

Councilman Rauf also inquired to the status of the water tank replacement? Attorney Rappleyea noted that he and Delaware Engineering have been working on the approved deed restrictions, and when done, the project can move ahead.

There being no further business, Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 7:53 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. Assessor Gordon Bennett was invited to participate.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to return to regular session at 8:21 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 4 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to release the Dog Control Officer, Ms. Sherry Vieta, from service effective January 31, 2020.

Carried 4 ayes

Options for an Animal Control Officer will be explored.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to provide Assessor Gordon Bennett with 60% of his health insurance contingent upon his providing (2) 8-hour days per week (832 hours per year) of service plus 48 hours of service per year for attendance at Town Board meetings. Mr. Bennett will be responsible for 40% of the total cost.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko noted to CEO Overbaugh that if he needs insurance coverage as well, in fairness, to let him know and it will be worked out.

The audit of bills occurred; after audit, Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to pay the following bills:

Bills 1 – 55 on General abstract #1 for \$71,872.81
Bills 1 – 21 on Highway abstract #1 for \$89,947.47
Bills 1 – 12 on Sewer abstract #1 for \$12,301.19
Bills 1 – 15 on Water abstract #1 for \$50,203.50

Carried 4 ayes

After review, Mr. Bear made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for December, seconded by Mr. Rauf.

Carried 4 ayes

Further discussion occurred after the bill paying session.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to authorize Supervisor Macko to research and hire someone to change the locks at the Highway Garage and to get new transmitters for the overhead doors.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to *not* advertise the maintenance/water meter reading part-time job in the Albany Times Union, due to the cost, but to post it on the Town website, the Town signboard, and in the Greenville Pioneer. This has already been posted in the Catskill Daily Mail, without response as of this meeting.

Carried 4 ayes

Councilman Rauf wants to develop a long-range plan regarding saving money and finding ways to privatize some parts of town management, whether it occur via the formation of a committee or individual research done to discover options to save money.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to investigate privatization where/when able in an effort to save money and reduce taxes.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to investigate accountability within individual job descriptions and the hours worked in said job descriptions.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to have Supervisor Macko contact BAS and look into a new computer for the Highway Garage, as well as to follow up with them about their municipal water program.

Carried 4 ayes

Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh again raised a concern that there is not officially anyone to manage the sewer district, outside of the plant itself under contract with Mr. Joe Myers, since Mr. Leroy Bear retired. Discussion ensued regarding potentially combining the sewer and water plant management responsibilities, seeking someone to manage any issues off site as they arise, and general management of the plant. No motions made at this time.

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS