

February 17, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, February 17, 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
Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator

Other: 3 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 January 20, 2020, seconded by Mr. Bear.
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; Supervisor Macko offered thanks for educating Town Hall staff on proper use of our AED. Community educational programs will soon be offered to all.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral report. Per Councilman Richards' request last month, he prepared a list of "old iron" and has been cleaning, remodeling, and repairing things. Supervisor Macko requests Board permission for Auctions International to come in and sell the old equipment;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to proceed with Auctions International to 'clean up' the surplus equipment Superintendent Dudley deemed unacceptable.

Carried 4

Supervisor Macko relayed the insurance company did send money for damages to the former Highway Superintendent's vehicle ~ approximately two-thirds of what the estimate called for. There is still extensive engine work and he feels it may not be worth it to repair.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to proceed with adding this old Dodge truck in to the salvage auction, remove the plow and sander first, and add the money received through auction to the proceeds of the insurance money and put it into a replacement vehicle.

Carried 4 ayes

Building and Grounds ~ Oral report received from Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton. Mandatory workplace violence and sexual harassment education through PERMA will be offered in March; information to follow as is available. Estimates for the roof drain repair have been obtained as well as quotes to replace the roof. Discussion followed. As we await one more quote;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to authorize Attorney Rappleyea to look into bonding of between \$30,000 - \$50,000 over a 5 years term. For follow up next month.

Carried 4 ayes

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh. Although new permits were slow last month, it was noted 52 letters were mailed to clean up expired permits, and 56 permits were actually closed in the past month.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant is running as it should be. The annual report was filed with DEC as is required.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered oral and written reports. Supervisor Macko noted the Town was just reimbursed \$60,690 which went back into the water reserves post emergency work done in 2016 or 2017.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear reported they have been busy. Offered thanks to per-diem Operator Paul Augstein for filling in on short notice a few weeks ago.

Assessing ~ no report received. Supervisor Macko noted the exemption paperwork deadline of March 1st is fast approaching.

Planning Board ~ Supervisor Macko reviewed Chair Donald Teator's written report. Chair Teator noted that the laundromat proposal is 'back on the table'.

Dog Control ~ Supervisor Macko introduced Ms. Cheryl Baitsholts, who currently serves as Dog Control Officer (DCO) for the Town of Rensselaerville. She has agreed to serve for the Town of Greenville as well, and brings to us 24 years of experience.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to appoint Ms. Cheryl Baitsholts as the Town Dog Control Officer effective February 1, 2020 through the end of the year.

Carried 4 ayes

Ms. Baitsholts has kennels on her property which would require a shared service agreement with the Town of Rensselaerville; Supervisor Macko will reach out to them. She also requested the Town consider appointing the Schoharie Valley Vet Clinic and Dr. Diane Biederman as the Town Veterinarian for veterinary care as needed;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to appoint Dr. Diane Biederman at the Schoharie Valley Vet Clinic as the Town Veterinarian, and to authorize Supervisor Macko to sign the shared service agreement after review by Attorney Rappleyea.

Carried 4 ayes

The Oath of Office was then administered by Attorney Rappleyea.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko reported that the small ducks have arrived; most are spoken for already and the artists have been assigned.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided.

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

New business discussed at 7:36 pm:

Supervisor Macko and Andrew, from Twin Bridges Solutions, provided a cost sheet for new telephone service for the Town of Greenville. Currently we pay an average of \$563 per month for phone service; the proposed net2phone would cost \$407.83 per month, plus a one-time installation fee of \$3,050, for this system. New Cat 5 wiring will be placed just for these phones, and 17 new phones will be provided. All current internal wiring will be obsolete with this new system. The last time this was addressed was in 2002. The phones currently in use show poor reliability.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to go ahead and start the process of switching over the phone system, and to have Supervisor Macko reach out to the Sheriff's office to include their downstairs office within this proposal.

Carried 4 ayes

Attorney Rappleyea left the meeting at 7:51 pm due to illness.

The Community Youth League currently uses Vanderbilt Park for their games, and has asked if the Town of Greenville could contribute any money towards a solar-charged score board. A quote had been obtained for the solar power kit in the amount of \$995, which is believed to be far less than it would cost the Town to run electricity to the site. Discussion followed;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to move forward with this plan and contribute \$995.00 to CYL to offset the cost of the solar power kit.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko reported on continued vandalism occurring at Vanderbilt Park. Discussion on the installation of cameras and type/quality and placement of, occurred. Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton is still awaiting a call from Mid-Hudson Cablevision; follow up discussion on this issue will occur next month. In the meantime, she would like to obtain digital camera like the ones currently in use at Veterans Park. Councilman Richards recommends one camera be directed on the driveway entrance.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to purchase 4 high resolution cameras with a maximum expenditure of \$1,000 to be used at Vanderbilt Park.

Carried 4 ayes

Last month, a resolution declaring our Town Parks tobacco free was approved. Ms. Karen dePeyster of the Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia & Greene Counties will provide signage at no cost to the Town. Samples provided and discussion followed.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to authorize Supervisor Macko to accept the free signage and post in our parks.

Carried 4 ayes

Last month, it was ordered to post a part-time job combining the maintenance department and the quarterly water meter reading task; Supervisor Macko reported receiving responses from 6 people interested in part-time work, however only in one or the other. He asked if the Board could discuss reversing last month's motion to consolidate the position. Water Superintendent feels the first thing to do is to create job descriptions;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to have Supervisor Macko and Councilman Rauf write up a job description for these roles; Supervisor Macko added Water Superintendent Bear should be involved with this, too.

Carried 4 ayes

As a reminder, the rescheduled 69th annual Old Timers' Party will occur on March 8, 2020 at noon in the Greenville High School Cafeteria/Auditorium.

The 2020 Greene County Rabies Clinics will begin in March and the schedule has been provided as well as posted on the town's website.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:16 pm:

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton asked if BAS could be contacted as Windows 7 is still being run on some computers; the highway office as well as the maintenance office needs to be updated. Clerk-Collector Park noted this was ordered at last month's meeting, for the highway office; Supervisor Macko asked if Ms. Hamilton could please take care of it.

Highway Superintendent Dudley noted he got the bucket truck working and it passed a safety inspection, but that it occasionally skipped a gear when the bucket moved in a certain way. He offered to share the highway equipment with the maintenance department as ever needed. Councilman Richards thanked him for taking care of all this business and for his willingness to work together.

Supervisor Macko asked for any updates regarding the planned skateboard park; Councilman Richards has been in contact with Ms. Tracy Young who informed him that GCS does *not* want to work with the Town to build additional ramps, and they will not be working with us on this project.

Supervisor Macko was approached regarding a summer concert series at our gazebo. He has made calls to a few organizations seeking sponsorship; this would cost approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 and without outside funding, we cannot do this. Stated many projects are underway at the present time. "Given all that, we can't pull it off this year."

Water Superintendent Bear asked if any determinations have been made on the 4th quarter water billing yet? Discussion followed on best billing practices; noted the current company can produce a bill based on either the last quarter's bill, or the average bill, or a bill from one year ago.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to ask Software Consulting Company to prepare bills for the 4th quarter of 2019 based on the January 15, 2019 readings.

Carried 4 ayes

Councilman Rauf asked if there was any news regarding the sidewalk project? Supervisor Macko had discussed issues with the engineer, who has discussed it with the DOT. The bids came in at \$800,000 over what the DOT estimated they would be for the project. Supervisor Macko will keep us posted on different options or scaling back the project as they develop.

There being no further business, Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 8:35 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. Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley was invited to participate.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to return to regular session at 9:01 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 4 ayes

No action was taken in executive session.

The audit of bills occurred at 9:02 pm; after audit, Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 56 – 89 on General abstract #2 for \$54,049.90
- Bills 22 – 49 on Highway abstract #2 for \$93,800.50
- Bills 13 – 21 on Sewer abstract #2 for \$8,171.39
- Bills 16 – 31 on Water abstract #2 for \$15,262.69
- Bills 1 – 2 on Windows & Sidewalk Project abstract #1 for \$5,008.01

Carried 4 ayes

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

Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:23 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS