

## March 16, 2020

An abbreviated monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall, during extenuating circumstances. Town Hall, as of Friday evening March 13<sup>th</sup>, has been closed to the public due to the threat of Coronavirus. Tonight's meeting will serve to review and allow payment of the monthly bills which are due, and only address any time-sensitive matters which cannot wait. The Board is sensitive to the fact that the public is not present, therefore most of the regular content of the meeting has been postponed.

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Department Head: CEO and Assistant Clerk-Collector Mark Overbaugh *arrived at 7:10 pm*

Absent: Councilman Travis Richards

Excused: Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bills 90 – 96 and 98 – 129 on General abstract #3 for \$24,732.54  
Bills 50 – 70 on Highway abstract #3 for \$19,144.03  
Bills 22 – 34 on Sewer abstract #3 for \$18,811.93  
Bills 32 – 43 on Water abstract #3 for \$5,867.76

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko explained that there will be no Department reports this evening.

A liquor license application's 30 day advanced notice to municipality was received by Greenville's Post 291 American Legion. No concerns were received regarding this application.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to accept the resolution authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Greenville Post 291 Inc, the American Legion Dept of NY., and does express a favorable opinion.

Carried 4 ayes

A resolution has been offered to counter a portion of the Governor's budget which involves major changes to the siting process for wind and solar projects, for which Governor Cuomo presented as an emergency declaration. It was then included as a State Budget Amendment, which would minimize legislative oversight. Seeking to protect the Home Rule Rights of NYS Citizens;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to authorize Supervisor Macko to sign the Resolution: Requesting the Withdrawal of the State Budget's Energy Siting Amendment; attached.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko then addressed the Coronavirus pandemic. The CDC, NIH, NYS DOH, GC DOH all provide regular updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and are advising strict measures to decrease the spread of infection, including social distancing. He noted that he and Health Officer Jackie Park have been monitoring the reports and on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, decided the best way to proactively maintain the spread of this illness was to temporarily close the doors to the public. Staff and Officials will continue to serve this community and will be available as usual via the phone and electronic

communications. As of now, the building is closed through March 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will continue to gather information and reevaluate this evolving situation. Supervisor Macko noted just today, the Governor requested local governments reduce their workforce by 50%. Greene County has declared a State of Emergency, NYS Unified Court System has closed all of the Courts (ours, included). Councilman Rauf asked if the Library was included in these preventative measures? Councilman Bear said the school feels it (the public library) should be kept open so that the students can utilize the internet there; Councilman Bensen feels it's fine, and the kids can still use the library when school is closed. Health Office Jackie Park strongly disagreed, and said the point of closing everything for two weeks was to prevent congregation ~ not to encourage it. Supervisor Macko reported that Director Flach plans on closing to the public on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, through the 31<sup>st</sup>, at which time a new determination will be made.

Supervisor Macko noted a used, clean truck had been found for the Highway Department. It is a 2003 F450, V-10 automatic, heavy truck with crew cab, having a stake body, never driven in the winter, with low miles (71,000). Prompt action is necessary if we would like to purchase this truck.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to expend \$8,770 (\$8,700 for the truck, \$49.00 for the documents, and \$21.00 for the NYS Inspection) on this vehicle, with money taken from the miscellaneous revenue Highway line and the Highway contingency line.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to tentatively reschedule tonight's public meeting for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. If we are to remain closed, notice will go on the town website and town signboard.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko planned on waiting to discuss the hiring of a Highway Department Clerk until the public was in attendance; Councilman Bear wished to proceed in order to get things going for the new Highway Superintendent. Mrs. Cindy Moore, formerly serving the Town of Durham, is very familiar with documentation requirements of both the Highway Department (i.e. CHIPS filing, required monthly fuel usage reports, etc) and payroll issues (i.e., the OSC required documentation of time accruals on paystubs), for the payroll clerk/Bookkeeper. Although the Bookkeeper is appointed annually as the Secretary/Bookkeeper to the Supervisor and Superintendent of Highways, and Water Superintendent, it was agreed that the Highway Superintendent has the right to hire and choose his own staff. Consensus this evening was that Mrs. Moore knows the job and would do it well.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to hire Cindy Moore for 6 hours per week at \$17.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Carried 4 ayes

There being nothing further to address, Supervisor Macko closed the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

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SUPERVISOR MACKO

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MR. BEAR

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MR. BENSEN

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MR. RAUF