

October 19, 2020

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville began on October 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting the 2nd budget workshop. Full audio file and text transcription of tonight's meeting are available upon request.

Those present: Supervisor Macko and Councilmen Bear, Bensen, Rauf (*arrived at 6:08 pm*) and Richards as well as the following Department Heads: Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Town Clerk-Collector Jackie Park; also Maintenance employee Alex Johnk (*arrived at 6:11 pm*)

Those present via teleconference: Attorney Rappleyea and Planning Board Chair Don Teator.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of the 2021 tentative budget occurred. Supervisor Macko summarized that this budget is minutely less than last year's; it has decreased by an amount of .000095 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This equals a rate of \$6.693557 per \$1,000 assessed value. The Town tax line will be at zero percent change.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve the preliminary budget as presented this evening, and to bring it to public hearing on November 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Pioneer Hall. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to adjourn at 6:28 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 5 ayes

This workshop was followed by the regularly scheduled town board meeting at 7:00 pm.

Those present at this time: Supervisor Macko and Councilmen Bear, Bensen, Rauf and Richards, as well as the following Department Heads: Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Town Clerk-Collector Jackie Park, Maintenance employee Alex Johnk, and Water Superintendent Leroy Bear.

Those present via teleconference: Attorney Rappleyea, Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator, and resident Stephanie Ingalls.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated. Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of September 21, 2020 and October 5, 2020, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

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

Highway Department, Building and Grounds, Code Enforcement, Sewer, Water, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Clerk, and Greene County Legislator. No motions made during this time.

New business discussed at 7:13 pm:

The Library Board of Trustees submitted Melissa Palmer for reappointment to that board.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to reappoint Melissa Palmer to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko noted this year's Old Timers Party has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Councilman Rauf inquired if the money was set aside in the budget already, and if it couldn't be used to do something for our seniors? Discussion followed.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to have the Town Board use some of the allocated money from the Old Timer's party to provide holiday cheer to our elderly and shut-ins. Carried 5 ayes

Local governments are tasked with creating a plan to protect employees and contractors in the event of another public health emergency declaration in New York State. Supervisor Macko asked the Board to review the papers provided as we need to develop a plan for any future pandemics by early next year.

He also would like the employee manual to be drafted and approved by the end of this year. He requests once the budget hearing is complete, he would like to finish it and get it adopted.

It was noted that the Greenville Fire District #1 will be holding their Budget Hearing for their 2021 Budget on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Firehouse.

Dog laws from neighboring towns have been provided for review; Supervisor Macko asked the Councilmen to review them and determine if we wanted to amend our law or not.

Town Hall's phone and internet service were down today; upon evaluation by BAS it was determined the firewall was bad. A proposal had been received in late July for a new firewall; today it was replaced with a loaner. The quote received at that time for a 3 year subscription, hardware and labor was \$1,500.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to upgrade our firewall.

Carried 5 ayes

Also received in August was a letter from BAS outlining several computers here which are in need of upgrading. Supervisor Macko recommends we replace the Clerk-Collector and Water computers now, and two others in the spring. All are outdated and have unsupported operating systems. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bear moved to do two now, Water and Clerk.

Mr. Rauf moved to amend that motion, to cap the expenditure of the two replacement systems at \$2,700 for the Clerk-Collector's and Water Department's computers, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for September, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko brought up a concern the IT technician had about the outlet that powered the computer tower, and that he suggested two new lines be run to support the networks alone. Discussion followed. Councilmen Bensen and Rauf feel that the UPC acts as power surge protection and as long as the battery backup is big enough ~ that will be enough to protect the system. No motions made.

The audit of bills occurred in between meetings; Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 357 – 401 on General abstract #10 for \$20,778.90
- Bills 157 – 175 on Highway abstract #10 for \$32,086.82
- Bills 97 – 106 on Sewer abstract #10 for \$10,564.11
- Bills 106 – 117 on Water abstract #10 for \$6,619.82

Carried 5 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS