

June 21, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm in person at Pioneer Town Hall. Availability via an audio teleconference continued for any who wished to observe in that manner. Full audio file and *uncorrected* text transcription are available upon request, as well as all supporting documents referenced in these minutes.

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 *via audio call*

Department Heads: Greenville Rescue Squad Chief of Operations 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: Greene County District #4 Legislator Greg Davis
and 9 guests.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of May 17, June 7 & June 15, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bear.
Carried 5 ayes

Monthly department reports:

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief of Operations Matthew Marlow provided an oral and written report; no motions made at this time. Chairman Ted Nugent addressed a planned ambulance building on Route 81 E. Requested the Board (1) approve immunity as far as zoning procedure is concerned, and (2) commit to a long term contract. Both are needed prior to continuation of this project. Supervisor Macko said he was pleased with the services that have been provided for the past 4-5 years; for follow up next month.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral report; no motions made. Supervisor Macko addressed a 2003 International plow truck on auction, stating it would make a good spare. Currently at \$6,000, the seller hopes to bring in \$18-20,000. Mr. Macko asked the Board if he should pursue bidding.

Mr. Bensen moved that Mr. Macko should go and look at it; no second motion received and no further discussion occurred.

Building and Grounds ~ Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton provided an oral & written report; no motions made.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral & written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh; no motions made.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko noted the plant was meeting its obligations; no motions made. Discussed broken trusses at the Plant but noted they were working on it.

Water ~ An oral report was offered by Water Superintendent Bear along with written logs; no motions made. Supervisor Macko discussed the bid opening for the extension project and noted that the bids came in higher than anticipated. Stated that EFC wanted to move this project forward, and that we've already invested a lot in it... Said we are about 1.8 million dollars short.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear said the plant was “going good”. Noted that today, the facility was not open. Discussion occurred regarding suspending the practice of taking tires, for now, until a plan can be devised to better manage them. Water Superintendent Bear suggested raising the fee per tire, instead of refusing to accept them, in order to prevent them being littered along the roadsides.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, moved to raise the fee to \$5 per tire at this time.

Carried 5 ayes

Assessing ~ Written report from Assessor Bennett read by Supervisor Macko; no motions made.

Planning Board ~ Planning Board Chair Donald Teator provided an oral & written report; no motions made. Noted member Will Bardel attended several clean energy seminars. From those sessions, Mr. Bardel feels there will be an increased number of solar development applications in the future; NYS will be streamlining these big projects for us; and the Comprehensive Plan will become legally necessary. He notes the Town of Greenville’s plan is due for a review this July and urged the Town Board to be proactive in doing so. No motions made.

Dog Control ~ no report received from DCO Case nor has he logged on to the call this evening.

Beautification Committee ~ Member Barbara Walter reported 30 ducks were out, and would be auctioned this fall. Discussed the scheduled concert series on Tuesdays this summer at Veteran’s Park, and thanked the sponsors.

Clerk/Tax ~Written reports provided by Clerk-Collector Park.

Greene County Legislature ~ Legislator Greg Davis provided an oral report: Covid cases within the County is very low, the County Jail will soon be open, and there is 9 million dollars in stimulus money coming to Greene County. Noted our County was one of just a few who weathered Covid “in the black”.

New business discussed at 8:08 pm:

Supervisor Macko relayed details for the Summer Concert Series occurring on Tuesdays between July 6th and August 17th, in Veteran’s Park. Also noted a request had been received by Lloyd Potter to offer concerts on Wednesdays in July and August, as well, at no cost to the town.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to allow Mr. Lloyd Potter to offer these concerts.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko received a request from Tasting Room owner Thomas Vance to consider allowing ‘open containers’ for the music series this summer at Veteran’s Park. Discussion followed;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to allow for alcohol consumption only on the listed dates and times of the concerts at Veteran’s Park; Resolution attached.

Carried 5 ayes

Follow up discussion occurred regarding the new cannabis laws, specifically noting that any place where cigarette smoking is allowable will also allow for the use of cannabis. Supervisor Macko read the resolution which would declare all town-owned properties as smoke free; he will also contact the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties for their assistance with signage.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to resolve that smoking and the use of tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chew, vaping and marijuana use in any form is and hereby shall be prohibited in all town-owned parks and property. Resolution attached.

Carries 5 ayes

The Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 31st. Information available on the town website and by calling the County Solid Waste Department at 518-943-4600.

Supervisor Macko discussed a 5 1/2 acre parcel of “almost landlocked” land within the sewer district, that the owner would like removed from said district. There is a right-of-way to this buildable site. Discussion followed; the Board declined to move upon the provided Resolution removing parcel 24.02-1-3 from the sewer district expansion area.

Supervisor Macko discussed the need for an annual declaration of standard workday for elected and appointed officials, per the Office of the State Comptroller, as it relates to retirement reporting.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Resolution Establishing Standard Workday, attached, seconded by Mr. Richards.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko reported the 2020 annual audit reports from our accounting firm, UHY, LLP were just received for the Clerk-Collector.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to accept the findings of the audit of our Clerk-Collector for the fiscal year of 2020.

Carried 5 ayes

A golf-ball sized hole in the stained glass window at Prevost Hall will cost \$1,500 to repair;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to go ahead and have it done.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko relayed that the bids received for the water and sewer extension projects came in much higher than he anticipated. A public hearing will be necessary to authorize the increased funds required to complete the planned upgrades.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve the additional extension to Greenville Sewer District #1: RESOLUTION AND ORDER ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT NO.4 TO THE MAP, PLAN AND REPORT AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 202-b, 209-e AND 209-H OF TOWN LAW as well as the extension to Greenville Water District #1: RESOLUTION AND ORDER ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MAP, PLAN AND REPORT AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 202-b AND 209-d OF TOWN LAW. Public Hearing scheduled for July 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Town Hall to review the increased cost and increased funding requirements.

Carried 5 ayes.

Discussion continued regarding the water tower regarding refurbishing the old tower vs. replacing it with a new, glass-lined tank. Tech Industries, the lowest bidder, told Mr. Macko at the bid opening that the town could save over \$400,000 if we demolished the old tank and replaced it with a smaller, new tank, using the existing base. Attorney Rappleyea stated it would have to go out to bid again. Supervisor Macko will discuss this option with Delaware Engineering, and questioned if the Covid money coming back to us could perhaps be used towards this expense.

Supervisor Macko followed up on previously discussed complaints regarding wood boiler smoke and asked the Board if they wanted to discuss limiting use to perhaps October through April. Councilman Richards questioned if we wanted to do this now, with a looming 55 cent per gallon increased fuel tax. It was noted that the older units were aging out and wouldn't be an issue soon. No motions made.

Supervisor Macko asked all town officials to contact the Town Clerk to update their contact information.

Councilman Bear discussed the need for stronger Wi-Fi in the boardroom. Supervisor Macko will address this with Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

At 8:50 pm, this meeting was opened for public comments or questions:

Water Superintendent Bear questioned where the town stood with the capital water project. Supervisor Macko reported that Engineer Alan Tavenner needs to provide documents to the EFC this week; also that EFC will be extending dates for the closing until 2023, for both the water and sewer project. Water Superintendent Bear stated we've got a half million dollars tied up in this old tower, and couldn't we

leave it as is for a few years, to save money now? Councilman Bensen questioned why didn't Delaware (Engineering) come up with this idea of a new tower, instead of refurbishing this old one? Supervisor Macko will make some calls and figure out a plan, perhaps putting this to bid again instead of the original plan to refurbish a 46 year old tank. The consensus was that getting an estimate for a new, glass lined tower would be more beneficial.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to have Delaware Engineering revisit the estimate for a new, glass lined tower, demo the other one, and to rebid the project within the next 4-5 days. Bids will be accepted at the next meeting on July 19, 2021.

Carried 5 ayes

A local homeowner on Ingalside Road expressed concern with all the speeding cars, and requested signage regarding "kids live here", "stop ahead", etc. Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley will work on this.

After audit of the monthly bills;

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

- Bills 207 – 261 on General abstract #6 for \$76,577.29
- Bills 84 – 106 on Highway abstract #6 for \$24,104.79
- Bills 54 – 67 on Sewer abstract #6 for \$19,571.39
- Bills 57 – 68 on Water abstract #6 for \$12,777.75
- Bill 2 on Sidewalk abstract #2 for \$351.04
- Bills 1 on Pioneer Building abstract #1 for \$1,985.00
- Bill 4 on Red Mill Solar abstract #2 for \$1,100

Carried 5 ayes

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

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS