

April 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 7:00 pm via an audio teleconference. As required for remote meetings, in full compliance with open meeting laws throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, full audio file and text transcription are available upon request. All supporting documents referenced in these minutes are available, as well.

Identified as Present for this call: Supervisor Paul Macko, and Councilmen Bear, Bensen, Rauf, and Richards, Recording Secretary/Clerk-Collector Jackie Park, Attorney Tal Rappleyea and the following department heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton, and Water Superintendent Leroy Bear. As well, presenters from KathodeRay Media, Ms. Marlene McTigue and Mr. Mark Gustavson, were in attendance this evening. Eight guests were also identified as present.

Mr. Bear moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of March 15, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bensen.
Carried 5 ayes

Monthly department reports:

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief of Operations Matthew Marlow provided written reports detailing a summary of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, which Supervisor Macko summarized. No motions made.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral & written report; no motions made. Supervisor Macko relayed that Superintendent Dudley and Councilman Bear bid \$65,000 on a highway vehicle from the Town of Campbell, but lost the bid in the last few seconds.

Building and Grounds ~ Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton provided an oral and written report. In addition to reporting on work completed recently, mandatory annual training was discussed; no motions made. Requested employee Dennis Pleasant be allowed to work 28 hours per week; confirmed this was still part time without benefits.

Mr. Bear moved to allow Mr. Pleasant be bumped up to 28 hours per week, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Also questioned who was responsible for installing water meters, as there are many downtown which need to be replaced. Noted in the past, the maintenance department did this task while billing back to the water department. Supervisor Macko wondered how long it would take to install these, and where the money would come from to complete this job. Stated he needed time to make a plan. Ms. Hamilton had planned to send letters out to residents with their next water bill regarding scheduling appointments to enter their homes to check valves. Noted this bill goes out in just a few weeks, prior to the next board meeting. Councilman Bensen said that the valves were at the street and that should be the first place to go, that shut offs shouldn't be in the basement. No further motions made.

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

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko noted the plant was meeting its obligations. Noted a big bill came from General Control for repair work. Also that the previously approved manhole cover lift company was not responsive and that he would have Ms. Hamilton order this from another company. No motions made.

Water ~ An oral report was offered by Water Superintendent Bear along with written logs. No motions made.

Recycling ~ Supervisor Macko relayed the plant has been busy. Said a 3rd gate, 16 feet wide, had been installed due to after-hours construction demolition materials being thrown in to the metal container bins, which should halt that activity. Also noted there were cameras present. No motions made.

Assessing ~ no report received from the Assessing Department nor has Mr. Bennett logged on to the call this evening.

Planning Board ~ Planning Board Chair Donald Teator provided a written report which was reviewed by Supervisor Macko. No motions made.

Dog Control ~ no report received from DCO Case nor has he logged on to the call this evening. Clerk-Collector Park relayed that Greene County was hosting a rabies clinic in the Cairo Town Park on May 12, between 5 – 7 pm. Appointments are required and information is posted on the town's website.

Zoning Board of Appeals ~ no activity reported on in March.

Beautification Committee ~ Member Barbara Walter relayed the Committee was working on getting the ducks out for summer. Noted there were a few new ducks, and that a new map was coming. Stated the auction would be held on Greenville Day in the North Barn, and they were working with Community Partners to fundraise. They are hopeful to have enough volunteers to manage within the restrictions of Covid. They are hopeful to sponsor concerts in the park on a non-competing day of the week with the surrounding community's concerts. Also stated a goal this year was to open Prevost Hall. Supervisor Macko added that Flach Industries and Gould Crane had donated equipment and expertise to remove the bell from the tower, free of charge. This bell is over 2,000 pounds, and their donation is much appreciated.

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

Greene County Legislature ~ Legislator Greg Davis reported Covid infections are down in the County, vaccines are now readily available, and that the new jail is slated to open on July 1st. Ms. Walter asked Mr. Davis if any Speenburgh grant money may be available to help offset the cost of the Greenville Day activities, and he encouraged her to contact him.

New business discussed at 7:32 pm:

~ Supervisor Macko reported that Callahan had started today for their walk-through relating to the sidewalk project, and that the project should be done by the end of June. Also relayed was that town hall's mini-split units are in and we're just waiting for the electrician to connect the units. This relates to the NYSERDA grant money received previously.

~ The Rotary is hosting a 5K run on June 5th, and money raised will go towards Prevost Hall as well as signage at Vanderbilt Park.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, moved to approve this Rotary 5K Run on June 5th.
Carried 5 ayes

~ A liquor license 30 day advanced notice to municipality was received for license renewal by the American Legion Post 291. No concerns were reported regarding this application.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to accept the resolution authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at the American Legion Post 291, and does express a favorable opinion.
Carried 5 ayes

~ Updates from the Department of Transportation have been received regarding speed studies requested by the Board. A 1 mile area of County Route 41, between approximately Greenville Center/CR 35 and State Route 81 has been decreased to 45 mph from 55 mph. Sunset Road between North Road and the Town line was determined to *not* warrant a reduction in speed from 40 mph and therefore will remain at that limit.

~ Supervisor Macko reported on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. \$390,727 has been awarded to the Town of Greenville to be used for broadband and infrastructure. He is awaiting clarification on all allowable spending uses but notes it must be spent before December 31, 2024. Legislator Davis reported that Greene County also has a sizable check coming, and they've already approved a plan for a study to accurately map where broadband and cellular coverage actually exists in Greene County.

~ Mr. Mark Gustavson and Ms. Marlene McTigue from KathodeRay Media were present to review a proposal for updating the town's website. Currently managing all of the updates for the town, they've noticed many errors and freezing which occurs during content updates, which is due to the outdated platform, Homestead. Additionally, the website is not ADA compliant, which opens the town up to litigation or penalty. They propose a complete update of the website to the WordPress platform, which would bring the site to ADA compliance, and redesign with the goal of increasing business and economic development opportunities. An invitation was extended to demonstrate their work. KathodeRay has a long-standing relationship with local governments here and also manages the Greene County website. Supervisor Macko requested they resend the proposal for Board review;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to table for further discussion at next month's meeting.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko initiated a discussion about reopening the town back up and resuming normal operations.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to hold regular meetings in May at town hall. Supervisor Macko asked if there were any comments. This writer, as Health Officer, asked if the Board was interested in my opinion on the matter. Supervisor Macko replied, "Well, you're the Health Officer, go ahead". I acknowledged that Covid cases had decreased as of late but 3 months ago showed the highest death rate in Greene County ~ 50% of the deaths which have occurred happened in the month of January 2021. The daily numbers reported by the county show 10-20 new daily positives, 100 active cases as of Monday, with almost 200 residents on quarantine. There are 70,000 new cases reported across the country each day. Stated this has not gone away, and urged the Board to *not* rush into a full reopening; feels that is not sound action. Discussion followed. Councilman Rauf said he wants to continue the plan to have regular meetings in May and that a motion is up for vote; Councilman Bear stated he wants to open up our buildings and that we need our town opened up. Previous motion clarified as follows:

Mr. Bensen moved to open up all services at the next town meeting on May 17, 2021 in Town Hall, seconded by Mr. Rauf.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko noted Greenville yard sale days will be on June 11-13th and September 24-26th.

~ Three quotes have been obtained to repair the ongoing problem of the leaking roof at town hall. Supervisor Macko recommends we go with Titan, for \$43,350. Titan has asserted they will be able to start within 3-4 weeks. He wants to move \$40,000 from the Locust Cemetery fund temporarily and bond the roof project out, and when the funds come in the Locust fund will be repaid.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to hire Titan for \$43,350 to do this job.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to offer a resolution for a Transfer of Funds of \$40,000 from Locust Cemetery to the General Fund for this emergent roof issue.

Carried 5 ayes.

~ Eminent Domain was instituted for parcel 24.02-4-7.1 relating to the sewer project. A fee of \$6,550 is required and will come from the sewer project funds.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to go through with it (for this eminent domain issue)

Carried 5 ayes

~ A decision has been made regarding the taxable value of Cumberland Farms. Attorney Rappleyea stated that he and Assessor Bennett are in agreement with this decision;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to settle this lawsuit with Cumberland Farms.

Carried 5 ayes

At 8:07 pm, this meeting was opened for further comments or questions:

Councilman Richards asked Supervisor Macko for follow up regarding insurance quotes for the skateboard park. None had been received as of meeting night although he expects it to be unchanged from the last quote received. Mr. Richards reported on available equipment for the park which, even if fundraising is unsuccessful, a local business has offered it as a donation. A workday on May 17th has been planned, followed by a May 29th opening date.

Highway Superintendent Dudley inquired as to the route of the 5K Rotary Run, and asked if there was anything required of his department prior to the run. Supervisor Macko said it would be nice to have the street swept prior to the race. Mr. Dudley will ensure this is done.

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton asked when the Memorial Day parade was, and volunteered her time to prepare the ducks if she could use the town truck and trailer for the parade. Supervisor Macko said that would be ok, and Councilman Bensen suggested she get together with Barbara Walter to see what was needed.

Tasting Room owner Tom Vance spoke to the board about the cannabis retail dispensaries and on site, consumption license the Board will either have to opt out of allowing sale locations, or amend the zoning law to include it. This must be done by 12/31/2021. Attorney Rappleyea agreed, and said he is in the process of educating himself so we can make informed decisions. Councilman Bear offered to sit on a committee to address this issue. No motions made at this time.

The monthly bills have been audited and approved by a quorum;

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

Bills	120 – 168 on General abstract #4 for \$31,144.27	
Bills	53 – 67 on Highway abstract #4 for \$28,181.70	
Bills	31 – 43 on Sewer abstract #4 for \$161,544.68	
Bills	37 – 45 on Water abstract #4 for \$13,752.97	
Bill	1 on Sidewalk abstract #1 for \$122.00	Carried 5 ayes

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

There being no further business, Mr. Rauf moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS