

May 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, May 17, 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 telephone*

Department Heads: 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 *via telephone*

Other: Greene County District #4 Legislator Greg Davis
and 10 guests. (3 people were identified as present via the audio conference call.)

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presenters from KathodeRay Media, Ms. Marlene McTigue & Mr. Mark Gustavson, were available to answer any questions the Board had regarding the proposal first discussed at last month's meeting. The one-time cost presented to update the Town of Greenville website, bring it into compliance with ADA standards, and make it responsive across all platforms (i.e. phone, computer, smart TV etc.) is \$9,500, plus an annual hosting fee of \$479 per year. Additional web support as needed would be offered at a decreased rate of \$100/hour. It was agreed that competitive bids would be reviewed and grants would be looked into.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to once again table this decision until our meeting on June 7th. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to allow Grant Administrator Nicole Ambrosio to search for any available grants to aid in this website development process.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to also allow Grant Administrator Nicole Ambrosio to search for broadband grants.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of April 19, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Monthly department reports:

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief of Operations Matthew Marlow provided a written report.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral & written report; no motions made. CHIPS money is coming in 30% higher this year, and he expects that will be the new norm. Our new plow truck should be here by Memorial Day.

Building and Grounds ~ Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton provided an oral and written report; no motions made. Continued discussion occurred on the repeated vandalism and graffiti at our parks and properties. Police reports were recently filed.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh; no motions made. Noted there are a few people still hooking up to the town sewer line; also that construction is ongoing despite the increased cost of building supplies.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko noted the plant was meeting its obligations; 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 was back to a Monday, Wednesday, Saturday schedule from 8 am – 2 pm; no motions made.

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

Planning Board ~ Planning Board Chair Donald Teator provided an oral & written report; no motions made.

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

Supervisor Macko relayed the Ag and Markets Annual Inspection was done and found to be satisfactory.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko stated the ducks will be out soon!

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

Greene County Legislature ~ Legislator Greg Davis provided an oral report. The County is working on broadband service; a survey will be coming out next month. A new plan is being developed for the County's solid waste and recycling program; a compost site is planned. The new jail is expected to be fully open as of July 1st. A \$2,000 Wayne Speenburgh grant has been awarded to the Greenville Fire District for new laptops. Also discussed a bill in the NYS Senate and Assembly called the Climate and Community Investment Act, which he says will heavily tax heating oil and fuel (it will increase the tax on gasoline per gallon by another 55 cents), which will in turn lead to a higher cost of food and many other products. Senator Hinchey is a co-sponsor of this bill and he urged people to call her to discuss it.

New business discussed at 7:50 pm:

~ Supervisor Macko reported the Memorial Day Parade will occur on Monday, May 31st, and a yard-sale weekend will occur on June 11th – 13th. Maps will be available all around town on June 7th.

~ Supervisor Macko reported an insurance quote had been received for the skateboard park. An additional premium of \$90.20 would be required to include coverage of the skate park, bringing the annual cost to \$279.40.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to purchase this insurance effective immediately.
Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko addressed the need to put the 2021 paving season bids out.

Mr. Bear moved to bid for 3,650 U.S. tons of blacktop in place for the 2021 paving season, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to be opened at a special board meeting on June 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm; also to vote upon the KathodeRay website proposal at that time.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko readdressed the desire to hire a mechanic at the highway garage.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to advertise for this position in the Daily Mail.
Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko would like to surplus the Town's Oshkosh equipment to the Greene County Highway Department and to Harry Albright as we no longer use Oshkosh snowplows.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to surplus this excess equipment.
Carried 5 ayes

~ It was brought to Supervisor Macko's attention that the previously awarded roofing repair bid by Titan Roofing did not include removal of the old roof. Attorney Rappleyea notified Titan that their bid was therefore rejected. Supervisor Macko recommends we award the job to Superior Roofing, another of the previously received bids, for \$2,200 more.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to rescind the motion to award to Titan Roofing, and now accept the bid made by Superior Roofing. Carried 5 ayes

~ A resolution was received to put the water and sewer project out to bid.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to approve this resolution and put the project out to bid, to be opened on Wednesday, June 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Resolution attached.

Roll call requested; Supervisor Macko aye
Councilman Bear aye
Councilman Bensen aye
Councilman Rauf aye
Councilman Richards aye; Carried 5 ayes

**please note an error on the resolution was discovered after the meeting: that June 8, 2021 is a Tuesday. This was clarified with Delaware Engineering and the Town Board. The opening of the bids will occur on TUESDAY, June 8th at 2:00 pm. It will be noticed as such and the motion formally changed at the special meeting on June 7, 2021.*

~ Hillcrest Road resident Joan McKeon discussed ongoing concerns she had relating to the dangers of wood smoke. Lengthy discussion followed; it was determined the best course of action for her would be to present her concerns to the NYSDEC, to hire an attorney, or to discuss her concerns with her neighbors directly and ask they add height to the stack. There is nothing the Town can do to resolve her issues with these preexisting wood burning appliances surrounding her property.

At 8:32 pm, this meeting was opened for public comments or questions:

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton relayed the need for volunteers at Vanderbilt Park this coming Saturday for their clean-up day.

Councilman Richards noted the skateboard park will open on May 29th, and a work day was scheduled for Friday May 28th.

Councilman Richards also addressed his concerns with the new cannabis laws and noted that any place where cigarette smoking is allowable will also allow for the use of cannabis. He wants to declare all town-owned property as smoke free. Supervisor Macko will reach out to the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties for their assistance; this issue will be back on the agenda at the June meeting.

Continuing on with that topic, Supervisor Macko wants to establish a committee of 2 members of the Planning Board, ZBA, and Town Board to consider if a Dispensary should be allowed in Greenville. He anticipates revenues at the town level, if allowed, to equal \$30-40,000. Legislator Davis offered a “cold, hard fact, that all states that have legalized marijuana have increases in impaired drivers and of deaths on their highways”. No motions made at this time.

Councilman Rauf said he wanted an immediate resolution to not allow smoking ~ Supervisor Macko stated he would put it on the agenda for June.

After audit of the monthly bills;

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

- Bills 169 – 206 on General abstract #5 for \$28,993.67
 - Bills 68 – 83 on Highway abstract #5 for \$10,896.12
 - Bills 44 – 53 on Sewer abstract #5 for \$49,816.68
 - Bills 46 – 56 on Water abstract #5 for \$49,222.37
 - Bill 1 on Locust Cemetery abstract #1 for \$120.00
 - Bills 1 – 3 on Red Mill Solar abstract #1 for \$3,837.50
- Carried 5 ayes

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

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton requested a motion to approve a \$19.00 per month expenditure for video surveillance and Wi-Fi through a secure line, thru Ring. Discussion followed and the Board requested she investigate if paying a year at a time would bring a discount; for follow up in June.

Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 8:44 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. Legislator Greg Davis was invited to participate.

Carried 5 ayes

They returned to regular session at 9:08 pm; *no motions were made in executive session.*

There being no further business, Mr. Bear moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Rauf.
Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS