

**April 20, 2020**

An abbreviated monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Hall, during continued extenuating circumstances. Town Hall, as of Friday evening March 13th, has been closed to the public due to COVID-19. Tonight's meeting will again serve to review and allow payment of the monthly bills, 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 John Bensen  
Councilman Joel Rauf  
Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Department Head: CEO and Assistant Clerk-Collector Mark Overbaugh  
Highway Superintendent Michael Dudley

Absent: Councilman Richard Bear  
Excused: Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Macko explained that there will be no Department reports this evening. He is hopeful that by the next meeting on May 18th, we can return to our usual meetings when Department Heads will then provide monthly reports covering the months of February, March, and April.

Supervisor Macko raised for discussion the issue of the annual paving bids for the 2020 season. He fears if we don't get started on this now, that it won't get done. Due to the NYS on PAUSE, the budget was adopted but what funding will come via CHIPS is unclear. Councilman Bensen added that the Governor just reported today that the state highway budget line has been cut. Supervisor Macko noted the Greene County Highway Department Chairman advised Supervisors to not pave what we can't pay for, as the money coming from NYS seems questionable.

Highway Superintendent Dudley has recommended prioritizing resurfacing with binders on the following roadways: Drake Hill Road between Vly and King Hill, TM Elliott Lane, Maple Avenue between SR 81 and the county line, and Freehold Heights Road.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, for 2,500 tons of blacktop in place be put to bid per Highway Superintendent Dudley's specifications, to be opened at the Town Board meeting on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm, and that acceptance of the bid is contingent upon state funding. Carried 4 ayes

The Freehold Volunteer Fire Co., Inc, is seeking a tax-exempt loan in the amount of \$175,000 to finance the acquisition of an Engine Tanker. It is required that they have approval by the Town Board in order to exclude interest on the Note from gross income for federal income tax purposes. It also must state that the Note shall be an obligation of the Fire Company and not of the Town of Greenville.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to adopt the Resolution APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT NOTE FOR THE FREEHOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; attached.

Roll call requested;

Supervisor Macko     aye  
Councilman Bensen   aye  
Councilman Rauf     aye  
Councilman Richards  aye

Carried 4 ayes; Councilman Bear absent

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Supervisor Macko addressed the issue of appointing meter readers; he suggests we hire two people, so there is always someone trained and available, and recommends Deputy Water Superintendent/Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton, and part-time maintenance employee Alex Johnk. Concerns were raised regarding an inability to drive independently as well as the need to complete these tasks at a time not conflicting with their other maintenance or water plant responsibilities. Councilman Richards feels it is OK as a temporary solution, but come September (budget season), he will be looking at everything and making changes to save money.

Councilman Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to appoint Renee Hamilton and Alex Johnk on a contingent basis as meter readers for the remainder of 2020, at a salary of \$300 each, per quarter, which equals \$900 each for the remainder of 2020, for after-hours work only, to be fully reviewed at budget season. Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko has prepared a memorandum dated 4/20/2020 regarding a spending freeze for the remainder of this year, as has been prepared for the past several years. All non-emergent spending is to be pre-approved by Supervisor Macko. After discussion,

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to sign this memorandum from the Town Board as a whole, not just per Supervisor Macko. Carried 4 ayes

Concerns were raised by Supervisor Macko related to economic effects of COVID-19, for our residents, our small businesses including our resorts and the tourists who visit here. He reported that Community Partners was considering cancelling Greenville Day this year, as much of the support comes from our local businesses' sponsorship. Should the Memorial Day parade also be cancelled, the American Legion has pledged to return the Town of Greenville's annual donation of \$2,000 given to sponsor this event. Clerk-Collector/Health Officer Jackie Park addressed the need to develop a plan of action for reopening Town Hall for business when appropriate, with new health-safety practices implemented as recommended.

Clerk-Collector Park requested the Board consider waiving delinquent dog license renewal penalties in light of the difficulties the pandemic has brought upon residents. As Town Hall has been closed to the public since mid-March, she asks for the late fees which would be incurred for failure to re-license during the months of March, April and May, be waived. (These are the licenses due in February, March, and April)

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to waive the late fees for dog renewals due in February/March/April 2020 if processed by June 30, 2020. Carried 4 ayes

Clerk-Collector Park forwarded communication to Supervisor Macko relaying that the speed-request for County Route 41 had been completed and approved for reduction. The area north of the Greenville Center intersection of CR 35 and CR 41, north of the already reduced area of 30 mph, up to where County Route 41 meets State Route 81, has been ordered reduced to a 45 mph limit. Appropriate signage will be posted by the Greene County Highway Department.

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

Bills 130-167 except #147 on General abstract #4 for \$27,973.04  
Bills 71-84 on Highway abstract #4 for \$16,617.00  
Bills 35-45 on Sewer abstract #4 for \$15,632.26  
Bills 44-51 on Water abstract #4 for \$6,432.92  
Bills 3-4 on Windows and Sidewalk abstract #2 for \$7,267.86 Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Supervisor's Report for March; *this Clerk did not hear or document a second motion. All Supervisor's Reports will be reviewed and motioned upon at the next meeting.*

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There being nothing further to address, Mr. Rauf moved to close the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 4 ayes

\_\_\_\_\_ Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ SUPERVISOR MACKO

\_\_\_\_\_ MR. BENSEN

\_\_\_\_\_ MR. RAUF

\_\_\_\_\_ MR. RICHARDS

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