

February 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, February 15, 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.

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, Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, and Planning Board Chair Donald Teator *signed on at 7:15 pm*. As well, 6 guests were present for this meeting.

Mr. Bear moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of January 18, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

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

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ no report provided.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral & written report; no motions made.

Building and Grounds ~ Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton provided an oral & written report; one employee has resigned within her department and she asked for approval to hire a new part-timer.

Mr. Bear moved to hire one person for up to 20 hours per week or as needed for the maintenance department, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

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

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko noted the plant was operating normally but has had to contend with increased ground water infiltration due to the recent heavy rain.

Water ~ An oral report and written logs were provided by Superintendent Bear. No motions made.

Recycling ~ Councilman Bear stated the center was running pretty good. No motions made.

Assessing ~ no report received.

Planning Board ~ Planning Board Chair Donald Teator provided both oral and written reports on matters brought before them last month. No motions made.

Zoning Board of Appeals ~ Attorney Rappleyea addressed an issue before the ZBA which had generated some public comment lately about the Covid testing & vaccine POD in use at Kelly's Pharmacy. He expressed that procedure had been followed, the matter has been handled very well, and that it had to be brought to the ZBA. Also noted it was expected to be formally approved at the next meeting.

Dog Control ~ No report received.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko noted that a letter had been received from Community Partners thanking the town for both the sponsorship of fireworks and for the volunteers who helped at what was to be the 2020 Greenville Day event. On another issue, Ms. Hamilton asked Supervisor Macko if she should put her plant order in now, as the deadline was approaching. He encouraged her to do so.

Clerk/Tax ~ Written reports provided.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ Written and oral reports offered by Legislator Davis. Noted January has been a terrible month for Greene County relating to Covid as there have been over 1,000 new cases here with 63 deaths, half of which occurred in January. Discussed despite the readiness and preparation of the public health department, he called the vaccine rollout terrible due to the lack of supply allocated by NYS.

New business discussed at 7:20 pm:

~ Supervisor Macko addressed motions made last month that required clarification:

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to have Alex Johnk and Renee Hamilton manage the Hill Street Pump Station (bar screen cleaning) and compensate each \$520 per quarter; payable 4/5/21, 6/7/21, 9/13/21, and 12/20/21.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay a \$5.00 per hour stipend to Renee Hamilton and Alex Johnk for assisting in repairs at the wastewater treatment plant, payable in December of each year. Work must be cleared by the Town Supervisor and WWTP Operators. Accurate time sheets are required.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko relayed that NYSERDA gave us permission to sign a contract with Kool Temp and Holdridge Electric to install the mini-split systems in town hall. Total maximum out of pocket costs to the town, after all grants applied, is \$5,592.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept these contracts and to move ahead with this project.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Contracts for 2021 have been provided by our Grant Administrator, Nicole Ambrosio. These are unchanged from 2020, payable at \$12,000 each.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve these 2021 water and sewer contracts.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Mr. Orloff "Bud" Bear requires reappointment to the Greene County Planning Board, and is willing to continue serving in this capacity.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to reappoint Orloff "Bud" Bear to the Greene County Planning Board for a 3 year term, 3/16/2021 – 3/15/2024.

Carried 5 ayes

~ Supervisor Macko addressed the 2019 auditor's reports received back this month, and explains this delay first to the merger of our previous firm with the new firm, compounded by Covid-related issues. He notes the Tax Collector audit was 'outstanding', the Town Clerk audit was 'outstanding', and that Court audit faced the same issues as in past years related to discrepancies in the various bail accounts.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to acknowledge the audit of our Justice Court as well as of the Clerk-Collector, completed in February 2021 for the fiscal year of 2019, and resolved to follow the recommendations put forth by the Auditor to ensure the Town of Greenville is in compliance with the NYS Comptroller's requirements.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 7:34 pm:

~ Resident and food pantry volunteer Anita Zibura initiated discussion in order to coordinate a time to meet with Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton, Supervisor Macko and volunteer Paul Augstein at the Food Panty this week regarding shelving.

~ Clerk-Collector Park asked the Board and Attorney Rappleyea to review the 2002 Peddler's law as well as the amendment from 2013 as they relate to Farmer's Markets and Food Trucks. Discussion followed; while Farmer's Markets are believed to be exempt from the law, further review and discussion will be required for allowance regarding food trucks. For follow up at the March meeting.

~ Clerk-Collector Park also asked the Board to reconsider plans for a public parking area for the hamlet; for further discussion. She as well inquired if the Union had yet responded to the draft pandemic policy sent to them in January. Supervisor Macko will call the Union Representative to follow up on this issue.

~ Homeowner Jason Krasney asked the Board who was responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks? Supervisor Macko replied that it was the property owner's responsibility; Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh agreed the New York State Property Maintenance Code says the landowner is responsible.

This issue had been previously addressed at meetings several years in a row but the Board had concerns with homeowners who couldn't physically manage or who couldn't afford to pay someone to manage this task. When the new sidewalks are complete, the town will take over the responsibility of maintaining the sidewalks, but for now, per the NYSPMC, the responsibility falls on the homeowner.

~ Mr. Krasney also addressed concerns with his high property taxes in Country Estates and wanted to formally be on record as protesting them. Attorney Rappleyea advised the best way to go about addressing his concerns.

~ Ms. Zibura asked general questions about market value vs. valuation of properties.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay the following bills only after review and approval by a minimum of 3 councilpersons, as they have not yet been audited:

- Bills 48 – 85 on General abstract #2 for \$62,331.05
- Bills 16 – 29 on Highway abstract #2 for \$46,736.14
- Bills 6 – 17 on Sewer abstract #2 for \$9,251.63
- Bills 11 – 28 on Water abstract #2 for \$21,728.42

Carried 5 ayes

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

Carried 5 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Bear moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS