

August 21, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall, commencing with a public hearing to address a revised Town Sewer Use Law and to hear all persons interested in the subject.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear
Councilman John Bensen
Councilman Greg Davis
Councilman Kenneth Stern

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rappleyea

Department Heads Present: Maintenance and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Assessor Gordon Bennett arrived at 7:30 pm
Greenville Rescue Squad President Theodore Nugent, Jr.
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Planning Board member Will Bardel
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams
and 18 guests

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the proposed law, Local Law # 2 of 2017, has been provided to the Town Board and was available for review at the Clerk-Collector's office. Appropriate notice was published in an official newspaper, the Greenville Pioneer, on Friday, August 4, 2017.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to open this public hearing at 7:00 pm
Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Macko reviewed the purpose of this amendment: misinformation has been heard regarding the timeframe for connections to the newly expanded sewer system. The current law allows for a 90 day time frame to connect in to the system; residents within the extended area were told that there would be a longer time period in which to allow establishing a connection. The amended Sewer Use Law allows for connection in to the extended system before December 31, 2017 without cost or penalty. It also consolidates the prior revisions and related documents into one law, Local Law #2 of 2017.

At 7:01 pm, Supervisor Macko asked if there were any interested persons present who desired to be heard. Mrs. Anita Zibura inquired as to when and how she could hook up to this system; Mr. Macko explained that her property was not included in this extended area, but perhaps would be added in a future extension. **Mr. Robert Kosich** asked about fees to connect to this system; Mr. Macko replied there

would not be a fee assigned to connect into the newly expanded system until January 1, 2018.

No other comments were received.

Mr. Bensen moved to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear.
Carried 5 ayes

The regular monthly meeting followed, commencing with the Greenville Rescue Squad, Inc. (GRS) report, given by **GRS President Ted Nugent**. Mr. Nugent discussed the regular monthly report as well as the year-to-date report; attached. The 2018 budget was presented and discussion ensued, focusing on recent Task Force meetings and the proposed Northeast Corridor (NEC) service. He stated the Task Force did a great job putting their information together, and now the Town Board must decide whether to stay with GRS or to go with the new service. He brought up the following points to consider when making a decision: The numbers presented by the task force were just ideas ~ not set by the actual agency that would be running it, as no agency has accepted this role yet. The numbers very well may differ. To note ~ once GRS is gone, they are gone. If the task force numbers come in wrong, there will not be a GRS to fall back on. GRS has been in service since 1972, and has provided services for 42 1/2 years at no cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Nugent relayed a quote from a recent informational meeting Supervisor Macko said, expressing concern with the sustainability of a local rescue squad. Mr. Nugent believes, although yes, there have been and will be increases, once functioning at an optimal level without drawing from reserves, it will be very sustainable. Town contributions are but one part of the GRS revenue; the 2018 requested dollar amount in the budget doesn't even cover the salary line. Noted that the proposed Northeast Corridor service will cost Greenville more than is currently being paid, and the towns of New Baltimore and Cossackie will be saving money, and questioned the fairness of that. Also of note, to dispel talk he has heard of, if the GRS, Inc. is disbanded, the financials and equipment belongs to GRS, Inc ~ and will not be automatically transferred to the new system. That decision is strictly up to the GRS Board of Directors. Mr. Nugent noted over 100 mutual aid calls given to the Town of Cossackie year to date. When the new system goes in, there will be (2) 24 hour and (1) 12 hour ambulances in use. "System Status" means the ambulance will be sitting between the towns involved when not on a call ~ not here in Greenville. So realistically, when the ambulance is sitting waiting in Earlton, and the call comes in for help in the West end or South end of our town ~ there will be a longer response time. He asked if we wanted to be the 'test site for health care', and that, very important to remember ~ "Basic Life Support comes *first*, before Advanced Life Support". **Supervisor Macko** informed all present that he hadn't yet sent a letter on the Town's behalf to Greene EMS. He feels that the County study has been invaluable with the information they've compiled. Supervisor Macko also did note that the GRS response times are phenomenal, and he has been very pleased with the services that have been provided. He acknowledged it would cost Greenville \$44,000 more to be included in the Northeast

Corridor. **Councilman Bear** noted his biggest concern is the jail (because of the demand placed upon the ambulance), and stated, “it would leave us with no ambulance”. **Councilman Bensen** feels the only way to make the NEC system work is if the surrounding towns of Durham and Cairo were also on board. **A concerned resident** urged for a public forum and referendum vote to discuss this issue, stating this decision should be left to the residents. “Lives are at stake!” **Councilman Davis** responded that the Board is elected to make these decisions, representing the residents ~ but that he felt it was a ‘no-brainer’. “Why would we pay more for less service? It makes sense to keep the GRS here”. **Supervisor Macko** thanked Mr. Nugent for his presentation and reiterated that no decision has been settled upon yet.

Moving on, Mr. Davis moved to accept the Clerk’s minutes of July 17, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved to accept the Clerk’s minutes of July 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bensen Carried 5 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the Rescue Squad, Highway, Buildings and Grounds, Code, Clerk/Tax, Dog Control, Sewer and Water departments, and Planning and Zoning Boards (attached if written):

Additionally, **Highway Superintendent Williams** reported that he called regarding the truck purchases today and has not yet received a call back regarding this. **Maintenance Supervisor Leroy Bear** noted that the dog park posts were in the ground at Vanderbilt Park, and expected the project to be completed very soon. **Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh** has been busy with sewer extension inspections and the usual amount of building/sewer/sign permits and inspections, title searches, 2 violations in July, and 1 fire call. **Supervisor Macko** noted the original sewer extension project is 99.9% complete. **Water Superintendent Leroy Bear** noted discussions with Engineer Alan Tavenner regarding the pressure reducing valve previously discussed, and the need to put a proposal together for next month’s meeting. The Recycling building is almost complete, and a new dumpster for plastics is coming from Greene County for use at the Recycling Center. **Planning Board Alternate member Will Bardel** presented a summary of issues related to planned and tentative commercial solar projects requested by Cypress Creek within the Town of Greenville. Discussion ensued and the big questions seem to be how much capacity does Greenville have for this service and what impact will it have on the community? It was questioned if the direction of the Planning Board should look on a case by case basis, or review and plan based on the cumulative effect it may cause? **Attorney Rappleyea** added that the Planning Board is taking their time and diligently reviewing all of the impacts the project may have, and that they are “doing a really good job”. For the Dog report, Supervisor Macko passed along an audit by the NYS Agriculture and Markets showing a Satisfactory standing for **DCO Melissa Rosa**. Mr. Macko also discussed that the Beautification Committee is seeking a contractor for the sidewalk project within the hamlet of Greenville. Soon a designer and engineer will be hired as well, and hopes to

have the project started in the Spring of 2018. This is achieved through an 80/20 grant, where \$760,000 is in grant monies and the Town is responsible for up to \$190,000.

New business discussed at 8:00 pm: Assessor Gordon Bennett addressed concerns raised by residents about the data collection process. He explained that if a resident declined entry to the Data Collector, the information will be estimated. Estimations are not as good as data. For accuracy, he desires all residents to comply with the process. He reiterated that he was not concerned with possessions, that they were only looking at real estate: the quality of construction and its condition. He stated assessing properties is an art, not a science. Also that he cannot deviate from NYS Law. Stated the process is objective regarding measurements, and subjective as judgements are made regarding condition and quality of a home (which reflects the value). Mr. Bennett reviewed that this was the data collection portion, which will take 2-3 years, and that when and only when the authority is given by the Town Board in the future, will a revaluation project begin. The last Town-wide revaluation occurred in 2003. After 30 minutes and heated conversation, this topic concluded.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:30 pm: none received. Returning to new business, Mr. Macko noted Greenville Day is scheduled for September 23rd.

A resolution is required annually by Nevins Insurance relating to administration of the HRA account; summary information attached.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept this Certificate of Resolution, seconded by Mr. Stern
Carried 5 ayes

It seems the second Speed Limit evaluation request moved upon on November 16, 2015, had not been addressed by either the County or the State.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to again request a traffic survey of King Hill Road between State Route 81 and Drake Hill Road to facilitate in the lowering of existing speed limits.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to adopt Local Law #2 of 2017 as amended, the Town of Greenville's Sewer Use Law, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved to enter executive session at 8:30 pm 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, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved to return to regular session at 8:40 pm, seconded by Mr. Davis. Carried 5 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to increase the Assessor's Clerk's salary to \$14.25/hour. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay out 2 weeks of vacation hours to Mr. Leroy Bear at his regular hourly maintenance department rate. Carried 5 ayes

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh requested follow up information from the Supervisor and Board regarding progress on cellular coverage in Greenville. Supervisor Macko replied that he has been working on it, and has contacted Apollo in Syracuse to work with local carriers and survey the area with the goal of achieving better service and coverage.

After audit, Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 282 - 320 on General abstract #8 for \$55,404.00
- Bills 133 - 149 on Highway abstract #8 for \$13,343.66
- Bills 88 - 96 on Sewer abstract #8 for \$11,613.76
- Bills 57 - 65 on Water abstract #8 for \$9,170.98
- Bill 5 on Freehold Solar, LLC, escrow abstract #3 for \$1,515.00
- Bill 5 on Amberjack Solar, LLC, escrow abstract #3 for \$1,710.00

Carried 5 ayes

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

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. DAVIS

MR. STERN