

November 3, 2021

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held for the purpose of conducting a budget hearing regarding the proposed 2022 budget on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. The audio teleconference format was in use as well for those who wished to observe in that way. Appropriate notice of this hearing was published in the official newspaper, the Catskill Daily Mail, on 10/26/2021. Full audio file and unedited text transcription of tonight's meeting are available upon request.

Those present on-site: Supervisor Macko, Councilmen Bear, Bensen, Rauf and Richards, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Planning Board Chair Don Teator, as well as two guests. **Those present via teleconference:** Clerk-Collector Jackie Park, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, and Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bear moved to open this hearing at 6:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko presented the preliminary budget that was approved be brought to public hearing, and stated the tax rate had decreased the minute part of a penny as compared to the 2021 budget ~ it is essentially flat, and under the tax cap. This provides for a tax rate of \$6.70 per \$1,000 assessed value. He reiterated it was a no-fluff budget.

Supervisor Macko asked for any public comments or questions at 6:12 pm; clarification of the numbers was requested by one guest, without further deliberation. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mr. Bear moved to close the public hearing at 6:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to adopt the 2022 budget as proposed, seconded by Mr. Bensen; attached.

Carried 5 ayes

In other business, Supervisor Macko addressed an issue related to the 5-6 inches of rain which came recently. Noted there were issues with the pump station and 2 of the pumps had to go to Albany for repair/rebuild. Supervisor Macko would like to use ARPA money to purchase another brand new pump so that one is available to use if needed.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to purchase a spare Sulzer model XFP 81E VX 12.6hp submersible pump from Shrier-Martin Process Equipment for \$9,824.

Carried 5 ayes

Councilman Richards suggested we address the issue of ground water infiltration; Supervisor Macko noted Delaware Engineering will be present at the meeting on November 15th and he would add this to the agenda.

Supervisor Macko then discussed conversations which occurred after the last meeting regarding our Procurement Policy. Attorney Rappleyea has prepared a resolution relating to spending levels for public bidding, which Supervisor Macko read aloud. Attorney Rappleyea noted that our policy is a few decades old, and our public bidding levels are about half what NYS law allows.

Councilman Bensen moved to approve this resolution; Clerk-Collector Park interjected to the Board that, as already discussed with Supervisor Macko and Attorney Rappleyea a few days prior, it is now a violation of the Open-Meetings Law to move upon any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy, or amendment which has not been made available at least 24 hours in advance of its discussion at an open meeting. This writer suggested this resolution be put online and readdressed at the upcoming regular meeting.

Councilman Rauf moved, seconded by Councilman Bensen, to table this until November 15th and advertise on the web as required.

Carried 5 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 6:24 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS

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