

December 20, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, December 20, 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

Department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton
Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator

Other: Greene County Legislator Greg Davis *arrived at 7:16 pm*
and 12 guests present in house, and 1 via phone conferen

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of November 15, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bensen.
Carried 5 ayes

Monthly department reports:

Oral and/or written reports were received from the **Greenville Rescue Squad, Highway Department, Building and Grounds, Code Enforcement, Sewer and Water Departments, Assessing Department, Planning Board, Recycling Center, Dog Control, Beautification Committee, Clerk and Tax Departments, and from the Greene County Legislature** ~ no motions made during any report and written reports attached if provided.

New business discussed at 7:19 pm:

Annually, any unpaid water or sewer rents are submitted back to Greene County to be levied onto the next property tax bill.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the attached 2022 Certification of Relevies, Delinquencies, Charges or Fees for water and sewer rents, in the amount of \$8,499.18.
Carried 5 ayes

The 2022 Columbia Greene Humane Society contract is up for annual renewal. It is unchanged from the previous contract.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to authorize Supervisor Macko to sign this 2022 contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society.
Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko asked for approval for newly elected town official training offered by the Association of Towns and by Edmunds Gov Tech, for a total amount of \$375.00;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to allow these educational opportunities.

Carried 5 ayes

An updated resolution which was previously touched upon at the last two meetings regarding changes to the Town's Procurement Policy was read by Supervisor Macko; it was noted that our policy was very old and our levels were approximately half the standard levels of New York State. This updated resolution will bring us to consistent levels with those of NYS. No further discussion.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve these changes as stated and adopt this resolution, attached.

Roll call requested:

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

Supervisor Macko would like to schedule a time for the swearing in of elected officials;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to hold a swearing in ceremony on January 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall,

Carried 5 ayes

The gazebo in Veteran's Park has been reserved for another Summer Concert Series for seven Tuesdays between July 12th and August 23rd, 2022.

Supervisor Macko notes an Organizational meeting also needs to be scheduled;

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to hold the Organizational meeting at Town Hall on January 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

Highway Superintendent Dudley is seeking approval to purchase a used 2009 Mack snow plow/wing/sander from Auctions International, using highway reserve funding. Notes it is in very good condition and would serve as the 5th truck for the 5th route. Comparable vehicles run between \$40,000-\$80,000;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to purchase this truck as Mike just explained to us.

Carried 5 ayes

The drafted, new employee handbook has been provided to the town board members; Supervisor Macko would like to set up a few workshop meetings to review this line by line;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to hold 2 workshops to review the drafted employee manual: the first, on January 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm, before the Organizational meeting, and the second, on January 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm, before the regularly scheduled town board meeting. Both will be held at Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 5 ayes

A decision on the cannabis retail dispensary/lounge within the town of Greenville must be determined by December 31st. If we do not act, Greenville will be considered a "yes" in allowing dispensaries/lounges, and it cannot be changed. If we opt out, we can always opt in, but not vice versa.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm in Town Hall regarding this local law on marijuana.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko received the 2022 Greene EMS contract, which provides paramedic coverage in town. The cost is \$30,342 for the upcoming year.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve this 2022 Greene EMS contract.

Carried 5 ayes

Attorney Rappleyea provided follow up information on issues previously discussed regarding Circle Drive. A report on the Title Search for the property involved was just received that afternoon. The ownership of Circle Drive was in question; the title search revealed that the area in question is owned by the original developer, Kebland Corp . Attorney Rappleyea noted as it is not owned by the Town of Greenville, it is strictly a neighbor issue, and that unless and if someone can bring it up to proper specifications, and dedicate it to the town, it is not our responsibility.

Councilman Rauf noted that Clerk-Collector Park would be leaving us in the new year and that he would like to thank her and hoped the Board would offer thanks as well, for her efforts as Clerk. The Councilmen all said thank you. This writer rejected the gracious act of kind acknowledgements as insincere, considering not one felt the need to appreciate my work, support my nomination at caucus, or speak out against what was done, in order to support my reelection. Supervisor Macko noted that he did indeed cast his vote for me, for which this writer thanked him for his public acknowledgement.

At 7:48 pm, this meeting was opened for public comments or questions:

Planning Board Chairman Donald Teator inquired as to what kind of public input is expected at the upcoming public hearing, and urged the Board to widely publicize it. Supervisor Macko stated he would make sure it is discussed ~ and put on the website, signboard, and perhaps the Library board.

Local business owner Donald Irving addressed the Board about previously alluded to problems with his business/property, The Westerner, relating to the clearing of sidewalks. Discussion followed regarding the 4 foot sidewalks, plantings on site, and the proximity to the state highway. All agreed to work together to resolve any concerns as they arose.

Greenville Rescue Squad (GRS) member Fran Sickles inquired if the Board had received the proposed, five year contract for services, and asked if they would be able to render a decision by January or February. Supervisor Macko stated he was blown away with the first year's increase, and that we would definitely take a look at it but may need to have a few meetings with the GRS.

Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 7:57 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear, 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. Greene County Legislator Greg Davis participated in this executive session.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bear moved to return to regular session at 8:34 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

Clerk-Collector Park clarified a prior motion made to hold a swearing in for newly elected officials, if it was to include all elected and appointed officials, or just the newly elected official. Supervisor Macko stated it was for everybody.

An audit of the monthly bills occurred;

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

Bills 468 – 519 on General abstract #12 for \$28,091.43

Bills 190 – 212 on Highway abstract #12 for \$156,718.05

Bills 124 – 131 on Sewer abstract #12 for \$11,347.20
Bills 120 – 130 on Water abstract #12 for \$15,293.36
Bills 5 – 7 on Sidewalk escrow #5 for \$206,260.22
Bill 2 on Locust Cemetery abstract #2 for \$53.65
Carried 5 ayes

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

There being no further business, Mr. Rauf moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:42 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 5 ayes

Clerk-Collector Park asked for follow up regarding an issue brought before her, relating to resident Josh Carlsen’s request to host an event. This writer questioned if the mass-gathering law, peddler’s and solicitor’s law, or other would be required. An email was sent to the Board and Attorney on November 30th, without response. Discussion followed; it was determined that this would be handled by Zoning Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, and the mass-gathering and peddler’s laws were not indicated.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS