

Town of Greenville

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 17th, 2022 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, January 17th, 2022, at 7:00pm at Pioneer Hall. This meeting was also available to access remotely via teleconference call. Audio recording of the meeting is available upon request. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Four board members were present, Councilman Bensen was absent. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present via teleconference call. Department heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton, Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Donald Teator, were present as well as District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis. There were four other guests in attendance in person and two unidentified guests on the teleconference.

Meeting minutes from; the monthly meeting on December 20th, 2021, special meeting for public hearing held on December 30th, 2021, organizational meeting held on January 3rd, 2022, and special meeting for employee handbook workshop held on January 3rd, 2022 were all received by the Town Board on January 11th, 2022 to be reviewed. Councilman Rauf motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Bear. Carried 4 ayes.

Old Business

Monthly department reports were read for Greenville Rescue Squad Inc., Highway, Building and Grounds, Code Enforcement, Sewer, Water, Recycling, Assessor, Planning Board, Beautification and County Legislature. Any supporting documentation from these reports is available upon request.

Discussion points:

Building and Grounds – Supervisor Macko and Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton are working together to get PERMA mandated trainings done in one day for the year. They are waiting to hear back from the trainer and plan to schedule two days in case of inclement weather. No motions made.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh wanted to raise awareness about chimney fires. He responded to a chimney fire that was caused by a contractor who did not clean up the debris from cleaning the chimney which caused the fire. Mr. Overbaugh emphasized the importance of doing research before hiring contractors to help avoid scenarios like this. No motions made.

Sewer – Supervisor Macko discussed the recent emergency repairs to the trusses and mentioned that they were effective as the snow has been coming off and the ceiling is no longer supporting the roof. No motions made.

Water – P. Leroy Bear discussed plant operation and its' success until December 27th, 2021 when an electrical surge wiped everything out. Since then the plant has been running manually.

After further discussion Councilman Richards motioned to use up to \$9,700.00 of ARPA money to replace and service the 2 AC drives and compressor, seconded by Councilman Rauf. Carried 4 ayes

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Recycling – Dumpster height concerns were discussed with the newly installed railing. As a temporary fix for residents who struggle to get their bags over the railing and into the dumpster they will be set aside and the recycling operators will tend to getting them into the dumpster. Ideas to accommodate this issue were discussed. No motions made.

Assessor – Supervisor Macko read report submitted by the office of the assessor. No motions were made.

Planning – Don Teator discussed that the Planning Board would be connecting with Tal for a Solar Law review. While Don had the floor he also discussed his joy of being Town Historian for the past 33 years and requested that the Town Board make some time this spring to see the Records Room at the Library. No motions made.

Beautification – Supervisor Macko spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee mentioning that things were on hold until the spring and that they will be scheduling a zoom call with Michelle Hinchey's office to discuss funding on upcoming projects. No motions made.

District #4 County Legislator – Greg Davis spoke on the county's Covid numbers 'exploding'. He mentioned that the vaccine is not helping with the most recent variant and that of the current ~1500 cases in the county, there were 37 hospitalized cases. Legislator Davis informed the Town Board that the Public Health website had been down for a short while but they were working on getting it back up and running. Legislator Davis is now the Chairman of the Government Operations Committee as well as the Parliamentarian for the Greene County Legislature. No motions made.

New Business

Retainer 2022, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea submitted a letter to the Supervisor as the general retainer for him to represent the Town of Greenville as Attorney for the Town for the year of 2022.

Councilman Bear motioned to accept the letter as the retainer for Tal Rappleyea to represent The Town of Greenville as the attorney for the Town for the year of 2022, seconded by Councilman Richards. Carried 4 ayes

Proposal for laptop computer (1) & AOT Annual Meeting/Training School (2), Clerk-Collector –

- (1) Jessica Lewis submitted a quote from Edmunds GovTech to the board for a new laptop computer, setup of the new computer by Edmunds IT department, equipped with word Microsoft Office and Business 2019.

Councilman Bear motioned to approve the quote totaling \$1,675.00 to be paid from the Clerk-Collector's equipment budget line, seconded by Councilman Richards. Carried 4 ayes

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- (2) Jessica Lewis also submitted a request to the Town Board to cover the registration fees for her attendance to the Association of Towns 2022 Annual Meeting & Training School. The event will be held virtually and costs \$50.00.

Councilman Richards motioned to approve that the Town Board pays \$50.00 to AOT for Jessica Lewis' attendance to the 2022 Annual Meeting & Training school, seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Homeowner Assistance Fund – Supervisor Macko read a letter he received from the Affordable Housing Partnership that requested the relaying of information of Homeowner Assistance that can be applied for. Supervisor Macko announced that it will be posted to the Town of Greenville's website and applications can be submitted for assistance through the end of the month. No motions made.

Electrical Estimates, Highway Barn – Mike Dudley confirmed that only one estimate had been received and that he would be reaching out to other electricians for estimates. There was discussion of scaling back the project to do only what is absolutely necessary. *Discussion was tabled until January 31st, 2022 meeting after more estimates have been received.*

Speed Limit Change Request, NYSDOT – Supervisor Macko read a letter the Town of Greenville received from NYSDOT regarding speed limit reduction requests for Irving and Turon roads. NYSDOT determined that Irving Road between Route 32 and CR 37 is posted as a 40 MPH speed limit since 1988 and shall remain that way as it is an appropriate speed limit for the existing conditions. NYSDOT also reviewed the speed limit for Turon Road between CR 26 and Irving Road; they determined that a 40 MPH speed limit is warranted on this section of road and they have submitted a Notice of Order to the Secretary of State. Upon receipt of the Order the Town may arrange to have the appropriate speed limit signs installed with the 2009 MUTCD and NYS Supplement. No motions were made.

Alzheimer Support – On January 10th, 2022 the Town Clerk-Collector received an e-mail that was read aloud by Supervisor Macko. The e-mail was requesting that the Town website share a link to the Alzheimer Support website for residents to find resources to assist them in finding care for their loved ones. Supervisor Macko announced that the link will be added to the Town's website. No motions were made.

Organizational Resolutions Amendment—

- (1) Supervisor Macko informed the Board that new court clerk Kim Leggio has requested an increase in wage and allotted hours to help get the Court up and running again.

Councilman Bear motioned for Court Clerk Kim Leggio's hours be increased to up to 20 hours a week at the rate of \$20.49/hour, seconded by Councilman Rauf. Councilman Richards recused himself. Carried 3 ayes

- (2) Supervisor Macko brought up the discussion to have P. Leroy Bear be added to the Organizational Resolutions as the liaison for the Water and Wastewater Improvements project

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with a stipend of \$5,000.00 for the first 10 months of 2022 as the project is expected to be complete by October. There was discussion between Councilman Richards and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear regarding the presentation and attitude of receiving a stipend for the work that is outside of his role.

Councilman Macko motioned for P. Leroy Bear to be added to the Organizational Resolutions as the Liaison for the Water and Wastewater Improvements project for a \$5,000.00 stipend added to the project bill covering January-October 2022, seconded by Councilman Richards. Councilman Bear recused himself. Carried 3 ayes

Hillcrest Rd Fence – Roy Johnson spoke before the Town Board as the contractor who installed the fence at 1396 Hillcrest Road. Mr. Johnson was informed by Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea that while he did follow suggested State Law Hillcrest Road is in fact owned by the Town of Greenville and therefore the Town of Greenville Zoning Laws must be followed. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh will be sending a notice of zoning law violation letter to the owner of this property and is to CC Tal Rappleyea. No motions were made.

Executive Session – *Councilman Rauf motioned to go into executive session at 8:17pm to discuss a concern of employment, inviting Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton to join, seconded by Councilman Bear.*

Regular Session – *At 8:37pm Councilman Rauf motioned that the meeting go back into regular session, seconded by Councilman Richards.*

Maintenance New Hire – *Councilman Macko motioned that Joseph Anderson be hired as Maintenance Worker, seconded by Councilman Rauf. Carried 4 ayes*

Supervisor's Report – *After prior review Councilman Rauf motioned to approve the Supervisor's Report for December 2021, seconded by Councilman Richards. Carried 4 ayes*

Audit of Monthly Bills

Councilman Bear moved, seconded by Councilman Rauf to pay the following bills:

Bill 1 Sidewalk and Window on escrow account abstract #1 for \$754.00

Bills 1-48 on General Abstract #1 for \$92,039.09

Bills 1-10 on Water Abstract #1 for \$19,607.05

Bills 1-11 on Sewer Abstract #1 for \$16,565.17

Bills 1-12 on Highway Abstract #1 for \$122,620.63

There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.