

# Town of Greenville

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

### September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm.

All members of the Board were present. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present, as well as, department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Deputy Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald, CEO Mark Overbaugh, Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Don Teator were present. Additionally, District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis was present along with 18 other guests.

Supervisor Macko requested that the meeting deviate from the agenda to fill the open vacancy of a Town Board member. The Town Board has decided to appoint William J. Von Atzingen as the new Councilman. Attorney Tal Rappleyea swore him in and completed his Oath of Office. After the Board welcomed and congratulated Councilman Von Atzingen the meeting moved back to the proposed agenda.

**Meeting Minutes** from: the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting were put up for approval. *Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 monthly meeting minutes. Carried 5 ayes.*

#### Old Business

**Monthly department** reports were given for Rescue, Highway, Building and Grounds, Code Enforcement, Sewer, Water, Recycling, Assessor, Planning Board, Beautification.

**Rescue** – Chief of Operations Matt Marlow gave the call report for the month of August. Supervisor Macko asked if anyone had any questions for Matt and mentioned that he received word of the County EMS rate increasing by \$600.

**Highway** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley reported that the highway department has been busy cleaning up trees from the heavy rains we have received, installed a culvert pipe on Old Plank Rd for a new driveway going in, assisted in getting things ready for the new Vietnam Vets monument by the pond and moving wood chips at the park to help prepare for Greenville Day. Superintendent Dudley and Councilman Bear drove out to Watkins Glen area to pick up the newly purchased International plow truck. He also brought up that the Town owns about 12 acres of land on Big Woods Road by the old dump – there are some oak trees on the property and the Town could make some money if they have someone come log it. Alex Johnk said he would pass along contact information for Cornell Cooperative Extension's Forestry Management Program to see if they can help with this process.

**Building & Grounds** – Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald reported that things were going well. There were a bunch of repairs done on the pick-up truck and it seems to be running better. The crew spent some time working on the playground and pruning the apple trees in the park to help prepare for Greenville Day as well as working in Veterans Park to help prepare for the upcoming memorial

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installation and celebration. While cleaning up in the North Barn and dugouts at the park they discovered a bee problem. Patterson Pest came to give a quote to fumigate both of those areas for \$500 and will be back to do that this week. This falls under the limit of needing Board approval per the Procurement Policy.

**Water & Sewer** – Deputy Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton read the water usage reports for the month and reported that things were running as they should be. The sewer computer was hacked and had to be sent out for troubleshooting.

**Recycling** – Supervisor Macko reported that the staffing issues at recycling seem to be resolved and that things are running smoothly. It has been reported that breaking down the cardboard seems to be making a big difference.

**Dog Control** – Supervisor Macko spoke to Dog Control Officer Justin Case last week and stated that things were going okay. So far of the \$1000 budgeted only \$127 has been used to house dogs at Columbia-Greene Humane Society.

**Beatification** – Debbie Von reported that the Summer Concert Series was a huge success with attendance almost doubling since last year. She is now booking bands for next year and is planning for some Spring teaser concerts in Prevost Hall.

**District #4 County Legislator** – Greg Davis reported that the County foreclosure auction is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The deadline to redeem a foreclosure notice is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There has been notices sent out by the State that rechargeable batteries are responsible for causing increasing numbers of fires. It is illegal to put them in the trash and the County encourages them to be recycled properly. The County is again in line for a 0% property tax increase. Having opted out of the Gas Tax Holiday helped with this. The County has put \$2million towards broadband and within the next few years every house should have broadband.

#### **New Business**

**Greenville Day Event Plan** – Will Bardel submitted copies of the formal event plan to the Town Clerk to be distributed to the Town Board for their review on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear that the event plan for Greenville Day be approved by the Town Board and confirm that it is a Town sponsored event. Carried 5 ayes*

**Pond Dredging and Library Sewer Hook-up Bids** – On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11am the bids requested for pond dredging were opened. Supervisor Macko, Councilman Bear, Matt from Delaware Engineering, Hans Schoenecker and a representative from Larned were present, as well as, Clerk-Collector Jessica Lewis as recording secretary. After opening the bids they were sent to Delaware Engineering for review and the bid was to be awarded at the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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There were four bids received:

Brothers Landscaping & Contracting LLC - \$84,500.00

Halstead Excavating Corp. - \$42,800.00

WM. M. Larned and Sons Inc - \$100,616.00

Schoenecker Construction Co. LLC - \$74,580.00

After Delaware Engineering reviewed the bids received they recommended to go with Halstead Excavating Corp. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to award the pond dredging bid to Halstead Excavating Corp for \$42,800.00. Carried 5 ayes*

The permit for pond dredging should be in no sooner than the first week of October according to Alan at Delaware Engineering.

There were no bids received for the sewer hook-up of the library. Since this was the second time this project was put out for bid with no success Supervisor Macko recommended to the Board to request a quote from Halstead Excavating Corp. as they will already be working in the same vicinity. No motions made.

**Hearing and Workshop Scheduling –**

Tax Cap Override – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to schedule a Public Hearing for Tax-Cap override at 6:45pm on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Carried 5 ayes*

Budget Workshops – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to schedule a budget workshop for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm and another budget workshop for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Carried 5 ayes*

Freehold Fire Public Hearing – *Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to schedule a Public Hearing on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 to receive public comment regarding the renewal of Freehold Fire Department's contract renewal. Carried 5 ayes*

**Library Heating System** – The old section of the Library's boiler needs repairs before the heating season. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to have the boiler system serviced. Carried 5 ayes*

**2021 AUDs** – Town Clerk Collector Jessica Lewis received the 2021 AUD reports for both the clerk and collector accounts from UHY. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to accept the 2021 AUD reports received for the clerk and collector accounts. Carried 5 ayes*

**UHY Accounting Memo** – Supervisor Macko received a memo from Nicole Andrews at UHY recommending that the Town switch their bookkeeping program over to Quickbooks. The memo included a testimony from the Town of Catskill regarding their switching over to Quickbooks. *Discussion for this was tabled until the October meeting.*

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**Handrail by Court** – CEO Mark Overbaugh asked the Board what the status was on the handrail project by the Court entrance. Discussion was had whether or not Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald should fabricate it or if the parts should be purchased from Lowes or Home Depot. After some discussion the Board and Tim decided that they would confirm pricing and move forward with the project ASAP.

**Freehold Solar Concerns** – Mr. Philippe Content has not been able to access some of his land since the completion of the Freehold Solar Project. He had a meeting last year with the Town Board and Delaware Engineering but nothing has changed. He is seeking more assistance to try to rectify the situation. Supervisor Macko said that he would contact Delaware Engineering to see what they could do to assist.

**Rescue Squad Inquiry** – Nancy Tumeay was present to ask for a status update on the contract renewal process with the Town and Greenville Rescue Squad. Supervisor Macko informed her that this was not the place or time to discuss the negotiations that are happening but reassured her that both parties involved are committed to coming up with a solution. Supervisor Macko reiterated that time is of the essence, with only a month and a half left to come to an agreement. Councilman Richards said that recently the dialog has been more positive.

**NY Forward Application** – Debbie Von wanted to let everyone know that the NY Forward Application will be submitted tomorrow.

**Executive Session** – *At 8:10pm Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, discipline, demotion, or suspension.*

*Carried 5 ayes*

**Regular Session** – At 8:50pm Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to go back into regular session to pay bills. Carried 5 ayes

**Supervisor's Report** – After prior review Councilman Bensen moved, seconded by Councilman Bear to accept the Supervisor's Report. Carried 5 ayes

**Audit of Monthly Bills** –

*Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to pay the following bills:*

Bill 9 on Freehold Lighting Abstract #9 for \$644.43  
Bill 9 on Greenville Lighting II Abstract #9 for \$281.05  
Bill 9 on Greenville Lighting I Abstract #9 for \$727.14  
Bills 326-371on General Abstract #9 for \$102,217.63  
Bills 130-151 on Highway Abstract #9 for \$90,577.81  
Bills 81-93 on Sewer Abstract #9 for \$173,235.88

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Bills 78-92 on Water Abstract #9 for \$3,879.15

*There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.*

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Macko

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bear

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\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman William J. Von Atzingen