

# Town of Greenville

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

### November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

All members of the Board were present. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present via teleconference. Also present were department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, 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 12 other guests.

**Supervisor Macko requested that the meeting deviate from the agenda for an Eagle Scout project proposal, as well as, a new historical marker proposal.**

**Colin Augstein** came before the Board to propose his Eagle Scout project of adding a new sign to the North Barn. The sign will go between the windows labeling it “North Barn Community Room”. Colin told the Board that he was open for suggestions and requests on appearance of the sign, to which the Board had no remarks. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to approve Colin Augstein’s Eagle Scout project of putting a sign on the North Barn labeling it North Barn Community Room. Carried 5 ayes*

**Peter O’Hara & Don Teator** came before the Board to propose adding a new historical marker to the O’Hara Corner’s Cemetery. Both Mr. O’hara and Mr. Teator spoke to the Board about the history of the cemetery and the importance of who is buried there. Mr. O’Hara has purchased the marker and intends to maintain it until he can’t anymore, at which time he is requesting the Town takes over the maintenance of the marker as they maintain the other markers. *Councilman Bensen moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that the historical marker for O’Hara Corner’s Cemetery be approved. Carried 5 ayes.*

**Meetings minutes** from: the November 9, 2022 Public Hearing to adopt the 2023 Budget were put up for approval, as well as, the Public Hearing to adopt the 5 year contract with Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. and the October monthly meeting. *Councilman Bensen moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that the old meeting minutes be approved. Carried 5 ayes*

#### Old Business

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

**Rescue** – Matt Marlow read the year to date and monthly reports aloud. Mr. Marlow also highlighted that the yearly calls (2022: ~650) were increased by over 200 calls compared to 2021.

**Highway** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley reported that the highway department has been working on the drainage pipes at the park, tree trimming and hauling the wood harvested to the

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highway garage to use in the woodstove this winter. A forest manager came to look at the wood lot at the dump on Big Woods Road and advised that there was not enough there to make it profitable to have it logged. Discussion was had between Highway Superintendent and the Board regarding a new truck/vehicle to be driven around by the Highway Superintendent that would be more economical than the current F550 that is being used. With the nature of the used vehicle market and overall availability it was decided by the Board to look into a new vehicle. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen that Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley spec out and shop around for a new vehicle and obtain quotes to be presented at the December meeting. Carried 5 ayes*

Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley also asked the Board if they would support advertising about snow removal in the Town's official newspaper as they have in the past. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to advertise the following public notice in the Catskill Daily Mail for two weekend editions in a row: Effective November 15th, 2022 to April 15th, 2023:*

*Pursuant to Section 1660, Subdivision 8 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, the Town Superintendent of Highways is authorized to have any vehicle parked or abandoned on Town Highways during snow storms or other public emergencies where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic and/or for the removal of snow removed at the vehicle owner's expense. The Town of Greenville will not be held responsible or any damage incurred during removal or storage of said vehicle. Also under Section 1660, Subdivision 8 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York there is to be no discarding of snow on any Highway or Public Roads. Carried 5 ayes*

**Building & Grounds** – Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald reported that he and Cliff have been keeping up with the regular routine maintenance. They have also spent time getting rid of the leaves in the parks and at Town Hall. They have done building maintenance throughout Town Hall and the Library. The lights and snowflakes have also been put up throughout Town and Veterans Park. Additionally, they have been getting everything prepped for snow and making sure the heat in all of the building is up and running. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to switch Cliff Powell from a part-time to a full-time employee. Carried 5 ayes*

**Code Enforcement** – CEO Mark Overbaugh read off the monthly permit report.

**Sewer** – Renee Hamilton reported that since the computer has been repaired the sewer plant has been running well.

**Water** – Water Superintendent Leroy Bear reported that they have been operating the chlorine pump manually while it is in for repairs. The Capital Project is proceeding.

**Recycling** – Supervisor Macko reported that Ronnie Duncan has informed him that he would like to retire from his position at the Recycling Center. Councilman Bear mentioned that it is necessary to get a container for tires as the pile has recently spilled and rolled down to the highway garage.

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Chair Don Teator read off the monthly report of the Planning Board, no further discussion was had.

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**Dog Control**—No report was submitted. Columbia Greene Humane Society Contract should be received shortly 2023 renewal. Dog Census/Enumeration is to commence starting in January.

**Beautification** – Debbie Von Atzingen and Barbara Walter presented their findings from the NY Forward Grant application. Members from our region’s Economic Development met with them to provide feedback and advice on the application that was submitted in September and offered a Q&A session. Supervisor Macko thanked all who took the time and effort to submit the NY Forward application on behalf of the Board.

**District 4 Legislator** – Greg Davis reported that the County is using the \$2.2million from the ARPA funding will be used to ensure that every house on the grid within the County has broadband. He also informed the Board that the equalization rate for the County is down 3%. The Senior Exemption Public Hearing is coming up.

**New Business**

**Library Trustees** – The Library has requested for the Town Board’s support in reappointing Jerry Adinolfis to the Board of Trustees for the term of 1/1/2023-12/31/2027. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the reappointment of Jerry Adinolfis to the Library Board of Trustees for the term of 1/1/2023-12/31/2027. Carried 5 ayes*

**Senior Tax Exemption** – The Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limit will be set after the County has set theirs.

**Senator Hinchey Grant** – Supervisor Macko read the letting received from Senator Hinchey’s office granting the Town \$100,000.00 to repair the three remaining windows and installing protective coverings at Prevost Hall.

**Property Contract** – Supervisor Macko informed the Board that Jack Van Auken will be donating property on Irving Road to the Town to use to put up a building for Rescue Squad. The contract will state that the property must be used solely for Rescue Squad, the town will purchase the property for \$1 and that the Town will cover the closing costs. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards that the Town sign the Contract to obtain the property being donated by Jack Van Auken for the purpose of putting up a building for Rescue Squad. Carried 5 ayes*  
Town Attorney Tal Rappleeya will order the title search right away and file for closing.

**Returned Check Fee Resolution** – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Von Atzingen to pass the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Greenville realizes that there is a need to update the returned check fee policy,*

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*BE IT RESOLVED, that according to General Municipal Law §85 the Town of Greenville will charge a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) fee to any checks tendered as payment and returned for insufficient funds on all Town of Greenville Accounts. Carried 5 ayes*

**Propane Conversions** – Supervisor Macko presented quotes to the Board to have the heating systems in the Library, Scout Building and Pioneer Hall. The quotes varied on their recommendations and after much discussion the Board opted to request updated quotes that include replacing the furnace in the Scout Building as it is coming to the end of its usable life. The Board also wants to solicit quotes to have the chimneys lined. These will be gathered for the December meeting.

**Town Court Entry Door** – The Board is in receipt of a quote for a new entry door to be installed. The door won't be in until early 2023 and costs \$3,849. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Von Atzingen to order the new entry door for the Court from GNH for \$3849. Carried 5 ayes*

**Golden Agers** – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to replenish the Golden Agers trip fund with \$2,400. Carried 5 ayes*

**Organizational Meeting** – *Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to schedule the swearing in of appointed and elected officials, as well as, the 2023 Organizational Meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm. Carried 5 ayes*

**Freehold Solar** – Concerns were discussed regarding the retention of storm water at the Freehold Solar site. Supervisor Macko is to follow up on this with Delaware Engineering.

**Pond Fountain**—The pond fountain has come in and will be ready to be installed in the Spring.

**Supervisor's Report** – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to accept the Supervisor's report. Carried 5 ayes*

**Audit of Monthly Bills** –

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

***There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.***

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

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