

# Town of Greenville

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February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00pm

The Public Hearing regarding Water rate increase held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm was continued on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm. This was immediately followed by the regularly scheduled monthly Town Board meeting.

Four members of the Board were present, Councilman Bensen was absent. Attorney Tal Rappleeya was present as well as department heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald, Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Planning Board Chair Don Teator and Library Director Barbara Flach. Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering was present along with District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis and 12 other guests.

Supervisor Macko requested that the meeting deviate from the proposed agenda to accommodate the Vietnam Memorial appreciation speech by Mr. Tim Broder. Mr. Broder expressed great appreciation to the Town of Greenville and stated that they picked the perfect place for their memorial. There were plaques, official event photos, mugs and tokens given to many of the people who helped to prepare the site and assist with the ceremony for the memorial. Mr. Broder stated “these people are the true essence of Greenville – be sure to support these businesses because they are the biggest supporters of our town”. District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis stood up to thank the Veterans for their services and for bringing their memorial to the Town of Greenville. The Board expressed their appreciation as well.

**Public Hearing:** Supervisor Macko circled back to the continued Public Hearing regarding water rate increases. Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering informed the Board that the report that he had lacked the appropriate flow rates to accurately depict the water usage. Therefore, there were no new rates to present for this hearing. At this time *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to close this Public Hearing. Carried 4 ayes*

*Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to hold another Public Hearing regarding water rate increases on March 20, 2023 at 6:30pm.*

**Meeting Minutes:** *Councilman Bear moved, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve the meeting minutes from: the public hearing regarding water rate increases held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm, the regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm, the special meeting held to purchase a truck for the highway department on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the emergency meeting to schedule a public hearing to introduce LL 1 of 2023 held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Carried 4 ayes.*

## Old Business:

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

**Rescue** – Chief of Operations Matt Marlow read off the monthly report, there were no questions or comments. Supervisor Macko mentioned that Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh would like to

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set a meeting for the building committee to discuss modular ideas. The land survey should be complete by late March/early April.

**Highway** – Superintendent Mike Dudley reported that there was one storm since the last meeting. The highway department has been spending their time watching their yearly safety videos, trimming brush back and cold pathing. 200 ton salt has been delivered. Mr. Dudley also thanked the Board for the new truck purchase.

**Building & Grounds** – Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald reported that he and Cliff have been keeping busy painting in the court, the stairs at the front of Pioneer Hall and the board room. They have also repaired the front doors of Pioneer Hall, raked mulch at the playground and fixed a frost valve at plant A. At the library they moved books out of the elevator and met with Town Historian Don Teator to discuss some work that the archive room needs. They purchased another pallet of salt as they were running low and there were concerns of price gouging. Don Teator told the Board that a resident of Freehold has expressed their contentment with Tim's efforts in his position. Mr. Teator stated that Tim was doing a great job relating with the public.

**Code Enforcement** – CEO Mark Overbaugh was not able to attend the meeting but submitted his reports to the Board. Supervisor Macko read them aloud. There were no questions or comments.

**Sewer** – Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton reported that the plant was running well. She requested that building and grounds department put up solar lights at the plant as there is no outside lighting there at this time.

**Water** – Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton said the plant is running well. They repaired a pump with parts that they had on hand. A hydrant was broken on Wickes Ln. Chemical prices have spiked due to the Ohio train wreck – they will be holding off on ordering more for the time being in hopes that prices come back down. A request was made to switch from Adirondack Testing to J. Myers Lab for the same price. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to start sending the water samples to J. Myers lab. Carried 4 ayes*

**Recycling** – Supervisor Macko discussed some questions from the public regarding recycling rates/bag sizes. After reviewing the 2022 recycling report Supervisor Macko stated that there is no need to increase rates because it has been profitable as it is. The Board agreed and no motions were made. The bagged garbage rate will remain \$3/bag with no size specifications.

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Chair Don Teator stated that the PB will soon be seeking the Board's opinion regarding access to proposed dental office in front of Vanderbilt Park from Town Park Rd. The Board then discussed and decided that they would lean towards access from Route 32 to keep the park entrance from becoming congested and prioritizing pedestrian safety.

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**Dog Control** – No report was submitted from DCO. Supervisor Macko has gathered dog laws from surrounding towns to try to revamp ours. The law as it is has no teeth and should be re-vamped prior to starting the dog census that was discussed in the end of 2022.

**Beautification** – Supervisor Macko read the email report sent by Barbara Walter. The first round of filing efforts for the Senator Hinchey grant of \$100k to re-lead the 100+ year-old stained glass windows in Prevost hall is ready for submission. Two estimates have been obtained by CPOG to help the Town get the grant. The summer concert series has been organized and applied for a grant to the Create Council on the Arts and NYS to help fund the 7-week series (July 11-Aug 22). The grant results should be in next March.

**District #4 County Legislature** – Greg Davis Announced that Congressman Molinaro will be making a citizen advisory board, applications are available at the Town Clerk's office. Greene County youth award applications are also available at the Town Clerk's office for nominations. NYS Medicare costs on counties will be increasing.

## New Business:

**EAP Contract** – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve renewing the Employee Assistance Program for drug and alcohol testing for up for 32 employees for \$750 per year. Carried 4 ayes*

**Bullseye** – Andrew from Twin Bridges, our phone services provider, submitted a proposal to the Town to switch phone billing entities. This would save the Town ~\$600/year from our current rates with Spectrotel. *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to switch phone billing entities from Spectrotel to Lingo+Bullseye. Carried 4 ayes*

**Change Order** – Supervisor Macko read the overview of Change Order #6 provided by Delaware Engineering. Alan Tavenner explained that the adjustments were necessary because DOT would not allow the contractors to open cut across Rt 81 so they had to bore instead. Even with the change order there will still be grant money at the close of the project to use towards the plants and repairs. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve of change order #6. Carried 4 ayes*

**Short Term Rentals** – Supervisor Macko mentioned that a few issues have surfaced recently at some short-term rentals around town. The County Administrator's office sent out a memo with some information on how other towns are managing short-term rentals laws/regulations. Greg Davis mentioned that the county highly recommends mandating inspections (with a fee) and a registry of some sort with an application process. The Town Clerk will be forwarding the memo from the County Administrator's office to the Town Board. No motions were made.

Freehold Pub – The following resolution was passed: **RESOLUTION**

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## TOWN OF GREENVILLE FEBRUARY 20, 2023 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law, an applicant for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, for on-premises consumption, as well as any applicant for renewal of such a license, must notify the Town Clerk of the municipality wherein the premises are located, and

WHEREAS, this notice is given in order that the municipality, if it so desires, may express an opinion for or against the granting of said license or renewal to the ABC Board,

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville, that with respect to the application submitted by Wayne Nelsen, for **Freehold Country Pub at 3663 Route 67 Freehold, NY 12431** for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption, the Greenville Town Board does express a favorable opinion.

Resolution offered by Councilman Richards, seconded by Councilman Bear, and carried.

### VOTING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT/OTHER
SUPERVISOR MACKO	X		
COUNCILMAN BEAR	X		
COUNCILMAN BENSEN			X
COUNCILMAN RICHARDS	X		
COUNCILMAN VONATZINGEN	X		

**Official Undertaking** – Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to adopt the Official Undertaking for 2023. Carried 4 ayes

**Executive Session** – A motioned was made by Councilman VonAtzingen and seconded by Councilman Richards to go in to executive session at 8:20pm to discuss vehicle policy. Carried 4 ayes

**Regular Session** – At 9:04pm Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to go back into regular session. Carried 4 ayes

**New Truck** – Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet Custom Crew Cab 4x4 pick up for \$36,193.00 for the Maintenance Department. Carried 4 ayes

**Supervisor's Report** – After prior review a motion was made by Councilman Bear and seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve the Supervisor's Report. Carried 4 ayes

**Audit of Monthly Bills** –

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

- Bills 1-50 on General Abstract #2 for \$77,609.92*
- Bills 24-41 on Highway Abstract #2 for \$35,015.22*
- Bills 13-25 on Sewer Abstract #2 for \$63,668.24*
- Bills 17-28 on Water Abstract #2 for \$17,733.00*
- Bill 2 on Greenville Lighting I Abstract #2 for \$845.22*
- Bill 2 on Greenville Lighting II Abstract #2 for \$369.37*
- Bill 2 on Freehold Lighting Abstract #2 for \$897.53*
- Bills 9-8 on ARPA Abstract #2 for \$6,168.47*
- Bill 1 on Sidewalk & Window Abstract #2 for \$110.00*

**There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.**

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Macko  
\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Richards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bear  
\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman VonAtzingen