

Town of Greenville

TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 17th, 2023 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on July 17th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

All Board members were present. Department heads: CEO Mark Overbaugh, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald, Event Planner Samantha Jones, and Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Don Teator were present. District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis was present, along with 7 in-person guests. Attorney Tal Rappleyea and 1 other guest were present via teleconference.

Meeting minutes – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to approved the minutes from the monthly meeting held on June 19th, 2023. Carried 5 ayes.*

Old Business

Rescue – Supervisor Macko read the report provided by Rescue Squad. Councilman VonAtzingen noted that the mutual aid numbers were not adding up correctly—he suggested it may be an issue with the spreadsheet.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley read the attached report.

Building & Grounds – Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald reported that the maintenance crew has been maintaining their garbage pick up and mowing routine. The maintenance crew also: trimmed the bushes and mulched everywhere with a focus on the library landscaping, painted the floor in the historian’s room, cleaned the fountain, checked all of the flags before displaying for July 4th, installed snow fence at Prevost Hall, and continue to perform the routine maintenance on the mowing equipment.

Code Enforcement – CEO Mark Overbaugh read his monthly permit/inspection report. He also reported that he deemed Prevost Hall unsafe after reviewing the structural engineer’s analysis. He thanked the maintenance crew for installing the signs and fencing around Prevost Hall.

Sewer – Supervisor Macko reported that the flow has increased to excess groundwater from all of the rainfall. This may cause an increase in the utility bill amounts.

Water – Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton read off the monthly production/back-wash report. She also reported that the new water tower has passed the necessary testing to operate and is now full. There is decreased pressure at Country Estates due to decreased flushing – the Water Dept is managing these complaints.

Recycling – The recycling center is running well.

Assessor – Supervisor Macko read the attached report provided by the Assessor’s office.

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Planning Board – Planning Board Chair Don Teator read the report attached.

Historian – Historian Don Teator thanked the Maintenance crew for all of their assistance with repairing and restoring the historical markers, as well as the work that they have done in the Historian’s room at the library. Mr. Teator invited the Town Board to come see the historian’s room and what is in the archives.

Dogs – Supervisor Macko shared copies of the proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 with the Board and the public. This draft was put together by Attorney Tal Rappleyea to reflect the changes suggested during the workshop held in May. *Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law #2 of 2023: Licensing, Regulating and Controlling The Activities of Dogs on August 21, 2023 at 6:30pm. Carries 5 ayes.*

Beautification – Prevost Hall updates were discussed under new business.

Events – Samantha Jones reported that Greenville Day was progressing well. There has been little/no interest from ride vendors to even provide quotes. Ms. Jones has also reached out to the tent and food vendors. Per CPOG recommendation the main attraction—historically free carnival rides—should be solidified by the end of July. There was a lot of discussion about what vendors to reach out to and the idea of exploring other options. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to schedule a special meeting on July 31st, 2023 at 6:00pm to solidify vendor contracts for Greenville Day. Carried 5 ayes.*

District #4 County Legislator – Greg Davis reported that the County is under budget in the process of closing out the County Jail financing. The County is creating G-CART which stands for Greene County Animal Response Team. They are in search of volunteers to be trained to respond to animal related incidences throughout the County. Mr. Davis informed the Board that NYS has a bill (Senate Bill S 6637) in legislation to provide a tax credit for certain individuals coming to NYS to provide or receive reproductive health and gender-affirming care.

New Business

4H Fundraiser – Audrey Duncan came before the Board to request their permission in 4H hosting a silent auction fundraiser at Greenville Day. Community Partners of Greenville submitted a letter of support to the Board. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to support 4H in holding a silent auction fundraiser at the 2023 Greenville Day. Carried 4 ayes, Councilman Bear recused himself*

Disc Golf – Jasan LaSasso, Greenville resident and member of Discap, presented potential plans to install a disc golf course in Vanderbilt Park. Mr. LaSasso presented this idea at the last CPOG meeting where CPOG pledged \$3,000 towards the 9-hole disc golf course. The intention is for the course to be installed by the end of this summer and to be used to hold tournaments that will help raise funds towards extending it to be an 18-hole course. Councilman Richards motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen

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for the Town to match CPOG's contribution of \$3,000 towards installing the 9-hole disc golf course in Vanderbilt Park. Carried 5 ayes

Change Orders – Supervisor Macko shared with the Board 3 change orders (2 for Delaware Engineering, 1 for Tech Industries). Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve Change Orders: Delaware Engineering Change Order #7 (sewer project) for \$49,000, Delaware Engineering Change Order #17 (water project) for \$24,500, Tech Industries #3 for \$416,247 Carried 5 ayes

EFC Payment – The following resolution was passed:

Town Facility Reservation Process – Supervisor Macko distributed draft application copies to the Board to review. The Town facility reservation process will be an agenda item during the July 31st Special Meeting. The Town Clerk will draft a resolution to establish the fee schedule to accompany the draft application.

Planning Board/Building Department/Zoning Fees – CEO Mark Overbaugh proposed to the Board that all moneys collected from Planning Board, Building Department and Zoning fees all be processed through the Town Clerk's software to maintain a checks and balances system. The Board requested a resolution to be proposed in the next meeting.

SEQRA – Barbara Walter has been working to complete the necessary paperwork to receive the DASNY grant from Senator Hinchey. The environmental assessment form needs to be submitted but requires Town Board review. Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the completed SEQRA form for Prevost Hall and submit it to Senator Hinchey's office for the DASNY grant to be completed. Carried 5 ayes

Prevost Hall – Bill VonAtzingen came before the Board to request their support in applying for the NYS Historic Preservation grant to help 'sure up' Prevost Hall. Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to approve applying for the NYS Historic Preservation grant to restore Prevost Hall. Carried 5 ayes

Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto A.04282B/S.35035B To Move Certain Local Elections To Even-Numbered Years – The Following resolution was offered:

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Whereas, the Town Board of The Town of Greenville believes that increasing participation in the election process and reducing costs of government operations is good for our republic; and

Whereas, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and State Senator James Skoufis reintroduced legislation that would move local elections to even-number years during the 2023 legislative session; and

Whereas, versions of this legislation were introduced in previous years and failed to reach the floor for a vote due to lack of support; and

Whereas, after the 2022 session concluded, the bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal through the Election Committee process; however, there were no hearings held; and

Whereas, the legislation passed in the middle of the night on the last days of the legislative session which is counter to the idea of an open and transparent government; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Greenville has several concerns with this bill; and

Whereas, this legislation usurps the Home Rule powers reserved by local governments and protected by the Constitution of the State of New York, raising questions of legality and constitutional authority; and

Whereas, local municipalities have had the ability to change their elections to even-number years for decades, and chose not to do so; and

Whereas, we believe that establishing the schedule of local elections is the right of the local government, and has been for more than 100 years; and

Whereas, The Assembly Bill sponsor indicated that she had not received any messages of support for this proposal from any of the 57 Counties and 933 Towns across New York State impacted by this legislation and

Whereas, this legislation excludes more than half of all New Yorkers who vote in cities and villages from the changes to election law, creating an inequity among New York voters; and

Whereas, this legislation unfairly excludes the elections to offices in New York City and all other cities and villages in New York State, as well as certain offices within all counties and towns; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process during this session, limiting public input and understanding of the impacts; and

Whereas, there has been no financial analysis or operational analysis of the impacts on local Boards of Elections; and

Whereas, there are concerns that the current election and ballot counting technology would not be able to adequately meet the demands of the significantly increased ballot size; and

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Whereas, this will create confusion amongst voters in towns and counties across New York State; and

Whereas, separating the elections affords voters more time and focus to better understand important local issues and provides candidates the appropriate platforms to explain their stance on issues without having to compete against national and state level campaigns; and

Whereas, moving local elections to even-numbered years would increase the cost of campaigns for local office, reducing the number of candidates willing to invest funds into their own campaign, because the cost of media will increase to compete with national and state level campaign advertisements, and

Whereas, there are significant legal and constitutional questions regarding the legality of this measure that have not been adequately addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board of the Town of Greenville urges the Governor to oppose this legislation and utilize her veto authority to reject this proposal; and

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed by the Clerk of The Board of the Town of Greenville to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Robert Ort, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Assembly Bill Sponsor Amy Paulin, Senate Bill Sponsor James Skoufis, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assembly Member Chris Tague.

RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY COUNCILPERSON BENSEN,
SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON BEAR

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT/OTHER</u>
Supervisor Macko	X		
Councilperson Bensen	X		
Councilperson Richards	X		
Councilperson VonAtzingen	X		
Councilperson Bear	X		

CARRIED.

Sewer Extension Project – There were many concerned residents with questions regarding the completion of the sewer extension project. Supervisor Macko will be reaching out to Delaware Engineering and Tech Industries to schedule a meeting for residents to be able to have their questions answered.

Food Pantry – Anita Zibura reported that the dumpster from NY Premier Roofing is still located outside of the North Barn and is in the way of people coming to the food pantry. Supervisor Macko will reach out to NY Premier and ask them to pick it up.

Executive Session – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen at 8:44 to discuss contract details. Carried 5 ayes*

Bills – Councilman Bean motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to return the regular session and pay the following bills:

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Bills 262-292 on General Abstract #7 for \$19,840.65

Bills 115-133 on Highway Abstract #7 for \$22,059.85

Bills 75-84 on Sewer Abstract #7 for \$67,315.30

Bills 67-81 on Water Abstract #7 for \$169,100.58

Bill 7 on Greenville Lighting I Abstract #7 for \$725.30

Bill 7 on Greenville Lighting II Abstract #7 for \$279.81

Bill 7 on Freehold Lighting Abstract #7 for \$640.65

Bills 19-30 on ARPA Abstract #7 for \$82,922.88

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

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

_____ Supervisor Macko

_____ Councilman Bear

_____ Councilman Von Atzingen

_____ Councilman Richards

_____ Councilman Bensen