

Town of Greenville

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 15th, 2024 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday January 15th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Bensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

All Town Board members were present. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present as well as department heads: Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Planning Board Chair Don Teator, and Event Planner/Coordinator Samantha Jones. There were 11 additional guests present.

Meeting Minutes: *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the meeting minutes for the December 18, 2023 monthly meeting as well as the January 2nd, 2023 Organizational Meeting minutes. Carried 5 ayes*

Old Business

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

Rescue – Assistant Chief Jen read the attached rescue report.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley read the attached report. Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Macko to approve the state bid purchase of a Kubota KX08045 from Townline Equipment for up to \$160k. Carried 5 ayes

Building & Grounds – Maintenance employee Colin Augstein reported that the maintenance crew has been keeping up with snow removal and repairing snow removal equipment. Joe Murphy started as Maintenance Supervisor Trainee. The maintenance crew is painting at Town Hall and has been tidying up the seasonal equipment at the shop.

Code Enforcement – CEO Mark Overbaugh was unable to attend this meeting – Supervisor Bensen read the submitted report.

Sewer – Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton reported that the sewer plant has been running ‘as well as possible’.

Water – Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton read off the monthly usage/treatment. DOH did a walk-through and has two more tests to run. Plant B is down and Plant A SCADA pump is not turning on. This seems to be a computer issue. Water testing to commence every 3 years.

Recycling – No new business to report.

Assessor – Local Law #1 of 2024 was adopted earlier tonight returning Grievance Day to the fourth Tuesday of May every year. There are two new BAR members, making it a full Board. The Assessor’s office is busy with processing exemption applications.

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

Beautification – Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to accept the Bovard Studios contract to repair the 3 remaining windows at Prevost Hall for \$85,044.79 (to be reimbursed by DASNY Grant). Carried 5 ayes

Events – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Macko to accept the Young's Explosives contract for the 2024 Greenville Days fireworks show for \$3,300. Carried 5 ayes*

Discussion was had amongst the Board and Event Planner/Coordinator Samantha Jones regarding hiring a security outfit for Friday night. This would welcome vendors/the business expo to be set up for both Friday and Saturday.

Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Macko to spend up for \$2,500 on music. Carried 5 ayes

District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis reported that there has been an increased interest in lithium battery storage mentioning that this will require fire departments to have special training and equipment. Greene County Human Services is desperate for volunteers.

New Business

AOT Dues – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to pay the yearly dues to Association of Towns for \$1,100. Carried 5 ayes*

S & T Security – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to sign the 2024 contract renewal for S & T Security coverage at DA nights in the Town Court. Carried 5 ayes*

BOE Memo – Greene County Board of Elections reached out to reserve the following dates/times for the North Barn Polling Site: April 2, 2024, June 25, 2024 and November 5, 2024 from 6:00am-9:00pm. Event Planner/Coordinator Samantha Jones has already insured that the North Barn is available and now formally reserved for those dates and times.

Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to sign and approve the memo for April 2, 2024, June 25, 2024 and November 5, 2024 from 6:00am-9:00pm at the North Barn Polling Site. Carried 5 ayes.

Solar Projects – Discussion was about hiring an engineer firm to manage/represent the Town for commercial solar project applications. The Board decided that they will gather examples of past projects and current applications to distribute to Laberge Engineering for a quote.

ZBA Teleconference – *Tom Vance asked the Board to consider adopting a local law to accommodate teleconferencing for ZBA meetings. Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to hold a Public Hearing on February 19th, 2024 at 6:45pm to discuss adopting Local Law #2 of 2024: Hybrid Public Meetings. Carried 5 ayes*

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Camera/Fiber Quote – Nick Cavallaro of Mid-Hudson Cablevision brought a quote before the Board for the completion of fiber installation as well as installing and subscribing to a camera system at Town Hall, the Highway Garage, Library, Hill Street and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. *Councilman Macko motioned seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve the quote for the \$1,025 to install all 24 cameras with the monthly bill of \$238.50 thereafter. Carried 5 ayes*
Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the fiber internet installation at Hill Street, highway garage and the water treatment plant for \$277.50 with a monthly bill of \$225.00 thereafter. Carried 5 ayes

North Dome Operations – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to sign the 3 year contract with North Dome Operations for the management of the Waste Water Treatment plant. Carried 5 ayes*

Mid-Hudson EAP Services – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to sign the contract renewal for Mid-Hudson EAP Services. Carried 5 ayes.*

Executive Session – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to go into executive session at 8:27pm to discuss the dismissal of an employee. Carried 5 ayes*

Regular Session – *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to follow Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea's recommendation of paying Joanne Kratz \$1,693.44 severance. Carried 5 ayes*

Audit of Monthly Bills –

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

Bills 1-35 on General Abstract #1 for \$23,693.48
Bills 1-27 on Highway Abstract #1 for \$25,625.88
Bills 1-2 on Sewer Abstract #1 for \$1,985.86
Bills 1-4 on Water Abstract #1 for \$3,577.95
Bill 1 on Freehold Solar Abstract #1 for \$450.00
Bills 1 Henderson Skye Solar Abstract #1 for \$150.00

There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

Supervisor Bensen

Councilman Bear

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_____ Councilman VonAtzingen

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