

Town of Greenville

TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 18th, 2024 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday November 18th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Bensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor John Bensen
Councilman William VonAtzingen
Councilman Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis

Department Heads Present: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley
Maintenance Supervisor Trainee Joe Murphy
CEO Mark Overbaugh

Other: Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea
Planning Board Chair Don Teator
CPOG President Bill VonAtzingen
Serena from North Dome
Colin Augstein Building and Grounds
And 6 guests

Meeting Minutes: *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve the meeting minutes for: the October 21, 2024 monthly meeting, Budget Workshop II held on October 21, 2024 and the Public Hearing Re: Tax Cap Override held on October 21, 2024 and Public Hearing Re: Budget Adoption held on November 7, 2024. Carried 4 ayes*

Old Business

The following monthly department reports were given:

Rescue – No representation from Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. was present at this meeting. Supervisor Bensen reported that the County wide rescue committee met this month and discussed some of the options that are being investigated. Councilman Macko, who also attended the committee meeting, emphasized that the cost of fire and rescue services to the taxpayers in the Town of Greenville makes up approximately 62% of the total Town budget. He also mentioned that the County said over time no towns will be able to continue to afford independent rescue services.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley read the attached report. No motions made

Building & Grounds – Maintenance Supervisor Trainee Joe Murphy gave a verbal report highlighting some of the department's activity over the month: prepping snowblowers, removed the pond fountain, drained the water at the park. There was mention of the furnace at the boy scout building needing replacement. Mr. Murphy also reported there were concerns with the DiscGolf course stating there were more baskets in the park than the course was planned for. Jasan LaSasso, who designed and

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presented the course to the Town Board, was present at this meeting. Mr. LaSasso spoke before the Board assuring them that the basket count was appropriate and that the temporary baskets placed in the farm field were permitted by the farmer who tends to the field. There is an open line of communication between all. Councilman VonAtzingen volunteered to do a walk-thru of the park with Mr. Murphy to address his concerns and come up with a plan. No motions were made.

Code Enforcement – CEO Mark Overbaugh read the attached report. No motions made

Planning Board – Planning Board Chair Don Teator read the attached report. No motions made

Water/Sewer – Serena from North Dome read the attached report. *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to approve giving Serena from North Dome remote access to the water and sewer computers. Carried 4 ayes*

Beautification – Bill VonAtzingen reported that all of the ducks for the 2025 auction have been sponsored, the CREATE grant has a submitted application for the 2025 summer concert series, Bovard Studios plans to deliver the remaining stained-glass windows sometime in January 2025, Biggs Davis sent over the finalized Prevost Hall documents and the next Greenway Grant committee meeting will be 11/22/2024 at 10am. No motions were made.

District #4 Legislator – Greg Davis reported that there was a vote at the County to lower the County taxes that did not pass. Mr. Davis stated he voted against in because it would affect the equalization rate on property taxes. Mr. Davis also reported: County budget is due to be finalized with the 6th year of a 0% increase, and that there is a \$16m surplus the County intends to lower bond debts with.

New Business

Library Trustees – The Town Board received a memo from Library Director Barbara Flach requesting reappointments of two members whose terms are due to expire at the close of the year. *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to reappoint Beth Stewart and Joan Smith as library trustees with terms from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029. Carried 4 ayes*

DEC Printing Fee – Clerk-Collector Jessica Lewis informed the Board that DEC now authorizes vendors to charge a \$1 printing fee for sales of DEC licenses. *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to implement charging a \$1 printing fee for each DEC licensing sale effective immediately. Carried 4 ayes*

PERMA Grant – A grant was received by PERMA for a learning center which will include a laptop and flat screen television to be setup for town employees to complete the NYS mandated yearly trainings.

Snow Removal Ad – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to advertise the following public notice in the Catskill Daily Mail for two weekend editions in a row: Effective November 15th, 2024 to April 15th, 2025:*

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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 4 ayes

Water/Sewer Re-levies – The water and sewer re-levies were sent to the County on November 13, 2024 and were put before the Board for approval at this meeting. *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the 2024 water and sewer re-levies totaling \$18,325.95. Carried 4 ayes*

Winter Gear Allowance – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to amend the 2024 organizational resolutions to allow part-time employees, including recycling and highway departments, to receive a \$450 winter gear allowance. Carried 4 ayes*

Edmunds Govtech – A memo was received requesting payment for the 2025 software subscription renewals prior to the start of the new year, otherwise there will be a 4% increase if paid in 2025. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to pay the \$7,770.12 to cover the 2025 software subscriptions. Carried 4 ayes*

Greenville Cemetery Association – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to create record storage space upstairs in Town Hall for the Greenville Cemetery Association for \$1/year. Carried 4 ayes*

Farm Fields – Discussion was had about the lack of a current contract for management of the farm fields in Vanderbilt Park. Efforts from CPOG/the park committee will be made to locate the original and a new one will be drafted.

Remote Attendance – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to implement teleconferencing for public attendance of Town Board Meetings effective January 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025. Carried 4 ayes*

Executive Session – *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to go into executive session at 8:28pm to discuss employee matters. Carried 4 ayes*

Bills – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to return to regular session at 8:59pm and to pay the following bills:*

General Abstract #11 for \$19,121.81

Highway Abstract #11 for \$23,101.23

Sewer Abstract #11 for \$6,866.89

Water Abstract #11 for \$10,049.26

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ARPA Abstract #11 for \$15,930.00

There being no further new business this meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

Supervisor Bensen

Councilman Macko

Councilman VonAtzingen

Councilman Bear