

July 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm via another publicly accessible phone conference; access instructions posted on the town's website. As required for remote meetings, full audio file and text transcription is available upon request.

Identified as present for this conference call:

Town Council: Supervisor Paul Macko, Councilman Richard Bear, Councilman John Bensen, Councilman Joel Rauf, and Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rappleyea

Department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton, Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear, and Assessor Gordon Bennett

Other: 2 guests were identified as present on this call

Mr. Bear moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of June 15, 2020, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the following departments:

Greenville Rescue Squad ~ no report received.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley presented an oral report on work completed within that department over the past month. He noted that Auctions International had been to the garage and put 13 pieces of equipment/vehicles up for auction; discussion followed. Offers were made totaling almost \$23,000.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to accept Auction Internationals' bid.

Carried 5 ayes

Also discussed by Superintendent Dudley was an even vehicle exchange with Calvetta Enterprises. Our 1992 International dump truck will not pass inspection, and he considers it a scrap vehicle. Calvetta Enterprises has shown some interest in the vehicle, for which they will trade us for an older New York State 2 1/2 ton, four-door truck with a small dump body.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to swap the truck to Calvetta for the other truck.

Carried 5 ayes

Building and Grounds ~ Oral report received from Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton. Requested the Board allow the work and set up necessary to provide high-speed cable internet to be sited at the North Barn, to allow for additional surveillance cameras.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pull the cable from the wastewater treatment plant through the conduit over to the North Barn to provide high speed internet service to enable the cameras to work adequately.

Carried 5 ayes

Code Enforcement ~ Oral & written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh; he noted there was no slow-down in the Town of Greenville. No motions made.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko provided a quote to run a copper phone line to the plant to improve their phone services and allow for proper notification if/when the alarms go off. Also reported the sewer plant has met all its expectations. No motions made.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear offered oral and written reports. Councilman Bear raised a concern discussed earlier in the day with Supervisor Macko, Mr. Bear and Ms. Hamilton. There is a need for more training for Deputy Water Superintendent/ Meter Reader/ Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton and maintenance employee/Meter Reader Johnk. Water

Superintendent Bear clarified the training is necessary regarding the data which comes back after the meter reading process because a lot needs changing because some of the meters are broken and still need to be switched out. Further instruction is needed for understanding the data and where the problems are, because of the broken meters. Water Superintendent Bear said he would do the training for \$20 per hour up to \$300 to get the Meter Readers trained in reviewing and interpreting data.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to do the training not to exceed \$300 basically to get Renee and Alex caught up on a lot of little glitches with the program.

Carried 5 ayes

Recycling ~ Supervisor Macko reported Mr. Duncan is back at the plant, which continues with hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Councilman Bear discussed getting the recycling center back up and running full schedule in August; discussion followed. Supervisor Macko will address this with Operator Duncan. In other news, the annual Greene County Hazardous Material Collection Day will occur in Athens on August 8th; please see website or call for further information.

Planning Board ~ Supervisor Macko noted the Planning Board didn't meet in June.

Dog Control ~ no report received.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko noted the ducks are out and it's brought a lot of interest to Greenville.

Clerk/Tax ~ written reports provided by Clerk-Collector Park for both Clerk & Tax accounts.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ no report received.

Assessing ~ Assessor Bennett provided an oral report; no motions made.

New business discussed at 7:30 pm:

Supervisor Macko discussed the need for an annual declaration of standard workday for elected and appointed officials, per the Office of the State Comptroller, as it relates to retirement reporting.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Resolution Establishing Standard Workday, attached, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko reported that after serving for 5-6 years, Arnie Cavallaro was stepping down from the Greene County Planning Board; he recommends Orloff Bud Bear as a replacement member.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to appoint Orloff Bud Bear to serve as the Town of Greenville Representative on the Greene County Planning Board, to complete the unexpired term vacated by Arnie Cavallaro.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko reported on vandalism which had recently occurred on Town property. Three youth were observed trying to break into the food pantry in Vanderbilt Park, unsuccessfully. Also, a rock was thrown through the stained glass window at Prevost Hall, damaging the storm window section. A report was filed with the NYS Police, and the company who originally worked on the windows can repair the damage for \$825, plus a \$35 installation charge. Community Partners inquired if the Town could pay for the repairs to the window, and Community Partners could pay up to \$500 to provide additional camera surveillance there. Discussion followed.

Councilman Rauf moved, seconded by Councilman Bensen, to allow this repair for \$825 plus \$35 installation.

Carried 5 ayes

Councilman Richards addressed follow up on the proposed Skateboard Park. After discussion with Mrs. Tracy Young, he reports that there is still great interest in this plan, but doubts it is feasible for this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It was agreed not to abandon the plan, but to wait until next year to implement it. Councilman Bear then inquired if the youth groups should be using the soccer fields, as he reports no one has masks on. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilman Bear questioned if perhaps the Health Officer should go up to the fields and see what we should do, so that it “doesn’t come back at us”. This Health Officer responded that there has been very little support at Town Hall in ensuring the policy set forth by the reopening committee was in effect. Reported on the defiance, resistance, and non-compliance by some with the policies, and the inability of the Supervisor to manage the issues brought before him. Noted that these guidelines were put forth by the Committee, the County Health Department, and the Governor. Stated in response to Councilman Bear, “It’s not just the parents in the park, and the children playing soccer ~ it starts in Town Hall.” This writer requested another committee meeting to formally discuss current issues and future plans. Supervisor Macko replied that he would work on tightening the loops, and agreed another meeting was in order.

This follow up Reopening Committee meeting will occur at 9:00 am on August 3rd.

Supervisor Macko followed with information on the generous donations from Greene County and NYMIR on PPE supplies.

Continuing on with the prior discussion, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh directly asked, as a reopening committee member, what the Town Board was going to do about the one appointed official who has not handed in a daily sheet. It has been addressed since week 1, and is not resolved. An audit will result in a fine of \$2,000 per occurrence, and Supervisor Macko agrees he does not want to be fined. Stated he will readdress the issue in the morning. Councilman Richards added he is very familiar with the NYS regulations and agreed the State will be very heavy-handed with us if we are out of compliance. Stated, “I think it’s of utmost importance that whoever is deficient in what they’re doing needs to get that taken care of.”

It was also noted that Operator Duncan, now that he was back to work, needed to complete the daily sheets as well. Supervisor Macko reported he would address all the proper procedures with him on Wednesday.

A letter had been received from Community Partners regarding the poor condition of beams in the bell tower of Prevost Hall, and wondered if the engineer could come down and evaluate it? Councilman Bear stated he’d like to take the bell down and be done with it and not have a big expense. Discussion followed. It will be a big expense regardless, due to the history of water damage in the bell tower, and the size and weight of the bell itself. Should it fall, the damage will be even greater.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to have Delaware Engineering’s Structural Engineer do a study on the rotten beams in the bell tower of Prevost Hall.

Carried 5 ayes

Councilman Richards inquired as to if there was any follow up regarding the idea of a Greenville Business Day event. Supervisor Macko reported he had discussed this with Mrs. Cecile Plattner, who replied the Rotary was very interested in working with the Town to coordinate a day like this. Perhaps it can be arranged for a September weekend, with potentially a yard sale day as well. Of course, it would all depend on the status of the pandemic and on any restrictions or regulations placed upon us at that time. For follow up next month.

Supervisor Macko addressed a memo from Creighton Manning about our sidewalk project funding; although an 80/20% grant, the town must pay it upfront and then the 20% would be rolled over in to the long term financing. For further discussion next month.

At 8:02 pm, Supervisor Macko asked if there were any questions: none received.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 233 – 271 on General abstract #7 for \$25,749.50
- Bills 105 – 119 on Highway abstract #7 for \$9,033.07
- Bills 59 – 70 on Sewer abstract #7 for \$12,127.32
- Bills 69 – 82 on Water abstract #7 for \$24,944.47
- Bill 5 on Windows & Sidewalk Project abstract #3 for \$381.25
- Bill 1 on Locust Cemetery abstract #1 for \$356.62

Carried 5 ayes

After review, Mr. Bensen made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s report for June, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS