

October 5, 2020

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville began on October 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting a budget workshop. The audio teleconference format was in use as well for those who wished to observe in that way.

The following people were in attendance this evening:

Supervisor Paul Macko, and Councilmen Richard Bear, John Bensen *arrived at 6:09 pm*, Joel Rauf and Travis Richards.

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park.

Department Heads: Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton *arrived at 7:06 pm*, Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, and Justice Kevin Lewis. Mrs. Erin Nevins of E.P. Nevins Insurance, Mr. Justin Case, and Mrs. Jessica Hotaling and family were also in attendance at Town Hall. No callers were noted to be on the phone conference line this evening.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Initially discussed was the resignation of Court Clerk Alyssa McCulloch. Justice Kevin Lewis recommended Ms. Jessica Hotaling, who currently serves as the Town of Ravena Court Clerk, as a replacement.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to nominate Mrs. Jessica Hotaling as the Town of Greenville Court Clerk for this interim period, through the end of this year.

Carried 4 ayes; 1 not present

Also addressed was the need to fill the Dog Control Officer position. Mr. Justin Case currently serves for the Town of Westerlo as DCO and is willing to serve here as well.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to nominate Mr. Justin Case as the Town of Greenville Dog Control Officer.

Carried 4 ayes; 1 absent

Justice Kevin Lewis administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Hotaling and Mr. Case.

Judge Lewis briefly addressed the Board requesting they consider revising the current Dog Law. Discussion followed; this has been a recurrent topic which will soon be addressed.

Councilman Bensen arrived at 6:09 pm.

Mrs. Erin Nevins of E.P. Nevins Insurance Agency provided an overview of the 2021 preliminary renewal costs for the Town's health plans. There are notable increases in the group Medicare policy. If the Town chose to go with the Blue Shield Direct Pay Medicare Advantage Plan, and continued to offer an HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) card, it would save approximately \$25,000. Also discussed was the fact that the Town had coverage since 2018 through Guardian for the Family and Medical Leave Act, and was not in fact delinquent.

Mr. Bensen moved to go with the zero pay thing and give a maximum \$3,500 for the HRA part, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

In other business, Supervisor Macko addressed continued issues at the sewer plant with the controls. Quotes for updates to protect the controls from power surges were discussed with Engineer Alan Tavenner and Operator Joe Myers. A quote for the necessary upgrades was received for \$5,322.30.

Mr. Bensen moved to spend \$5,322.30 for these repairs, seconded by Mr. Rauf.

Carried 5 ayes

Also addressed was the tabled bill from the September 21 meeting, on water fund bill #90.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay this \$300 voucher #90 to Mr. Leroy Bear for a second training session for meter reading and billing programming, already done.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko noted regarding the DCO issue, that there are a total of 5 people in all of Greene County who manage the dog and animal control services in the towns and villages, and most of them are ACO's (animal control officers).

At 6:48 pm, the 2021 tentative budget was reviewed line by line. Discussions appropriate to each line occurred as necessary for clarification. Many lines were unchanged from the 2020 budget. Building and Grounds and Highway personnel services lines were increased as employees were added. State Retirement costs have decreased. Worker's Comp costs have risen. There are several lines that are not complete yet as the numbers had not yet been received.

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton arrived at 7:06 pm.

Raises were held for all outside of Highway as far as the tentative budget was presented, although it would cost \$15,340.40 to offer a 3.5% raise to those within the General Fund, Water, and Library. This would align with the raises the Highway Union has secured per contract for the Highway Department. Supervisor Macko discussed holding the raises this year with Attorney Elayne Gold, who represented the Town during Union negotiations last year. He was informed that it would cost more in legal fees to hold back that 3.5% raise than it would save us to do so.

The water fund's contractual line reflected an increase due to required quarterly PFOA testing; the expense of 12 tests at \$700 per test increased contractual spending by \$8,400.

The library's fund was reduced to reflect no raises, with the exception of the mandatory increase for the minimum wage earners.

Lighting Districts were addressed with no changes. Supervisor Macko relayed that some people at Country Estates wanted the town to put in more poles/lights up at the top of the development. Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh agreed that additional lighting needs in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) was the Developer's responsibility ~ now the Homeowner's Association responsibility ~ and not the Town's.

Freehold Fire's contracted rate is up slightly, and the Greenville Fire District line has also increased.

At 7:39 pm, Supervisor Macko asked if there were any questions. Further discussion on several budget lines occurred for clarification. Councilman Richards stressed the need for all Department Heads to be present for these meetings and wants the Organizational Resolutions to better reflect expectations and clear consequences outlined for lack of adherence.

Councilman Rauf thanked Supervisor Macko for his hard work in preparing this budget.

A second budget workshop has already been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall, as well as via audio phone conference. This workshop will precede the regular monthly meeting. The Budget Hearing needs to be scheduled;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to schedule the annual Budget Hearing for November 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm. (This will be held in Pioneer Town Hall)

Carried 5 ayes

CEO Mark Overbaugh asked if there has been any movement on the mini-split. Supervisor Macko explained that \$7,500 of the \$30,000 has been released; and \$10,000 would soon come from the

charging stations.

Mr. Bensen moved to put the mini splitz out to bid, no second. Discussion continued.

Mr. Rauf moved we solicit 3 comparable quotes for the mini splitz system and decide from there; seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Bensen moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS

