

September 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 pm via another publicly accessible phone conference; access instructions posted on the town's website. As required for remote meetings, in full compliance with open meeting laws throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, full audio file and text transcription are available upon request.

Identified as present for this conference call:

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

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rappleaya

Department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear, Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton, and Planning Board Chair Donald Teator.

Other: 6 guests called in to this meeting.

Mr. Bensen moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of August 17, 2020, seconded by Mr. Bear.

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 a written and an oral report on work completed within that department over the past month. He announced that a letter of resignation had been received from employee Thomas Rarick and noted he would be missed.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen to pay Mr. Rarick for his unused sick and vacation time.

Carried 5 ayes

Building and Grounds ~ Oral and written reports received from Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton. No motions made.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh. No motions made.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko reported the sewer plant has been running alright. Discussed some problems with corrosion at the connectors of some electronic controls; he and Operator Joe Myers met with Delaware Engineering and are currently awaiting proposals for options on managing this issue. Two items have been requested for proper operation of the plant, and paperwork has been provided for Board consideration. No motions made at this time.

Water ~ Water Superintendent Bear provided an oral and written report; noted the plant was running efficiently. No motions made.

Recycling ~ Supervisor Macko reported the Recycling Center continues with hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. A return to the usual hours will be discussed over the coming months as we monitor for NYS guidance related to COVID.

Assessing ~ Written report read by Supervisor Macko; no motions made.

Planning Board ~ Chair Don Teator provided an oral and written report; no motions made.

Dog Control ~ no report received. Supervisor Macko reported that DCO Cheryl Baitsholts has offered her resignation, effective at midnight on October 1, 2020.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to advertise for a DCO position on the signboard and in the paper.

Carried 5 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to accept Ms. Baitsholts' resignation effective October 1, 2020.

Carried 5 ayes

Clerk ~ Written reports provided by Clerk-Collector Park.

Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko noted the duck statues are inside and the hanging flower baskets will soon come down as well, due to frost.

Greene County Legislator Greg Davis ~ oral report offered. No motions made.

New business discussed at 7:27 pm:

Mrs. Dolores Glaudino's term on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) will soon expire and she is willing to continue serving in this manner.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to reappoint Mrs. Dolores Glaudino to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2025; also to advertise for the vacant seat on the BAR.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko discussed proposals from our computer and software company, BAS, to replace four outdated and unsupported, Windows 7 computer systems. \$3,200 was presented for two units including the computer, monitor, and battery back-up. This will be further discussed at the budget workshop with plans to replace two this fall and two in the spring.

Supervisor Macko relayed that bonding rates for a new plow truck (truck dump body, sander, plow and wing equipment) was received from the National Bank of Coxsackie & from the Bank of Greene County;

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve bonding for \$63,000 for said truck and equipment with the Bank of Greene County for 48 months at 1.19%.

Carried 5 ayes

Freehold resident Greg Stewart addressed the Board with concerns of ongoing dog issues on Sunny Hill Road and the lack of resolution achieved. Requests the Board consider reviewing and revising our dog law to clarify violations and consequences.

The Greene County Public Health Department is now offering flu shot clinics to residents as well as one additional rabies clinic for your pets.

The Greenville Volunteer Fire District No.1 will be conducting a Budget Workshop on September 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm, and a Budget Hearing on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

An Appropriation and Transfer of Funds Resolution was presented by Supervisor Macko relating to the \$22,360 received from Auctions International. This resolution allots half the value into the snow removal equipment line and the other half into the machinery line; resolution attached.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve this Appropriation and Transfer of Funds Resolution.

Carried 5 ayes

A notice has been posted at Town Hall regarding a 30-day period for public request for inclusion in Agricultural District No. 124. The inclusion period is stated to be October 1, 2020 – October 30, 2020.

A letter and proposed plan has been submitted by Community Partners regarding drive-in style fireworks at Vanderbilt Park, scheduled for this Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to approve Community Partners' Fireworks Operations Plan submitted to the Town of Greenville.

Carried 5 ayes

Supervisor Macko relayed communication received from Mr. Matthew Hagan, Eagle Scout candidate with BSA Troop 42. He would like to make repairs in the Town-owned Snyder Cemetery in Freehold, such as cleaning the headstones, making repairs to the stone wall, improving the perimeter of family

plots, and designing a historic sign for the cemetery. Supervisor Macko stated he feels it is a wonderful project.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to allow Matthew to go ahead with this plan.

Carried 5 ayes

Attorney Rappleyea addressed New York's Paid Family Leave Law. Questions arose relating to paying for this insurance, open enrollment periods, waiting periods, and employee interest in the offering. Attorney Rappleyea will review the Law and Supervisor Macko will reach out to Mrs. Erin Nevins, our Insurance Broker. For follow up next month.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct Budget Workshops on Monday, October 5, 2020 and Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Carried 5 ayes

Councilman Richards initiated discussion of gathering publicly at Town Hall for meetings beginning in October; Supervisor Macko and Councilmen Rauf verbalized agreement.

Mr. Bear moved to begin in person meetings on the October 5th budget workshop; motion not yet seconded as the conversation continued. Options and limitations of the meetings as well as required consideration for following COVID-19 procedures within compliance of the NYS open meeting laws were discussed.

Mr. Rauf moved to open the doors on October 5th at 6:00 pm while following proper COVID distancing rules for the Budget Workshop and also to offer audio conferencing to all those interested; motion not yet seconded.

Attorney Rappleyea feels we all agree and are saying the same thing, but we must do it in a way to allow everyone who wants entrance in person, in the meeting room. "If we turn someone away, we are in violation of the Open Meetings Law." It was noted that the current regulations specify inside gatherings are limited to 50% capacity, or 50 people ~ but only if social distancing is maintained.

Mr. Rauf clarified the previous motion, seconded again by Mr. Bensen, to conduct Budget Workshops on October 5th and October 19th at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, with open doors to the public, following COVID regulations.

Carried 5 ayes

At 8:18 pm, Supervisor Macko opened the meeting to the public:

Local resident Mrs. Jenn Dawson verbalized unhappiness with the abrupt change in dog rules at Vanderbilt Park. Resident Jack Hummingbird also expressed displeasure. Discussion followed. Liability was noted as the rationale for the change. It was reiterated that dogs can be off-leash within the fenced in dog park area, however those with large dogs report it an unacceptable option. Supervisor Macko said we would have to agree to disagree, but the discussion could be revisited in the future.

Historian and Planning Board Chair Don Teator expressed gratitude for having the Local History Group's newsletter included in the online board packet, requested Matthew Hagan be notified that he would indeed be interested in assisting with the cemetery project, and congratulated Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton on a job well done on the cemetery ground maintenance this year.

Mr. Rauf made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for August, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

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

Bills 302 – 356 on General abstract #9 for \$71,335.56

Bills 129 – 156 on Highway abstract #9 for \$191,999.08

Bills 81 – 96 on Sewer abstract #9 for \$13,098.97

- Bills 90 – 105 on Water abstract #9 for \$44,584.92
(see below re: bill #90, total motion later amended)
- Bills 6 – 8 on Windows & Sidewalk Project abstract #4 for \$9,158.45
- Bill 2 on Locust Cemetery abstract #2 for \$570.00;

Carried 5ayes

Clerk Collector Park asked if the Board had already audited these bills; Councilman Bear replied, “Yes”. This writer then addressed the Board to discuss a concern regarding Water abstract #9’s bill #90. Discussion occurred; for further review and follow up.

Councilman Rauf moved as a point of order to pay the bills excluding SW#90 until it is further reviewed at the October 19th meeting. Second motion not received. Discussion continued.

Motion again corrected by Mr. Rauf to pay that fund’s bills 91 – 105, which excludes #90, totaling \$44,284.92. No second motion received.

There being no further business, Councilman Rauf moved to adjourn at 8:51 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS