

**TOWN OF GREENE  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
August 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Greene Town Board was held on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall, 51 Genesee Street, Greene, New York 13778.

**PRESENT:** Council Members Bernie McDermott, Steve Page, Steve Northrup, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith, and Planning Board Chair Michelle Day.

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Joseph Henninge, Council Member Diane Flanagan and Highway Superintendent Nick Drew

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karman Harrington and Sally Dear-Healey

Deputy Supervisor McDermott opened the meeting at with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve the minutes dated July 19, 2023  
Ayes all. Carried.

Council Member McDermott complimented Deputy Town Clerk Autumn Crumb on the minutes she took from the July 2023 meeting.

**BILLS**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to pay all bills as presented. Vouchers #20231007 through #20231063. General \$20,798.58 General Outside \$289.87, Highway \$4,018.92 Highway Outside \$195,025.23, Sewer District \$1,831.98, Water District One \$677.80, Water District Two \$748.85, Water District Three \$718.99.

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2023141 through 2023150, \$5,996.74.  
Joint Recreation Commission Vouchers #2023042, through 2023043 \$1,778.50. Ayes all. Carried.

**REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to receive and file all Reports as submitted by Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Assessor, Code Enforcement, Dog Control Officer Planning Board and Historian. Ayes all. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**JRC REPORT:** Steve Page reported this is the last week for the summer swim program. The Soccer program has approximately 120 students participating.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**HISTORIAN REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**GIMPC (Ball Flats)** Steve Page noted the new swing set is being installed with the assistance of Tim Harrington and his equipment.

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Page, to receive and file all Committee reports. Ayes all. Carried.

**MONIES RECEIVED**

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Code Department                              | \$140.80            |
| Judge Martin                                 | \$1,220.00          |
| Judge Brown                                  | \$1,468.00          |
| Town Clerk                                   | \$11,273.28         |
| Town Tax Collection Balance Int & Penalty    | \$2,309.47          |
| Chen Cty Treas 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Sales Tax | <u>\$211,524.28</u> |
|  | \$227,935.83        |

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to accept all Monies received. Ayes all. Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Northrup updated the Board on the status of the Brisben Fire District. A special meeting will be held on August 23, 2023 by the Brisben Board of Fire Commissioners to consider a proposed Resolution for the dissolution of the Brisben Fire Department. The meeting is intended to dissolve the Fire Dept and implement a dissolution plan.

Code Enforcer Stephen Smith passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Training. The Board congratulated Stephen.

Council Member McDermott noted the drain work that was done on the Ball flats to alleviate the puddling by the Labor Day Bingo tent is working well.

Kathy Clemens from Chenango Cty Youth Bureau and Autumn Crumb are working together to get the Towns reimbursement monies for the JRC Summer program.

Supervisor Henninge received notice that Williamson Law Book rates for 2024 will increase 5%.

Supervisor Henninge distributed the Budget sheets for 2024 to the each of the Towns departments.

Council member McDermott noted the new bridge on Route 12 South should be open to traffic on Monday 28, 2023. Supervisor Henninge has been working with the State to name the new bridge. Per the State the bridge must be completed and operating prior to dedicating it.

The Town Board receive a request from a constituent to look into regulating food trucks in the Town. After some discussion the Board opted out of regulating food trucks.

Council member McDermott mentioned the Highway Dept will be removing the crosswalk signs between the Great American and NBT Bank. The school no longer uses that parking area so there is no need for that crosswalk.

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Page to receive and file all Communications.  
Ayes all. Carried.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Council member Northrup received information from Kyle at Textmygov. Northrup contacted Mayor Brown to inquire if the Village had any interest in joining as well. Mayor Brown instructed him to contact Jessup DuMond.

The Town is considering other social media options for communicating with the Town Residents.

Council member Page has 2 quotes for the back stop for the new field at the Ball flats. Per the Procurement Policy adopted February 12,1992 and amended March 2003 Guideline 2, All purchases of supplies or equipment which will exceed \$10,000 in the fiscal year shall be formally bid. Page will forward the write up to Town Clerk Mary Wrench who will submit it to the local paper, The Evening Sun for publication.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to increase the total 2023 A Budget Revenue from 2022 Unexpended A funds by \$9,321.00 and increase A5132.4 by \$9,321.00 Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to increase the 2023 Budget Revenue from the 2022 Unexpended ARPA funds by \$5,000.00 and increase the 2023 Budget Expenditure for J1.7145.4 by \$5,000.00 Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to increase the 2023 Budget Revenue from the 2022 Unexpended ARPA funds by \$15,540.00 and increase the 2023 Budget Expenditure for J1.7145.4 by \$15,540.00 Ayes all. Carried.

**BOARD DISCUSSION cont.**

On June 7, 2023 the Town Board held a Special Meeting to Adopt the revised Solar Siting Local Law #2 of 2023, Solar Siting Local Law #1 of 2018.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

The Greene Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM. in the Town Hall, 51 Genesee St, Greene, NY 13778

A Public Hearing will be held concerning extending the current Solar Siting Moratorium in the Town of Greene.

By Order of the Greene Town Board

May 18, 2023

Mary Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

Supervisor Henninge noted the Special Meeting was called to revisit the vote to adopt Local Law #2 of 2023 Solar Siting for the Town of Greene or to open a Public Hearing to extend the Moratorium.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Henninge, seconded by Northrup for a vote to adopt Local Law #2 of 2023, Solar Siting for the Town of Greene as presented. Ayes all. Carried.

Therefore, in doing so Supervisor Henninge called for a new vote.

What say you by ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Supervisor Joseph Henninge      | Aye    |
| Council Member Diane Flanagan   | Nay    |
| Council Member Stephen Page     | Aye    |
| Council Member Stephen Northrup | Aye    |
| Council Member Bernie McDermott | Absent |

With a vote result of 3-1 with 1 absent the Town of Greene will move forward to Adopt Revised Local Law #2 of 2023, Solar Siting in the Town of Greene Local Law #1 of 2018.

The Local Law was not filed within the allotted time. Therefore, Council member McDermott requested a motion to accept the revised law which would allow the filing of Local Law #2 of 2023 to take place.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to accept the revised Local Law #2 of 2023, Solar Siting in the Town of Greene Local Law #1 of 2018. On this date of August 16, 2023 Ayes all. Carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Sally Dear-Healey spoke to the Town Board in regards to the condition of properties in her neighborhood. Sally questioned if there are any Zoning Laws in the Town.

Code Enforcer Stephen Smith noted he was able to address some of the issues and there has been some clean up however there are only a few zoning laws that pertain to properties in the Town.

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary C. Wrench*

Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – September 20,2023 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall