

**TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 15, 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: Supervisor Joseph Henninge, Council Members Bernie McDermott, Steve Page, Steve Northrup, Diane Flanagan, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew and Clerk to the Supervisor Lou Ann Day.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karman Harrington

Supervisor Joseph Henninge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to approve the minutes dated October 18, 2023 with corrections. Correction page 39, J1.7145.2 \$2,148.90 should be J1.7145.2 \$2,418.90. Ayes all. Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to approve the minutes dated November 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing on 2024 Preliminary Budget Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Flanagan to pay all bills as presented. Vouchers #20231172 through #20231223. General \$28,363.77 General Outside \$624.67, Highway \$11,942.34 Highway Outside \$73,981.24, Sewer District \$1,742.38, Water District One \$800.76, Water District Two \$713.10, Water District Three \$688.36.

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2023170 through #2023178, \$1,170.34. Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2023047, \$205.30. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

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

Code Enforcer Stephen Smith noted he is scheduled to take the Chenango County Civil Service test on January 13, 2024.

Bernie McDermott noted the Highway Dept is in need of a new Broom for a loader and should replace the Mini Excavator as well.

The Town Board asked Nick Drew if he would gather bids for these purchases and present them at the December regular Town Board meeting.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to move forward with gathering bids for the purchase of a new broom and mini excavator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT: Stephen Smith noted he tried contacting John Money to repair the leaks in the restrooms. John Money has not responded. It was suggested Stephen contact DJ Dunlap.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Steve Northrup reported the Brisben Fire Dept action is December 9, 2023. Steve contacted Phil Mirabito about purchasing a vehicle from the auction as a chase car for the Chief. Steve has not heard back from Phil Mirabito as of this meeting.

The Greene Fire Dept. will be doing a chicken BBQ on December 2, 2023 as part of the Hometown Holiday events.

JRC REPORT: Steve Page reported Colton Smith is the new JRC student representative. The JRC Turkey Party is November 18, 2023 at the Genegantslet Golf Course.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Supervisor Henninge noted a classified ad be put in the Evening Sun advertising the open Planning Board clerk position.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing to report.

GIMPC (Ball Flats) Steve Page noted the back stop for the new field was installed. Nick Drew questioned if the damage on the Ball flats due to the installation of the new backstop would be repaired and how so.

Steve Page noted the company that did the work was done however the ruts will be addressed in the spring. The Ball flats maintenance men are aware of what needs to be repaired.

Nick Drew also had concerns about the height of 3rd base. Steve Page noted the company used a laser level.

Diane Flanagan suggested being more thorough with the quotes for work in the future.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$140.80
Judge Martin	\$769.00
Judge Brown	\$947.00
Town Clerk	\$10,728.96
Chenango County Treas. 3 rd qtr. Sales Tax	<u>\$216,285.60</u>
	\$228,871.36

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Bernie McDermott asked who is responsible to take care of the soccer nets at the Lions Park after the season. Steve Page noted the soccer directors and the school assist as well.

Supervisor Henninge asked if the Highway Dept would assist with moving offices within the Town Building. Supervisor Henninge is waiting to hear from the Assessor which office she would like.

NYS Town Clerks Association send all Town Clerks information for the newly elected and continuing Town officials. The information is in regards to upcoming training. The training covers the basic powers, duties and responsibilities of the Town's officials.

There are two (2) dates and locations to choose from. Dates and who will be participating in the classes will be discussed at the December meeting. Mary Wrench will make the reservations.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Supervisor Henninge requested a motion to approve the Town of Greene 2024 Budget.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Flanagan to approve the Town of Greene 2024 Budget. Ayes all. Carried

Supervisor Henninge made the Town Board aware that on December 6, 2023 himself and Lou Ann will be meeting with a candidate to replace the Financial Director Diana Dobell.

Mary Wrench handed the Town Board the most recent copy of the Procurement Policy for their records and noted it would be included in the Town Law Book.

Supervisor Henninge requested a motion to surplus tan folding chairs that are in the closet of the Board/Court room.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to surplus the folding chairs in the closet of the Board/Court room. Ayes all. Carried.

Supervisor Henninge requested a motion to surplus the Assessors old HP Office Printer.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to surplus the Assessors old HP Office Printer. Ayes all. Carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION cont.

Assessor Penny Hadadd mentioned to Supervisor Henninge that the Town of Greene has the option to include IRA income with our senior exemptions. Supervisor Henninge tabled the discussion for the December meeting.

Bernie McDermott questioned when the new water district cost increase would be implemented. Supervisor Henninge noted the water/sewer increase will start in 2024. There was also discussion about the purchases of new water meters and seeking bids for the removal of the old meters and installation of the new meters.

Diane Flanagan made mention that there is no security at the front door when the Planning Board meetings are in session. The meetings take place on the third floor of the Town Hall.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to have a Security Guard at the front door on Planning Board meeting nights. Ayes all. Carried.
Supervisor Henninge will contact Court Guard Jim Cummings.

Supervisor Henninge asked the Town Board members to review the most recent revised version of the Employee policy prior to a work session at 10:00 AM. on December 7, 2023

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to schedule a work session for December 7, 2023 to complete the revised employee policy.

Supervisor Henninge requested a motion to modify the general 2023 Budget.

Motion to decrease DB.5110.1 by \$4,000.00 and increase DB.5110.4

Motion to decrease A.1990.4 by \$4,000.00 and increase A.1220.4

Motion to decrease B.1990.4 by \$4,000.00 and increase B.4010.4

Motion to increase the SW3 Budget Revenue from 2022 Unexpended SW3 funds by \$100.00 and increase Expenditure SW3.8310.4 by \$100.00

Motion to increase the J1 2023 Budget Revenue by \$3,011.99 in J1.2705 and increase the 2023 Budget Expenditures J1.7145.1 by \$2,000.00, J1.7145.4 by \$862.71 and J1.9050.8 by \$149.28

Motion to modify and decrease budget line J2.7145.1 by \$438.14 increase J2.9050.8 \$388.14 and J2.9030.8 \$50.00.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Flanagan to modify the 2023 budget as noted. Ayes all. Carried.

Mary Wrench suggested a date be set for the Organization meeting.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Flanagan to set the date for the Organizational meeting for January 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall. Ayes all. Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke.

Supervisor Henninge asked for a motion to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to enter into Executive session at 7:46 PM. to discuss a Personnel matter. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Flanagan to return to regular session at 8:55 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

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