Village Board Meeting

April 11, 2022 7pm

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7PM. Trustees Najarian, Shapley and Williamson were present along with Fire Chief Mirabito, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Working Supervisor Kinney and OIC Nordberg. Visitors: Marcia Miller, Gwen Flynn and Nickolas Flynn. Trustee DuMond was absent.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept board meeting minutes of 3/14/22. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept Treasurer’s, Town Historian and Police reports. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Mirabito reported the 2021 Rescue truck was delivered and is in service. All repairs are complete. There has been no word yet on results of the ISO insurance inspection done in March 2022. There was discussion with Chenango County in regards to the Fire District boundaries south of town regarding Johnson Road, Town of Greene (which is on the North side of Cloverdale Rd). Fire Chief Mirabito will have further discussion with Town Superintendent Henninge regarding the Fire District boundaries at that end of town regarding Chenango Forks Fire Department being closer for response time to that end of our Fire District.

Mayor Brown reported for the Electric Dept. that they are requesting summer hours this year of 4 – 10 hour days Monday through Thursday 6am – 4:30pm from May 2, 2022 through September 12, 2022. The projects this summer with other municipalities’ would work well to have the same hours as the other municipalities they are working with.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow Electric Dept to go to summer hours of 4 – 10 hour days Monday Through Thursday, 6am – 4:30pm from May 2, 2022 through September 12, 2022. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported Spring Clean-up will run from April 18, 2022 through June 3, 2022 on Mondays and Fridays. Chenango County Emergency Services contacted Working Supervisor Kinney in regards to questionnaire survey. He will be completing survey regarding his department as well as remaining departments (other than Police and Fire Department who will be completing their own survey) that have radios for communications. Raymond Corp. is having an “Earth Day” celebration April 22, 2022 between the hours of 2:30pm – 5pm. Approximately 25 Raymond employees will be in the downtown area of the Village raking, picking up trash and debris. They will bag debris and the Highway Dept will supply small tools and materials needed and handle disposal of the bags. Working Supervisor Kinney will be in contact with Police Dept for setting up cones and monitoring the area that day. Also on a day in May, to be determined, Raymond Corp will have approximately 15 people working at the memorial monument cleaning and painting the posts and chains that circle that area. Saturday April 23, 2022 is Keep Greene Clean Day and there will be a tree planted at a location still being discussed with Working Supervisor Kinney and Electric Superintendent Livingston.

The clock of the Clock Tower is working but the chimes are not. The motor for the chimes broke down and a new motor is on order. The motor will be replaced once it is received which will be sometime in July 2022. Working Supervisor Kinney has been in contact with FEMA once again, and resent information previously sent to FEMA regarding Birdsall Creek work completed in 2018 for payment from FEMA. In May, weather permitting, post hole digging and concrete work for volleyball courts at the ball flats should be under way. Working Supervisor Kinney will be in contact with Steve Page. There will be a Water Winter workshop on April 29, 2022 which W.S. Kinney would like to have Dylan Dedrick attend.

There is a Confined Training Class May 27, 2022 which all 3 Highway Department workers need to attend. The last Confined Training class attended was 2015. June 6, 2022 through June 8, 2022 Working Supervisor Kinney would like to attend Highway School. May 23, 2022 through May 25, 2022 there is a Rural Water Treatment Class in Vernon, NY Working Supervisor Kinney would like to attend.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Shapley for Highway Dept to attend scheduled classes requested. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Kinney would like to start summer hours as well on May 2, 2022 through September 12, 2022. Starting May 2, 2022 Monday through Friday from 6am – 2:30pm for May and June. July through September Monday through Thursday; 4 – 10 hour days; 6am – 4:30pm. This of course is all dependent on weather.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve summer hours for the Highway Dept. Ayes-all. Carried.

OIC Nordberg reported that Chenango County Emergency Services, has sent out a questionnaire to first responders of Chenango County regarding a survey for grant money to update radios and towers in Chenango County to be on the same format and have better reception. OIC Nordberg completed the survey and reported our 3 permanent radios -1 in the P.D. office, 2 in P.D. vehicles and 4 portables. OIC Nordberg will be getting more information on this grant.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported hydrant flushing will be from May 9, 2022 to May 13, 2022. Rural Water Training classes will be May 23, 2022 to May 25, 2022 SPO Ingraham and Michael Ingraham would like to attend W20 Water Training Class April 29, 2022.

Clerk Treasurer reported the office staff would like to have summer hours starting May 2, 2022 and run through September 2, 2022 with the hours of 6:30am – 4pm Monday – Thursday and Friday 6:30 am – 10:30am.

Motion by Trustee Shapley, seconded by Trustee Williamson to allow village hall office staff to go to summer hours of M-T 6:30am – 4pm, Friday 6:30am-10:30am from May 2, 2022 through September 2, 2022. Ayes-all. Carried.

Nickolas Flynn presented his Eagle Scout Project for sign at the Mirabito corner of Rt 12 and Rt 206 and gave the Board a schedule for work to be done so all can follow the progress. The project was presented to Zoning & Planning Board and Marcia Miller reported Zoning & Planning approved the project and is impressed with such a great project. Mayor Brown would like to advertise the new sign on the village social media site and website. Nickolas Flynn will be receiving an approval letter from the Village Board for his Eagle Scout Project.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow pool sewer credits for 2022 summer season. Ayes-all. Carried.

The Class of 2024 5k run fundraiser scheduled for May 21, 2022 was moved to the walking trail at the elementary school.

Trustee Najarian reported for the Garden Club. As part of the Raymond "Keep Greene green" initiative they have purchased 8 self-watering pots and will be planting them at Schaeffers Gardens on Earth Day April 22nd.  When the hanging baskets are ready to be hung before Memorial Day, when there is no risk of frost, the new planters will be placed in the Business District of the Village. These are eco-friendly fiberglass planters with water receptacles at the bottom of them to limit the amount of times watering is done.  (How they are getting delivered is TBD). They also can collect rainwater, so depending on the weather they may only need to be watered a couple times a month.  They are a dark grey/steele color and are approximately 36" tall.  4 will be placed on each side of the Village and business owners have already been talked to about watering.  These will be maintained by the Greene Garden Club.

Mayor Brown read an update from Katha Root in regards to some changes in bench style for the 1972 class bench dedication project which were reviewed and approved.

Greene Rotary dog station project will need to be discussed further regarding the number of units, placement and disposal. The village agreed to sustain the dog stations in order for the grant to be submitted by Greene Rotary.

Trustee Williamson reported the sewer plant has been cleaning equipment, bringing sludge to the landfill and jetting sewer lines.

Mayor Brown reported Ball flats meeting will be Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 5pm at the Town Hall.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Williamson that the following audited claims be paid in total $265,149.81

General Fund $50,988.45 Water Fund $5,209.65

Electric Fund $203,783.34 Sewer Fund $5,168.37

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to authorize budget amendments. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to visitors.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Williamson to end meeting and enter into executive session at 8:10PM. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Williamson to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:24pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Shapley approved Bryan Davis to attend basic operations for wastewater class April 18, 2022 – April 29, 2022 and activated sludge class May 23, 2022 – May 27, 2022. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Najarian to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo

Clerk Treasurer