Village of Greene Board Meeting

May 8, 2023 7pm

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Trustees Williamson, DuMond, Najarian and Shapley. Also in attendance were Electric Superintendent Livingston, Working Supervisor Kinney, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham and Chief Mirabito. OIC Nordberg was absent.

Visitors were: Craig Curtis, Marcia Miller and Jim Girton.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept Board meeting minutes of 4/10/23. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Shapley to amend 2/13/23 Board meeting minutes to include acceptance of 2022 Annual Report for the Newton Boyce Trust. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley, seconded by Trustee Najarian that the Treasurer’s, Police, Court, Town of Greene, Code Enforcement and Town Historian reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Chief Mirabito thanked WS Kinney for their help with pumping the oil separator at the fire department. Chief Mirabito is pleased to report the fire department dive equipment that was deemed surplus at March 2023 board meeting has been donated to Broome County. The Greene Fire Department members would like to have a fire dept. themed mural painted on the south side wall of the fire department apron. Trustee Najarian had recently been contacted by Greene Central School Art teacher in regards to art projects within Greene. Trustee Najarian will reach out to that art teacher with Chief Mirabito’s contact information for that project.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Shapley to have Greene Central School art department discuss a Fire Department themed mural project, for the wall on the south side of the fire department apron, with Chief Mirabito and fire dept. members to be approved by the Village Board of Trustees. Ayes-all. Carried.

Superintendent Livingston reported a great jumpstart to summer projects with the cooperating weather. There is $4,130.47 in electric write-offs this fiscal year.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Williamson to accept write-offs in the amount of $4,130.47 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported the first week in June he will be attending Highway school. Monday and Friday yard waste pick up is going well. Highway dept. will be getting the bench projects on Genesee St. underway this week. Insurance funds have been received for previous truck damage and is being used towards the new truck purchase, which has been ordered. Clock tower mechanism is out for repair, waiting to get that repair complete and have clock working again. Catch basins on Cherry St. near Page Seed and Raymond complete and performing properly.

Trustee Shapley reported for Police Dept. Speed sign ordered and waiting on delivery. Kevin McEwan, police academy recruit, is doing well at the police academy program.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham requested summer hours for Water/Sewer Dept. Monday through Thursday 6am – 3:30pm/Friday 6am-10am from May 8, 2023 through September 8, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Najarian to approve summer hours for Water/Sewer Department. Ayes-all. Carried.

SPO Ingraham reported the $150,000 grant through Susquehanna River Basin Commission was not accepted, he will try again next year.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept Resolution authorizing Public Hearing on June 12, 2023 at 7pm designating Mayor Brown to act on behalf of the Village with respects to the Community Development Block Grant application and future related contract awards for the 2023 Program Year. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy 2016 and 2017 tax receipt copies. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Shapley to issue sewer credits for 2023 pool fill ups. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee DuMond to authorize payment of audited claims in the amount of $322,183.05 as follows:

General Fund $40,411.04 Electric Fund $258,565.29

Water Fund $11,231.93 Sewer Fund $11,974.79

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley, seconded by Trustee Williamson to authorize budget amendments as follows:

A.1364.400 Village Owned Property Misc. Exp. +$648.00

A.1420.400 Law Contractual -$648.00

A.1325.100 Clerk/Treasurer Personal Services +$864.00

A.1920.419 Miscellaneous Dues/Travel/Meetings -$864.00

A.1410.100 Village Clerk Personal Services +$1302.00

A.1920.419 Miscellaneous Dues/Travel/Meetings -$1302.00

A.3120.110 Police Overtime/Comp +$683.56

A.3120.105 Police Part Time -$683.56

A.1920.425 Miscellaneous Programmers Fees +$288.00

A.1920.427 Miscellaneous Office Technologies -$288.00

A.1920.415 Miscellaneous Postage +$12.08

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A.5110.110 Street Maint. Overtime +$61.50

A.5142.110 Snow Removal Overtime -$61.50

A.3120.444 Police Small Equipment +$618.91

A.3120.105 Police Part Time -$618.91

A.3120.421 Police Uniform Allowance +$810.12

A.3120.419 Police Dues/Travel -$810.12

A.5110.420 Street Maint.Vehicle Maintenance +$2,874.90

A.5110.200 Street Maint. Equipment -$2,874.90

A.5110.465 Street Maint. Dumpster Service +$2.38

A.5110.422 Street Maint. Repairs -$2.38

A.5110.427 Street Maint. Tools +$96.68

A.5110.422 Street Maint. Repairs -$96.69

A.3410.414 Fire Dept Gasoline +$66.40

A.3410.415 Fire Dept Postage -$66.40

A.8011.405 Code Enforce.Record Book Preservation +$208.00

A.8011.405 Code Enforce.Code Book -$208.00

F.8310.416 Water Administration Miscellaneous Supplies +$72.75

F.8310.460 Water Administration Auditors -$72.75

F.8310.451 Water Administration Engineering Supplies +$7,002.58

F.1910.431 Unallocated Insurance -$4,540.00

F.8310.406 Water Administration Attorney Fees -$2,000.00

F.8340.419 Trans/Distribution/Dues/Travel -$462.58

F.8340.100 Trans/Distribution Personal Services +$1567.39

F.9060.800 Hospital and Medical Insurance -$1567.39

F.8340.120 Trans/Distribution Double Time +$140.00

F.8340.110 Trans/Distribution Overtime -$140.00

F.8330.200 Purification Equipment +$144.88

F.8330.422 Purification Repairs -$144.88

G.8130.413 Treatment Plant Dumpster Service +$30.94

G.8130.419 Treatment Plant Dues/Travel -$30.94

G.8130.412 Treatment Plant Telephone +$13322

G.8130.419 Treatment Plant Dues/Travel -$133.22

A.1420.400 LAW CONTRACTUAL +$693.00

(INCREASE BUDGET LINE B/C USING FUNDS FROM FUND BALANCE FROM FIRE DEPT INSURANCE CHECK FOR RESCUE TRUCK)

G.8130.200 Treatment Plant Equipment +$2,053.96

G.2122.010 Sewer Dumping Fee Charges Greene Sanitary Sewer -$2,053.96

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to visitors. Jim Girton spoke about a weekday sidewalk market from local farmers, on the south side of Genesee St. on Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm starting May 24, 2023 to October 4, 2023 selling local grown market food. Individual businesses on the south side of Genesee St. have the option of whether to have it in front of their store or not. The Village board stated they would appreciate more time to review this proposed weekday market on Genesee St. and will be in contact with Mr. Girton as soon as possible. The Farmer’s Market at Tractor Supply parking lot, in the Town of Greene, will be having their farm market on Sunday’s 10a-2pm and Wednesdays 3pm-6pm as well.

Marcia Miller reported the Zoning/Planning board approved the variance on S. Canal St. across from Greene High School.

Mr. Curtis thanked the highway department for clearing out the grates of debris during the few days of heavy rain last week. Mr. Curtis spoke about the water pooling on Genesee St. in front of SFCU. WS Kinney explained it is a NY State roadway and he has been in constant talks with NYSDOT about Genesee St. issues and will continue to speak to NYSDOT in regards to getting work started on Genesee St. It was also mentioned that the Chenango-first-transit bus has been stopping on Genesee St. south side near Franklin St., which has become a dangerous situation as the bus customers are crossing the street to Mirabito service station. Mayor Brown will discuss with OIC Nordberg for him to address the situation.

Trustee DuMond thanked the electric dept. for all their diligent work on the Wheeler St. project.

Trustee Shapley wanted to congratulate Michael Dietrich as Fire Fighter of the year, as she was unable to attend the Fire Dept. banquet.

Trustee Williamson reported the sewer plant/water dept. have been busy. The new softball diamond is being installed at the ball flats along with new playground equipment.

Trustee Najarian reported the dog waste station maintenance has been going well. Also, the hanging baskets will be delivered to the electric department, Superintendent Livingston reported they will have the baskets hung the week before Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Brown read a thank you letter from Mr. Kimble for being appointed as a JRC board member.

Mayor Brown reported letters were sent out to some grocery stores informing them of the recently vacated Great American site to see if there was interest. To date, we received one back stating their regret that are not able to expand to an additional location and understand the concern for the community losing our local grocery.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Williamson to end regular session and enter into executive session at 7:50pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Shapley to end executive session and reenter regular session at 8:35pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept with regret, Jake Harmon’s resignation. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Williamson to allow Jim Girton’s PAGirton Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Enough and a Little More for Wednesdays 2pm – 5pm from May 24, 2023 through October 4, 2023 on the south side of Genesee Street, Greene, NY. This authorization is only valid for products of PAGirton Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Enough and a Little More. Please be advised that all other interested participants need to apply for approval from the Village of Greene Board. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond, seconded by Trustee Williamson to adjourn village board meeting at 8:45pm.

Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo

Clerk Treasurer