

**TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 18, 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, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith, and Planning Board Chair Michelle Day, Clerk to Supervisor LouAnn Day and Deputy Clerk Autumn Crumb.

Council Member Steve Northrup opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to approve the minutes dated September 20, 2023 with correction of motion 2023 budget expense Acct# should be J1-7145.460 not J1-7145.4
Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to approve the special meeting minutes dated October 4, 2023 Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to pay all bills as presented. Vouchers #20231121 through #20231169. General \$28,486.05 General Outside \$3,250.90, Highway \$5,976.87 Highway Outside \$58,819.75, Sewer District \$2,249.83, Water District One \$1,274.96, Water District Two \$1,248.15, Water District Three \$765.78.
Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2023165 through 2023169 \$862.71 Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Supervisor Henninge reported that Stephen Smith has passed another training test and one class is pending along with the Civil Service Test from the County (no dates have been set by the county)

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Drew reported that two new garage doors have been installed at the Town Highway Department and more will be done on October 27th, 28th or the 29th.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Planning Board Chair Michelle Day reported that two applications have been received for the October 23rd meeting.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page 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: Stephen Smith reported that John Money has been contacted to repair sink leaks in the men's bathroom on the first and third floor. A new toilet seat has been purchased at Lowe's by Drew and has been installed by Stephen on the 3rd floor women's bathroom to replace the one that had broken.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Michelle Day reported Pancake Day was held.

JRC REPORT: Steve Page reported the Soccer program has finished as of October 14th and the Basketball season is starting up with registrations in progress.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing to report.

GIMPC (Ball Flats): Steve Page reported that Toilets have been winterized. Currently waiting on Budget Fence for Backstop installation.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$140.80
Chenango County (JRC)	\$1,100.00
Judge Martin	\$441.00
Judge Brown	\$1,420.00
Town Clerk	\$5,862.07
RTI Auctions-sale of trucks	\$5,300.00
NBT Insurance-Refund	\$15.00
State of NY-POPS	\$47,061.73
State of NY-LG Aim	\$41,461.00
State of NY-Pave NY	<u>\$70,592.60</u>
	\$173,394.20

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Henninge did mention he is keeping an eye out for a check from The Town of Smithville for the remainder amount of \$1,100.00 towards the JRC program.

Supervisor Henninge mentioned the early voting in Chenango County has been posted on the front door of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Henninge passed on that Derrick Jenks donated a flag for the Ball Flats Park. Council Member McDermott requested that a thank you card be sent to Jenks- 70 Genesee St, Greene.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Highway Superintendent Drew asked the board to look and review the letter for the storing of the County truck for the winter of 2023 and 2024.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by McDermott to approve the storage of the County truck for 2023/2024. Ayes all. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Drew mentioned the Greene Central School sent a letter requesting to purchase salt for the 2023-2024 from the Town of Greene Highway Department approximately 55 ton at cost.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to approve the school request of purchasing salt from the Town of Greene Highway for the 2023-2024 winter season. Ayes all. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Drew asked the board review the Legal Notices for Weight Restrictions, Designated Snowmobile Roads, Seasonal Roads Designation, Liable for Damage and Parking Prohibited to have them submitted prior to the next board meeting for the winter season coming.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to approve the Legal Notices and have them submitted for publication before the November meeting. Ayes all. Carried.

Supervisor Joseph Henninge reported that after discussions with the ARPA Consultant that the Town of Greene can use ARPA funds to upgrade and replace water meters in the town water districts. ARPA funds need to be appropriated by the Spring of 2024 and spent by 2026. Code Enforcer Stephen Smith reported that the Neptune meters with the brass castings allow for repairs if needed due to frost vs the plastic and are compatible with the current Williamson Law Book program.

Supervisor Henninge reported that the estimated cost for the Neptune meters is \$47,013.88 for the whole system. The town will have to advertise for instillation and cost of doing so. Supervisor Henninge reported that he would also implement billing monthly versus quarterly after new meters are installed.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by McDermott to move forward in ordering the Neptune Brass casting meters. Ayes all. Carried

Supervisor Henning reported he currently is not in favor of resigning the contract with the ASPCA due to the increase in cost of the new contract. Supervisor Henning asked for Permission to speak with the Broome County Humane Society in regards to if they would be willing to work with the Town of Greene for dog seizure purposes.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page for Supervisor Henning to reach out to the Broome County Humane Society. Ayes all. Carried.

Supervisor Henning requested a motion to set a Public Hearing to review the Town of Greene Budget on November 8th at 6pm. If any questions prior, the board may do that one on one with him.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Page to set a Public Hearing on November 8th at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Henning mentioned to the Town Board that each have an updated copy of the Solar Site Plan Application and would like them to review and approve. Planning Board Chair Michelle Day reported the updates and that the remaining grammar corrections will be made.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Northrup to approve the new Solar Site Plan Application.

Supervisor Henning reported that he has been in contact with John Kubis from Pyramid to discuss updating the towns backup servers.

MOTION by McDermott to move ahead, no seconded. Page would like to speak with Kubis as well. The discussion is tabled till next meeting.

Supervisor Henning reported that LouAnn Day will no longer have the Planning Board Laptop and would like her to have the unused laptop already in office and have the Williamson Law Book programs moved to accommodate.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to move forward in getting laptop set for LouAnn.

Supervisor Henning reported that there was a request to move offices within the Town Hall building. Further discussion and plan to follow.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Northrup to increase the 2023 A Budget Revenue from the 2022 Unexpended A funds by \$12,400.00 and increase the 2023 Budget Expenditure for A5132.400 by \$12,400.00 (2 garage doors) Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to increase the J1 2023 Budget Revenue by \$7182.62 in J1-2705 and increase the 2023 Budget Expenditures J1-7145.100 by \$3,165.23, J1-7145.200 by \$2,418.90 and J1-7145.400 by \$1,598.49. Ayes all. Carried.

Council Member McDermott reported that Brisben Fire has passed to dissolve the Fire Station as of December 31, 2023. The Town of Greene will be responsible for the liquidation of equipment (Manasse to auction). Heating of the building will be cared for until then.

Council Member McDermott reported an update that work at the Lions Park has been postponed till Spring. Request of potential boom mowing at overgrown areas was passed on. Discussion was tabled while more information is gathered.

Council Member McDermott mentioned requests from Assessor Penny Haddad in her Assessor's Report, amend existing Grievance Day and appoint two members to the Board of Assessment. Board will table amendment of law for now. Supervisor Henning mentioned that Clifford Jones had shown interest when approached for filling a vacancy for the Board of Assessment. Deputy Clerk Crumb reported that Jones had been in for application and returned it to office.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to replace vacancy fir the Board of Assessment with Clifford Jones. Ayes all. Carried. Council Member McDermott will inform Jones.

Council Member Flanagan reported a resignation letter has been submitted by Diana Dobell with no date at this time.

Supervisor Henninge mentioned Town of Greene Employment Policy will be set to review for the November Meeting.

Clerk to Supervisor LouAnn Day mentioned examples of new monthly budget report sheets and explained they would be replacing current budget sheets. LouAnn started working last month with Highway Superintendent Nick Drew on some.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke

Supervisor Henninge reported a request to enter Executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to enter into Executive session at 7:27 PM. to discuss a Personnel matter. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to return to regular session at 7:51 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn M Crumb
Greene Deputy Town Clerk

Town Board Public Hearing (2024 Town of Greene Budget)- November 8, 2023, 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – November 15, 2023, 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall