

Village Board Meeting  
January 11, 2021

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Hartley, Maley, Tuttle and Najarian were present along with Clerk Treasurer Irene A. Tornillo, SP Operator Ingraham, Electric Supt. Livingston, Working Supervisor Kinney, Officer Nordberg and Fire Chief Mirabito. Those attending in Zoom meeting were: OIC Messina and Julia. Mayor Brown had a moment of silence for June Cooper and asked to keep everyone in Washington D.C. in our thoughts.

Motion to accept the minutes of 12/14/20 by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Hartley with corrections to page 2 changing Trustee Hartley to Trustee Tuttle and Trustee Maley moving to destroy records as Trustee Hartley was not in attendance of 12/14/20 meeting. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian second by Trustee Maley that Treasurer's, Police, Code Enforcer and Registrar Vital Statistic reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Mirabito updated that Diekow Company evaluated that 2 zones of the bay floor heating are issues. Sure Temp is researching different options and quotes for different type of systems and repairs for the HVAC, which would be sometime summer 2021. New truck update, it is moving along. Looking to possibly have a mid-build inspection without having to go to Canada, possibly meeting at border instead. Will keep updated on that.

Superintendent Livingston reported the 1<sup>st</sup> oil samples at Burnap station have been done and all good. Main tank seems to have no issues. Another test will be done in 30 days then in 6 months and then annually if everything is looking good.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported received CHIPS check of \$117k for reimbursement. FEMA still no word from Albany. Working Supervisor stated he reached out to Town Hwy Superintendent Nick Drew and he stated his FEMA is still in Albany as well. Freightliner dump truck had an oil leak at end of engine, it was the cover seal and it is fixed. Backhoe has a bad rear axle seal & bearing that Village highway department tore apart, which would have been the most costly portion if it was taken to be torn down and fixed. Parts taken to 5 Star to be rebuilt. Currently using a loader from T.K. Harrington to remove snow from lots, working Supervisor Kinney stated T.K. Harrington gave a good deal to rent. Mayor Brown said it was a good idea to rent from local business. Trustee Najarian asked about price of fixing backhoe, Working Supervisor Kinney stated that Village Hwy Dept did most of labor work and parts alone would be around \$3,000.00.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported ACI installed new panel before the heavy rain and it worked out well. Good improvement over the old unit, now just learning how to work it.

Mayor Brown reported that Chenango County Dept of Health gave a good sanitary system report. There were 3 minor recommendations that SP Operator Ingraham will be addressing in the spring, and overall is pleased with the report.

Officer Nordberg reported the new police vehicle is delivered and currently getting its accessories, lights, sirens, lettering done on Slater Rd. He reported probably a couple more weeks for completion. Officer Nordberg has been monitoring Green St and Wheeler St., issuing a few tickets other than speed. The presence alone seems to be making a difference. Green St leading to school and Wheeler St leading to Raymond. Mayor Brown's concern is student's safety walking up and down Green St and his stance is to protect our community members.

Mayor signed Agreement with the clothing bank for year 2021.

Motion by Trustee Maley, second by Trustee Tuttle to pay authorized claims in total \$274,993.96.

General Fund	\$ 82,954.37	Electric Fund	\$157,520.51
Water Fund	\$ 11,168.49	Sewer Fund	\$ 23,350.59

Ayes – all. Carried.

Mayor opened floor to Zoom visitors – no one spoke.

Working Supervisor Kinney wanted to thank the Town and Village other departments for all their help during the 40+ inch snow storm we had. Thank you to the electric department, Town Hwy Superintendent Drew along with the Village Water Dept.

Mayor Brown stated overall, snow removal went very well for as much snow that was received so fast and were also ready for the Christmas rain we received. Thank you to the Town for their assistance. There was a squad call during snow storm and one of our highway workers plowed to Rt 79 in order for squad to get through. Also highway department helped some residents. Mayor Brown will be speaking to New York State regarding Birdsall St flooding, to change direction of the water.

Working Supervisor Kinney stated he managed to get to the electric department driveway cleared as quickly as possible in case of outages. Hwy department plowed at night and it was worth it. It was a tough time keeping up.

Motion made by Trustee Hartley second by Trustee Tuttle to adopt resolution making March 16, 2021 Election Day with Village Board Room, 49 Genesee St., Greene, NY 13778 as polling place with the hours from noon to 9pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Hartley reported tree trimming will continue as long as weather holds out. And mentioned some Ash tree work. Superintendent Livingston will be out week of January 20, 2021 through January 27, 2021 and will be available when needed. Scout house had issues due to water from heavy rains, Mirabito came to clean.

Trustee Maley thanked the departments for their non-stop, quick work with snow removal. Excellent job was done, thank you very much.

Trustee Tuttle reported water department working on repairing and replacing water meters. SP Operator Ingraham is working on end of year reporting for water & sewer plant reports.

Trustee Najarian said an outstanding job was done for snow clean up. Trustee Najarian will be spear heading monthly training on 5G, at Congregational Church looking for community involvement , once we are able to get together again from Covid.

Mayor Brown gave Trustees a list of tentative dates for upcoming budget meetings. Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays would work best but would like Thursdays. February 18 may be the only day needing to adjust day and possibly move to February 16. Office will get schedule together and email Trustees. Looking at January 28<sup>th</sup> to have worksheets ready and have budget kick off meeting. Any issues on dates, let Mayor know ASAP and will adjust the dates.

Trustee Tuttle second by Trustee Hartley to enter into executive session at 7:30pm. Ayes-all. Carried. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle second by Trustee Najarian to end executive session and enter regular session at 7:48pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Maley second by Trustee Hartley to raise Officer Nordberg's hourly rate from \$27.00 per hour to \$29.00 retroactive beginning January 2, 2021. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Tuttle second by Trustee Hartley at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo – Clerk Treasurer