

Village of Greene Board Meeting
October 11, 2021

Deputy Mayor Hartley called meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in the memory of Donald Simmonds, retired Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Greene.

ABSENT: Mayor Brown

Attending: Trustee Hartley as Deputy Mayor, Trustee Najarian, Trustee Tuttle, Trustee Shapley, Dedra Ingraham, OIC Nordberg, Working Supervisor Kinney, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Fire Chief Mirabito, Electric Superintendent Livingston, Karen Smith, Jessup Dumond, Rich Chmiel, Marcia Miller, Kimber Madara.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept board meeting minutes of 9/13/21. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian, to accept the Treasurer's, Police, Registrar of Vital Statistics Reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried

Fire Chief Mirabito reported the new truck was still at dealer but hopes to have it back before Halloween. Once the new vehicle is in service, he will be requesting to surplus two vehicles. He would like to check on cost associated with selling operation support vehicle and rescue truck via an auction site, rather than advertising in Evening Sun. Fire Chief Mirabito believes the vehicles will sell for higher amount thru auction. Sexual Harassment required training will be done for fire department volunteers on Monday, October 18th at 6:30 pm.

Superintendent Livingston expressed thanks to the Village of Afton and Village of Greene Highway department for helping with the electric department parking lot.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow Superintendent Livingston to attend NYMPA meeting on October 27, 2021. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to appoint Superintendent Livingston to be NYMPA voting delegate. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported that highway department is done blacktopping Scott St, Elm St, part of S Chenango St and part of Monell and Mill St. Still waiting to hear on FEMA update for creek cleaning. FEMA request additional paperwork. This paperwork was sent previously and another copy was sent. Proposal by Raymond's for sidewalk on Cherry St still being discussed. "Make a Difference Day" is Saturday, October 16th. Michelle Whitbeck has some volunteers and they will work at Memorial Park, painting fence post and chain.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported that all three wells and the water reservoir all passed. Request for a referendum for \$11,000 for Laberge Group for professional service including CDBG Grant and NYWIIA Grant Development. Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Pam Shapley. Ayes-all. Carried.

OIC Nordberg reported that the Applefest went well, there were no issues. The new part time Officer Corey Burnett worked with OIC Nordberg. Mary Jane Alger, police secretary, is retiring the 10/29/21. The duties of the secretary will be split between Officer Wheeler, OIC Nordberg and the Village office staff. OIC Nordberg would like to leave the position open, so there is an option to hire at a later time if needed. OIC Nordberg stated there was a need for new Intoximeter Alco-Sensor FST. OIC Nordberg wrote to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety. The Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety had been awarded a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to purchase alcohol prescreening devices and distribute them. We were fortunate to be provided the Intoximeters Alco-Sensor FST at no cost.

Deputy Mayor Hartley opened the Public Hearing for amending the Snow and Ice Removal Local Law at 7:30 pm by reading the public notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm by the Village Board of Trustees at the Village Hall, 49 Genesee St., Greene, NY. The purpose of this hearing is to amend the village code concerning Removal of Ice and Snow Local Law. Said board will at said meeting hear all persons in support of as well as those who object thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent.

Dated: September 27, 2021
Irene A. Tornillo
Village Clerk

Deputy Mayor Hartley opened the floor for comments. No requests were made by the public to speak. Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to end public hearing at 7:56 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian that Halloween Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Greene will be from 5:00-8:00 pm on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to readopt Cannabis Local Law opting out of retail sales and consumption in the Village of Greene. Ayes-all. Carried.

Rich Chmiel spoke in regard to additional information on Park St/Clinton St water issue that is affecting four properties. He has met with Chenango County Soil and Water. Rich received a letter from Chenango County Soil and Water after the visit. Suggestions of looking at the diversion ditches and possible a rock lined ditch were suggested to Mr. Chmiel. Working Supervisor Kinney said that he had been contacted by Chenango County Soil and Water but had not received a copy of the letter Mr. Chmiel did. Mr. Chmiel contacted T&K Harrington in regard to proposal of ditch between private properties. Deputy Mayor Hartley stated that at this time the village is unable to provide the funds for this work on private property.

Kimber Madara spoke in regard to the letter he sent to the village. Notice of Defect – Hazardous Condition Created by The Village, in regard to the repaving of Scott Ave. Road and sidewalk are same level and create water hazard. Mr. Madara wants to be documented in case of injury, he would hold the village responsible. Working Supervisor Kinney said that he will look into this.

Mary Jane Alger's letter of retirement was read. Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to accept letter of retirement. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle read a letter of retirement, effective November 1, 2021, from Trustee Hartley. Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept with regrets. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payments of audited claims in amount of \$289,076.83.

General Fund: \$117,992.05

Electric Fund: \$136012.81

Water Fund: \$8359.29

Sewer Fund: \$26712.68

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize budget amendments.

G.8120.200 Sanitary Sewer Equipment -\$965.12

G.8120.422 Sanitary Sewer Repairs +\$965.12

F.8330.457 Purification Chemicals -\$613.98

F.8330.422 Purification Repairs +613.98

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to end public hearing at 7:56 pm.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to adopt amendment to Ice and Snow removal Local Law. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Hartley stated that the Electric Department will be starting tree trimming. Appreciation to Electric and Highway Departments on the improvements made to Electric Dept parking lot.

Trustee Shapley thanked the office staff and reported that Irene and Dedra will be attending 2021 Fall Education Conference – NYS Legalization of Marijuana on Oct 28 & 29. Conference presented by PERMA. Trustee Shapley will be meeting with the mayor, village office staff, Mary Jane Alger and OIC Nordberg next week to discuss coverage for police secretary duties. Fire Department is hoping to have truck back before Halloween.

Trustee Tuttle reported that the sewer/water department have been busy winterizing the plant and prepping the top of sewer plant for needed repairs to concrete.

Trustee Najarian report that Boy Scout Nick Flynn will be at a board meeting in early spring to review plans for sign by Mirabito's. Thank you to all dept that helped with the flower baskets on Genesee St. Garden Club is looking for new baskets for next year. Highway Department has been picking up bagged leaves and will begin using the machine to pick up leaves that have been raked to curb.

Trustee Hartley, member of Ballflats committee, stated that volleyball equipment is ready to be installed. Requested Electric Department and Highway Departments help as previously discussed, installation of poles and concrete.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to end regular board meeting and enter into executive session at 8:06 pm.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to end executive session and enter into regular board meeting at 8:17 pm.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to appoint Jessup Dumond as Trustee, to fill Wayne Hartley for the rest of his term. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to adjourn board meeting at 8:19 pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dedra Ingraham
Deputy Clerk Treasurer