

VILLAGE OF GREENE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 7PM

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance. Present were Trustees DuMond, Williamson, Najarian and Shapley as well as Electric Supervisor Livingston, Working Supervisor Kinney, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Fire Chief Mirabito, 1st Assistant Chief Williams and OIC Nordberg. Visitors: Craig Curtis and Jessica Fish.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to accept board meeting minutes of 10/9/23 and 10/30/23 special meeting. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Shapley that Treasurers', Police, Town of Greene, Town Historian and Code Enforcement reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

F.C. Mirabito reported the fire department yearly sexual harassment training is scheduled for 12/4/23, if anyone has not had their yearly training yet they can attend. Dec. 9, 2023 there will be an auction at the Brisben Fire Dept. which all proceeds will go to the Town of Greene General Fund. The tanker has a substantial leak that is scheduled for repair the first week of December, which will cost approximately \$3,000.00. Until it is fixed, there is a plan in place if the tanker is needed. Fire Dept had prior approval by the board to rent the community room inside the Fire Dept to the public, no action was never taken by the fire dept to do so. FC Mirabito stated the fire dept will gather a committee to start the process for room rental at the fire dept. New member application for Operations Support has been approved by Fire Dept and would like approval from Village Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve Jennifer Fleury, new member application for Operations Support pending physical. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to approve the purchase of Chief/Assistant Chief vehicle for \$1.00 and at the time this vehicle is due to be replaced, a value/cost review will be done and Chief/Assistant Chief Vehicle Use Policy is also approved. Ayes-all. Carried.

Superintendent Livingston reported tree work done on Franklin/Willard. Electric Dept will be doing some concrete work at substation. Electric Dept will be attending safety school 11/14/23.

Mr. Curtis thanked the Electric Department for some of the tree debris that he wanted.

Working Supervisor Kinney will continue with leaves this week and will be finished up by Thanksgiving. All highway trucks will be ready for winter weather by Thanksgiving. WS Kinney thanked the Sewer Plant and Michael Ingraham with leaf pick up. Highway dept has been working alongside electric dept while they trimmed trees.

OIC Nordberg reported Halloween went well, P/T Officer McEwan patrolled that evening. Sidney Police Dept will have a \$20,000.00 check for the purchase of our 2017 Ford police car this week. Arrangements will be made for picking up the 2023 Tahoe police vehicle from DeNooyer Chevy this week as well.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported Sewer Dept finishing up on heat taping and insulation for the plant. Raymond Corp has a need for dumping brown water at an extra fee to the Sewer Plant which will provide additional income for the Sewer Plant.

Jessica Fish, head of Interact Club, thanked the Board and Bruce for all their help with the dog stations. The Greene Interact Community Fund has changed things with their local bell ringing in order to raise money to create a local fund raiser to help local families pay their utility bills, etc. instead of being involved with Salvation Army. Interact Community Fund is asking permission to set up somewhere on Genesee Street during Hometown Holiday Weekend. Mayor Brown requested they ask permission from one of the stores first before setting up outside their storefront.

Mayor Brown is having the Clerk Treasurer run a legal ad on the offices will be open for election in March 19, 2024, which is two Trustee positions for two-year terms each.

Mayor Brown read a letter from Central Baptist Church thanking the Electric Dept for removing the diseased tree in front of the church and doing such a nice job.

Mayor Brown thanked the Greene Bowlodrome for raising money through their golf tournament fundraiser for a new community Christmas tree topper.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Shapley to submit 2023 unpaid Village taxes to Chenango County in the amount of \$37,726.24. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee DuMond to adopt Resolution to authorize Mayor Brown to execute a Grant/Loan Agreement with USDA and corresponding engineering and legal contracts. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept Audit Engagement Letter from CQYNAR, CPA firm, Norwich for the USDA Rural Development 2024 if needed.

Mayor Brown is pleased to announce the Village of Greene has been awarded a USDA Rural Development low interest loan of \$11 million and a grant of \$8,955,000.00 for replacement of water line system within the Village of Greene.

Mayor Brown thanked Irene and Dedra for their research and information gathered in regards to investments through NYCLASS for municipal funds, a lot of time and effort has been put into trying to sort through all the information.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept Resolution to invest municipal funds in NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Security System) as per General Municipal Law Article 5-G, Section 11-0, in order to earn higher interest rates on Village funds. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to authorize payments of audited claims in the amount of \$304,242.00 as follows:

General Fund	\$81,122.73	Water Fund	\$22,304.57
Electric Fund	\$154,110.08	Sewer Fund	\$46,704.62

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee DuMond to authorize budget amendments. Ayes-all. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

F.8310.451 WATER ADMINISTRATIONENGINEERING SUPPLIES	+\$7,135.63
F.9060.800 HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	-\$7,135.63
A.5110.429 STREET MAINT. STREET SIGNS	+\$619.56
A.5110.462 STREET MAINT. PATCHING/PAVING	-\$619.56
F.8310.416 WATER ADMINISTRATION.MISC SUPPLIES	+\$1,083.50
F.9060.800 HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	-\$1,083.50
G.8130.457 TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS	+\$4,238.00
G.9060.800 HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	-\$4,238.00
A.3410.450 FIRE DEPT AWARDS PROGRAM	+\$,2017.00
A.3410.448 FIRE DEPT MISCELLANEOUS	-\$2,017.00

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase revenue line A.3389.000 State Aid Public Safety from DEC Grant for Fire Dept apparatus	+\$1,500.00
Increase budget line-item A.3410.200 FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT (For Fire Dept from DEC Grant for apparatus)	+\$1,500.00

Mayor Brown opened the floor to visitors.

Mr. Curtis asked about last month's meeting minutes in regards to NYS DOT telling Bruce they will not be paving Genesee Street. It was explained that DOT did not give a reason why they are not paving Genesee Street. Mr. Curtis also asked if the loan for the new water line project was going to affect the tax payers as the sewer assessment does. It was explained that that it would affect the water rate users with an assessment as does the sewer assessment charge.

Trustee DuMond reported Lion's Club is planning to replace new speakers throughout the village.

Trustee Shapley congratulated the village new part time officer, Officer McEwan on his graduating from the academy. Thanked OIC Nordberg on his recommendation to sponsor McEwan through the academy to fill the part time position that was needed to be filled in the village.

Trustee Najarian reported Hometown Holiday Weekend will start 12/1/23. OIC Nordberg was asked for police presence that evening. WS Kinney was asked to set cones and check the tree lighting switch for that evening.

Electric Superintendent Livingston stated if anyone or any organizations are interested in making any kind of donation to Hometown Holiday Weekend, 6 – 50ft strands of lights are needed yearly for the bridge as they do not last from year to year.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Najarian to end regular session and enter executive session at 7:40pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Najarian to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 8:02PM. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Najarian to increase Dedra Ingraham's hourly rate from \$24.50 to \$25.50 per hour effective 11/4/23. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept 2024 BCBS Excellus Silver 2 High Deductible plan. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Najarian to not exceed Village Hall Repair budget line item to replace windows, repair/paint cupola, reface clock and paint front of Village Hall building. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee DuMond to adjourn meeting at 8:15PM. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo
Clerk Treasurer