

Village of Greene Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024 7pm

Mayor DuMond called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Trustees Williamson, McGrath, Najarian and Shapley. Also, in attendance were: Superintendent Livingston, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Working Supervisor Kinney, OIC Nordberg and Fire Chief Williams. Visitors: Jerry Andrews and Pat McKay Sr.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept board meeting minutes of 8/5/24. Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Electric Superintendent Livingston report that BST Accountant firm has completed the electric financial report for the fiscal year end 5/31/24 and it will be filed with PSC. In BST's review, it shows there is a need for a rate increase with the village's rate being the same since 2008, the increase in operating expenses and the electric fund having a loss over the last 3 years. The Electric Dept crew has been busy with line maintenance and upgrades. Reminder that Superintendent Livingston will be attending NYMPA semi-annual & MEUA annual conference in Canandaigua 10/1/24 – 10/3/24.

Superintendent Livingston is asking permission for the Electric Dept to attend the MEUA Engineering/Accounting Workshop in Syracuse November 7th & 8th. Clerk Treasurer also asked for permission for her and Dedra to attend the MEUA Engineering/Accounting Workshop.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee McGrath to accept Fiscal Year end 5/31/24 financial report from BST Accountant firm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson for the Electric Department as well as Irene and Dedra to attend the MEUA Engineering/Accounting Workshop in Syracuse November 7th and November 8th. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported village leaf pick up dates: bags until 10/7/24 after that, leaf vac until weather permits. Dog stations have been being emptied twice per week; Trustee Najarian will check with Jess about student groups helping now that school is back in session. The Scoop project will be under way this week at Memorial Park. Raymond employees will be doing some village clean up on 9/19/24 – 9/20/24. CHIPS changed guidelines from 10 years to every 5 years.

Fire Chief Williams submitted application for new member. Fire Chief Williams thanked Mayor DuMond and Trustee Shapley for attending the event honoring Cliff Jones on his 52 years of service in the Greene Volunteer Fire Dept.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept application of new member pending physical. Ayes-all. Carried.

OIC Nordberg requested permission to hire a new Part-Time Officer, Phil Cole for weekend coverage. Officer Cole is retired from Sidney PD and was OIC Nordberg's field trainer. OIC Nordberg reported Labor Day went well. The Police Tahoe will be ready by next week.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to hire Phil Cole as a Village of Greene Part-Time Police Officer. Ayes-all. Carried.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham happily reported the Dept of Health performed their annual inspection and there were no violations. September 16th through September 23rd water department will be flushing fire hydrants. The sewer dept is finishing up the concrete pad for the new building at the sewer plant. He thanked Bruce and his crew for the help in laying the concrete pad. The circulation pump they had been waiting months for was finally received and installed. SPO Ingraham reported on the meeting with Raymond Corp for their 90-day non-compliance of discharge. Raymond Corp is now being fined \$250 per day for each day of non-compliance according to §90-12 in the Village Code.

Discussion regarding 8 ½ Jackson Street. Clerk Treasurer read Village Code § 51.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee McGrath to move forward with Village Code § 51 regarding 8 ½ Jackson Street, parcel #: 236.16-3-36. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize audited claims in the amount of \$214,267.49 as follows:

General Fund	\$42,341.17	Water Fund	\$6,885.46
Electric Fund	\$142,758.23	Sewer Fund	\$22,282.63

Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Transfer from NYCLASS waterline project account to Tioga waterline project account \$952.81 for Laberge invoice #'S 202106200031, 202106200030.

Transfer \$32,500.00 of FYE 5/31/24 Highway budget balance to A.9950.929, Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor DuMond opened the floor to visitors.

Jerry Andrews reported there have been several dog incidents with one particular dog on Birdsall Street. He would like something done about this dog as it has attacked several people and several other dogs. He stated the dog warden has been notified; he has also been to a Town of Greene Board meeting about this situation as well. Mayor DuMond will speak with Town Supervisor McDermott regarding this situation to see what can be done.

Mr. McKay, Sr. stated he has been a resident of Greene since 2004 and owns several properties here. He came tonight to thank all departments that assisted in one way or another to get the campers set up and situated with complying to what needed to be done. He informed the board he has an evacuation plan for emergency and flooding situations for that property.

Trustee Najarian reported the flower baskets look great and Garden Club would like to keep them up until the first frost, as well as the flower barrels. They are starting to prepare for Hometown Holiday Weekend, there will be a meeting the last week in September.

Trustee Williamson thanked all the departments for their hard work and coordinating for getting the ball flats ready for September 2nd Labor Day festivities. The sidewalk work the highway department did on Scott Ave. seems to have made a big difference. A reminder that 9/28/24 is the Greene Applefest on the ball flats from 9am-4pm.

Trustee Shapley, on behalf of herself and the entire village board, wanted to thank Cliff Jones for his 52 years of service and commitment as a volunteer fire fighter. It is quite a milestone to achieve 52 years as an active volunteer fire fighter and we all as a community, thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Greene community.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Shapley to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee McGrath to exit executive session and enter into regular session. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to transfer \$32,500.00 of FYE 5/31/24 Highway budget balance to Highway Department A.9950.929 Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo, Clerk Treasurer