

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 10, 2021

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 Joe Henninge, Council Members Steve Northrup, Diane Flanagan and Steve Page, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew, Planning Board Member Michelle Day

ABSENT: Council Member Bernie McDermott

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Supervisor Henninge opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Steve Northrup.

MINUTES

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve the minutes dated January 13, 2021 as submitted by the Town Clerk. Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to approve all bills as presented including the bill for Bennedum's. General \$5,589.30, General Outside \$664.46, Highway \$4,180.60, Highway Outside \$7,539.39, Greene Intermunicipal Parks Commission \$270.98, Water District One \$65.20, Water District Two \$79.70, Water District Three \$65.20. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

There was a discussion regarding the street lights at the intersections in the Town of Greene which are currently billed through NYSEG. Superintendent Nick Drew spoke with Seth Barrows at Empire Natural Gas and the change in rate would be very minimal.

Planning Board Member Michelle Day discussed the applications the Planning Board has received for solar farms. There are three (3); Puckett Solar, Community Solar and Atlas Renewables. Highway Superintendent Nick Drew spoke about the effects the heavy truck traffic has had on Willard Road associated with the Puckett Solar project. He expressed concern about future solar projects and the effects on our infrastructure. Planning Board Michelle Day stated she would review the Puckett Solar application and see if they are in compliance with what was submitted.

Assessor Penny Haddad's February 2021 report states the Town of Greene's preliminary equalization rate is currently between 82.48 and 91.17 by the State Office of Real Property Tax Services Department. She plans to recommend a rate of .87 which is the same as 2020.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to receive and file all Reports as submitted by the Assessor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer and Planning Board Minutes dated January 25, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A discussion was held on the Custodial position and whether or not to include snow removal of the sidewalk in the job description. Supervisor Henninge will check with the Village of Greene Mayor to see if it is possible for the Village to provide snow removal as a shared service.

Council Member Page reported Amanda Wilson has resigned as Director of the Joint Recreation Program (JRC). The Village of Greene has the JRC agreement to sign and they will forward it to the Town of Smithville for their signature.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Enforcement Department	\$179.80
Judge Martin	\$0.00
Town Clerk	\$9,815.27
2021 Tax Warrant	\$1,569,211.00
State of NY	\$104,259.77 (Division of Homeland Security)
Chenango County	\$126,691.63 (4th Quarter 2020 Sales Tax)
Chenango County	\$212.56 (2021 PILOT for Simmar)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Henninge will research whether or not the Town Justice's position will be on the ballot in the next November general election.

Highway Superintendent Drew discussed repairs on the Gradall. It is a 2008 machine and needs a new main ram that runs the boom. The part is on order from the factory and the approximate cost for the repair is \$12,000.

Supervisor Henninge stated Chenango County is putting a committee together for new emergency planning requirements.

There was a discussion regarding a computer cable in the Town Clerk's office that needs replacing. Replacement of the current computers was briefly discussed.

Supervisor Henninge also discussed software programs available through Williamson Law for Assessor, Town Clerk, Tax Collecting, Highway and Code Enforcement. A demo on the software programs can be set up with Williamson Law.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Town will advertise for three (3) positions for a Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Henninge will write the description for the ad.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Thomas

Next Regular Town Board Meeting - March 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall