

Village of Greene Board Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2024 7:00 PM

Mayor DuMond called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Trustee Williamson, Najarian, Shapley and McGrath, along with Working Supervisor Kinney, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Fire Chief Mirabito and 1st asst Chief Braeden Williams. Absent were: Electric Superintendent Livingston and OIC Nordberg. Visitors: Town Superintendent McDermott, Craig Curtis, Greg Cobb, James Lachman, Klaus Raumholt and Tom Charles.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept board meeting minutes of 1/8/24, budget minutes of 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24 and 2/8/24. Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Fire Chief Mirabito had nothing to report other than 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Braeden Williams will be running for Fire Chief position and if all goes well, his first Fire Dept meeting will be 4/4/2024.

Trustee Williamson reported the electric department will be attending MEUA's electric workshop 3/12/24 and 3/13/24 in Syracuse. Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson for electric department to attend MEUA electric workshop on 3/12/24 & 3/13/24 in Syracuse. Ayes-all. Carried. Trustee Williamson also reported the electric department has taken down 5 unhealthy diseased trees within the village and thanked the highway department for their help in assisting with this.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported the highway department will be attending a U-Dig class on 3/1/24. The highway department has been looking at a few new snow implements, but nothing has been decided yet.

Trustee Najarian reported that Police Dept has nothing to report.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported they have been conditioning some of the fire hydrants around the village.

Mayor DuMond reported Election Day will be March 19, 2024 at the Village of Greene Hall, 49 Genesee St, Greene, NY between the hours of noon and 9pm. Candidates running: Trustee Wendell McGrath, 2-year term and Trustee Pamela Shapley, 2-year term.

Mayor DuMond reported the Dept of Health annual inspection of the water system came back stating Village of Greene Operators demonstrate diligence and excellence in providing safe clean water to the Village of Greene residents. Mayor DuMond, Trustee Shapley thanked the water dept.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept the annual report for the Newton Boyce Trust. (under separate cover). Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson for Irene and Dedra to attend MEUA electric accounting & finance workshop on 3/12/24 & 3/13/24 in Syracuse. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payments of audited claims in the amount of \$347,803.93 as follows:

General Fund	\$67,315.32	Water Fund	\$9,371.30
Electric Fund	\$259,772.22	Sewer Fund	\$11,345.09

Ayes-all. Carried.

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

A.1320.460	AUDITOR CONTRACTUAL	+\$198.00
A.1420.400	LAW CONTRACTUAL	-\$198.00
A.1620.431	VILLAGE HALL INSURANCE	+\$185.79
A.1420.400	LAW CONTRACTUAL	-\$185.79
A.1920.419	MISC DUES/TRAVEL/MEETINGS	+\$1,113.00
A.1420.400	LAW CONTRACTUAL	-\$1,113.00
A.1920.416	MISC OFFICE SUPPLES	+\$50.19
A.1420.400	LAW CONTRACTUAL	-\$50.19
A.3120.416	POLICE OFFICE SUPPLIES	+\$26.12
A.3120.419	POLICE DUES/TRAVEL	-\$26.12
A.5110.431	STREET MAINT. INSURANCE	+\$454.15
A.5110.448	STREET MAINT. MISC	-\$454.15
F.8310.451	WATER ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING SUPPLIES	+\$2,393.70
F.8310.412	TELEPHONE	-\$1,239.00
F.8310.415	POSTAGE	-\$1,154.70

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor DuMond opened the floor to visitors.

Klaus Raumholt from Cocomune stated they are through their first commissioning phase. They will be ready for a factory tour for the board of Trustees to see the plants full operation. The best time to see the full activity would be Monday through Wednesday in February, other than the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March. Trustee McGrath asked about their possible expansion. Mr. Raumholt stated they are contemplating expansion, but it will be time and cost. Trustee Najarian would check her schedule for a tour date of the Cocomune facility.

Mr. Curtis was unsuccessful with the DEC regarding what could be done about the beaver dams. DEC stated to Mr. Curtis that the beaver dams are not close enough to his residence to have any affect at his location. Mr. Curtis asked to have Franklin and Willard Street checked for a water leak.

Mr. Cobb spoke about parking spots for The Sherwood Hotel overnight visitors. There were suggestions made by letter last month to the Sherwood Hotel regarding parking. Mr. Cobb is asking for special permission for guest parking for this weekend's event. Trustee Williamson stated he would contact UHS on N. Chenango Street for parking in the lot on N. Chenango for The Sherwood Hotel's event this weekend and will get back to Mr. Cobb. The other suggestion was, the parking lot behind Magro's would be ample parking for guests of The Sherwood Hotel to park.

Town Supervisor McDermott attended a Commerce Chenango meeting with Page Seed to see if there was anything Commerce Chenango could do to assist with their growth and expansion.

Traffic on corner of Cherry Street, Water Street and Washington Street has become very heavy. Speeding on Cherry Street has been addressed and has gotten a bit better. Mr. Raumholt from Cocomune stated it will continue to be addressed at his plant.

Trustee Najarian reported the Garden Club will be getting assistance from Raymond Corp. for help with flowers, planters and baskets this season. The Garden Club will also be passing on watering and fertilization suggestions to the water department before the baskets are hung this year to hopefully help keep the flowers alive longer with drastic weather issues that seem to continue (lots of rain and draught).

Trustee Williamson - nothing to report.

Trustee Shapley - nothing to report.

Trustee McGrath - nothing to report.

Mr. Curtis spoke about seeing minutes from last year regarding waterline replacement bonding and grant funding. Mr. Curtis asked if there would be further public discussion in regards to this. Mayor DuMond stated there will be

a public session on February 22, 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall, 49 Genesee St., Greene. There will be an ad placed in the Evening Sun, as well as posting on Greene's website and social media page.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to exit regular session at 7:40pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to enter into executive session at 7:44pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 9:15pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Williamson to adjourn meeting at 9:17pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo  
Clerk Treasurer