Village Board Meeting October 14, 2019

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Tuttle was present, along with Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling. Absent were Trustee Hartley and Trustee Maley therefore, Mayor Brown voted on all items so that there was a quorum.

Visitors: Electric Supt. Jeff Livingston
Officer in Charge Jeff Messina
SP Operator Steve Ingraham
Rod Andrews
John Whitbeck Jr.
Phil Mirabito
Dana Hayes
Raymond Burke
George Estey
Tim Fenton
Loren Breck
Jonalyn Cooper
Kevin cooper

Rick Woerter Keith Purdy

Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling administered the oath of office to newly appointed Trustee Najarian.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Najarian that the minutes of 9/9 are accepted. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian that the Treasurers, Code Enforcement, Police, Assessor's and Registrar of Vital Statistics were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Loren Breck spoke about getting a variance for an 8 foot fence instead of a 6 foot fence he has already spoken to Mike Wheelock of code enforcement. The board told Mr. Breck he needed to fill out a form for the zoning board.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept new member to the Fire Department Justin Blever as Chaplain. Ayes-all. Carried.

Phil Mirabito the Fire Chief and the replacement committee which consist of Rick Woerter, Tim Fenton and Keith Purdy came to the board to talk about the replacement of Truck 215 the rescue truck. The fire department would be looking into purchasing a freightliner box and having it customized and attached to a frame at an approximate cost of \$350,000-\$375,000. The fire department would also be getting rid of vehicle 2152 which is listed as the auxiliary vehicle.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow the fire department to move forward (with updates to the board) on a new rescue truck between \$350,000 -\$375,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston stated that the Financial Statement from BST Accounting looks good the standing line loss was 4.2 last year. The lines are in good shape maintenance is being kept up. Last years purchased power was down. The Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston said he and Mayor Brown went to look at a 27 foot Norway Spruce Christmas tree the cost would be around \$4,000.00-5,000.00 and doing it in the spring or fall is the ideal time. Electric Superintendent gave an update on the transformer he is still taking samples every 3 months and is advised not to tear it down but it may have to come offline at some point for repairs.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to send Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston to NYMPA semi-annual seminar October 30 in Syracuse and to be our voting delegate. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian to send two Electric men to the Engineering Workshop November 5-6 in Syracuse. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Bruce Kinney was unable to make it to the board meeting but Mayor Brown said that employee Bailey DeBetta has received his CDL. The Mayor also said that Canal Street to Elm Street is to get drainage and sidewalks before November 1.

Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham said that water reservoir inspection went well it is in excellent shape and the sediment is low. All three wells went through an inspection and passed. Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham said that the insurgent valve has been installed.

Officer in Charge Jeff Messina told the board that parking enforcement will begin November 1st until April from 2am -6am. Officer in Charge also wanted to remind residents to lock their cars and remove valuables because of recent car larcenies.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Tuttle that Trick or Treating will be October 31, 2019 from 5:00 -8:00. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept BST audit on the Electric Department. Ayes-all. Carried.

There will be the 33rd annual Halloween Dance at the Greene Central School October 31, 2019 from 7:00 – 10:00 with a \$3.00 admission with \$1.00 of the admission going to the local food bank. Mayor Brown said that In March 2020 Wayne Hartley and Elizabeth Maley will be the ones running for a two year term. Meredith Kost would like to talk with Village employees about other benefits she has, the board told Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling to get a list of what she has to offer. Trustee Tuttle spoke about the parking plan at 10 South Chenango Street and does not see how we can designate parking for the tenants. Mayor Brown said we have not reserved any spots other than the temporary spots that is currently being done for the NYSDOT. We will try to make a better effort to get snow removed.

Trustee Najarian moved, seconded by Trustee Tuttle that the following audited claims be paid, in total \$198,903.98. General Fund \$38,023.40 Electric Fund \$143,396.30

Water Fund \$6,592.94 Sewer Fund \$10,891.34

Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle made a motion seconded by Trustee Najarian to authorize the following budget amendments:

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-67.06
+160.60
-160.60
+17.50
-17.50
+7.08
-7.08

Ayes-all. Carried.

The Floor was opened to visitors: Raymond Burke spoke about giving back to the Village of Greene he is a graduate of the Class of 1980 and the Greene Central School Class of 1980 wants ideas of the best way to give back to the community. Trustee Najarain is going to work with the Class of 1980 on that. Jonalyn Cooper wanted to let the board and the village residents know that the Hometown Holidays is scheduled for the weekend of December 6-8, 2019 with caroling at the library, Santa on the firetruck, the live nativity scene. They will need the Greene police department for safety. Marcia Miller said that the Labor Day Committee is going to have the Christmas tree burning on January 18, 2020 at 6:00 with hot cocoa again this year.

Mark Utter spoke about fixing the sidewalk on Canal Street it was promised 3 years ago and then he was told it would be done this year and it is still not done. George Estey said the sidewalks are in deplorable shape and he has been there 30 years. John Whitbeck Jr. said they had cut the sidewalk in August but they had not been back to fix them .When he asks he gets excuses that there are only so many men. He ask the board to take a walk up there and look at the street it is a safety issue, icing up in the winter. His questions to the board are why has this fallen through the cracks? Why start it? And when can it be finished?

Trustee Tuttle and Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham will be going to a seminar in Binghamton on October 30, 2019 about the Susquehanna River Basin. On October 22 there is a water grant meeting.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:30pm. Ayesall. Carried.

Mayor Brown reopened the meeting and read Rod Andrews resignation letter.

Trustee Tuttle moved, seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept Rod Andrew resignation letter. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:37pm. Ayesall. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Darling Clerk Treasurer