

Village of Greene Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025 7pm

Mayor DuMond called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. Present at the meeting were Trustees Williamson, McGrath, Najarian and Shapley. Also, in attendance were: Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham, Electric Superintendent Livingston, OIC Mike Nordberg and Fire Chief Williams. Working Supervisor Kinney was absent. Visitors: Marcia Miller, Ben Johnson, Meryt Allmendinger and Sharon Davis.

Mayor DuMond opened public hearing at 7pm for Local Law 1 for the year 2025 amending Chapter 90 of the village code entitled "Sewers". Clerk Treasurer read Local Law 1-2025. Noone spoke for or against the proposed change. Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to close public hearing at 7:05pm since there was no one in attendance for the public hearing. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept board meeting minutes of 12/9/24. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley that the Treasurer's, Police, JRC, Town & Village Historian and Code Enforcement reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Williams reported there is no update yet on the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant. He is still waiting to hear from the representative from DHSES.

Electric Superintendent Livingston would like to remind all village residents during this long cold snap they should be removing window air conditioner units, make sure windows and doors are air tight; if you feel a draft, seal them with the many products available to help stop drafts in your home, replace standard light bulbs with LED bulbs, lower thermostat a few degrees when not home and while sleeping, reduce your water heater temperature from 140 degrees to 120 degrees, run dishwashers and run washer and dryers in the evening and avoid over drying clothes as this wastes energy. These tips will help ease the increase of energy usage during these cold months.

Trustee Williamson reported for Working Supervisor Kinney. DPW has been busy with snow removal and salting. Thanks to SPO Ingraham for allowing Michael to help with snow removal. DPW is doing a great job, thank you to the crew.

OIC Nordberg – nothing to report.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported sewer plant has been heat taping where necessary to keep plant piping from freezing. SPO Ingraham wanted to remind residents that they are responsible for their water meters. During these cold months, the water meters need to be kept heated so they do not freeze. Residents are responsible for the expense of replacing any water meter and freeze plates that freeze and need replacing. Meters and freeze plate replacements are expensive, so it is best to do what is needed to keep them warm. Also, residents should insulate any water pipes that may be exposed to the cold.

Planning/Zoning Chairperson, Marcia Miller updated the village board on Planning/Zoning ongoing projects: Public hearing January 22, 2025 at 7pm, Village Hall for Samantha Teft use variance for 46 Birdsall Street. January 22, 2025 at 7:30pm, Village Hall is next meeting regarding 25 Clinton Street with Kutz and Raymond Corp. Waiting for complete site plan for Mirabito project. Next meeting for 3 Genesee Street will be held in March. Still waiting for correct paperwork from Sports Zone in order to set the next meeting date. Mayor DuMond thanked Marcia for the update.

Mayor DuMond reported Chenango County Dept of Health conducted their annual sanitary survey and the Village's public water system was found to be in satisfactory condition and Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham demonstrated diligence and excellence in providing clean, safe water to the residents of the village. Mayor DuMond thanked SPO Ingraham for a great job keeping our community's water clean and safe for our village residents.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy 2017-2018 bank statements and cash receipts. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor DuMond appointed Ben Johnson as a new member to the Village Planning/Zoning Board.

Mayor DuMond appointed Lynn Ruth and Kaitlyn Dunlap as election inspectors for the Village of Greene election on March 18, 2025.

Mayor DuMond read the resolution for polling place, date and time of elections to be placed in the Evening Sun as follows:

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next General Village Election for Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025; The Polling place shall be the Village Hall, 49 Genesee Street, Greene, NY and the polls will be open from noon to 9pm.

Dated: January 9, 2025

Irene Tornillo
Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payments of audited claims in the amount of \$391,744.19 as follows:

General Fund	\$114,169.07	Water Fund	\$13,392.31
Electric Fund	\$240,632.85	Sewer Fund	\$23,549.96

Ayes-all. Carried.

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

G.1910.431	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	+\$245.26
G.8130.419	TREATMENT PLANT DUES/TRAVEL	-\$245.26
A.1110.460	VILLAGE JUSTICE AUDITING	+\$207.50
A.1110.419	VILLAGE JUSTICE TRAINING SCHOOL	-\$200.00
A.1110.417	VILLAGE JUSTICE LEGAL GUIDES	-\$7.50
A.8010.400	ZONING CONTRACTUAL	+\$13.00
A.8011.400	CODE ENFORCEMENT CODE BOOK CONTRACTUAL	-\$13.00

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor DuMond opened the floor to visitors.

Meryt Allmendinger is very sad to see Hymn & Hawe closing their business. They were a wonderful addition to the village and it is very sad to lose this store. She also would like to make sure the village is keeping up with code on the buildings and businesses within the village.

Trustee Najarian reported Hometown Holiday will be holding a meeting on 1/21/25 for the update on how things went for the month on December with the activities. The garden club flowers have been ordered. Hanging baskets will be hung again this spring along with the buckets.

Trustee Williamson reported the DPW has been busy. Thank you to the Electric Dept for putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations. The Christmas tree lights were wonderfully displayed and were very nice. The tree looked exceptional this year, thank you.

Trustee Shapley had nothing to report.

Trustee McGrath was very happy with the water system inspection, great job. The Sewer plant crew has been working diligently keeping things heated and from freezing with the cold weather. Raymond Corp wastewater permit has been issued and Cocojune's wastewater permit will be mailed tomorrow.

Trustee Williamson stated a farmer will be contacting Cocomo to see if what content of byproduct is in their wastewater to see if it can be used at their farm.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Shapley to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:25pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 7:55pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to replace roof on electric shop not to exceed \$56,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee McGrath to perform electric work on N. Chenango Street project at an approximate cost of \$17,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to perform electric line and transformer upgrade project on Birdsall Street near Clinton Street at an approximate cost of \$11,600 and approximately \$13,200 for transformers. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee McGrath to purchase a new Bucket truck in 2028 for Electric Dept not to exceed \$406,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to purchase a new 1-ton truck with a stake body, lift gate and a snow plow for the Electric Dept not to exceed \$75,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley for Electric Dept to purchase a new pole trailer to replace 1972 pole trailer not to exceed \$26,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Najarian for the Electric Dept to upgrade infrastructure at an approximate cost of \$1.6mil. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee McGrath to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo
Clerk Treasurer