

**TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 15, 2020**

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 Bernie McDermott and Steve Page, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew, Town Historian Peg Ross, Planning Board Members Tim Conner, Matt Curtis, Michelle Day, Nancy Nowalk and George Sobierajski, Assessor Penny Haddad (6:42 PM)

ABSENT: Council Members Steve Northrup and Diane Flanagan

OTHERS PRESENT: Shirley Girton, George Marr, Pat Paquette and Claudia Kasmarick

Supervisor Henninge opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with Council Member Page leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Page to approve the minutes of June 10, 2020 with the following amendments: Dated June 10, 2020, Public Hearing on Local Law #2, 2020, NYS Department of Transportation will pave 4.3 miles of State Route 12 from Broome/Chenango County Line to approximately one quarter of a mile south of Genegantslet Road (County Road 2) in the Town of Greene and 3.1 miles of State Route 12 from County Road 3A to the Oxford/Greene Town Line in the Town of Greene. Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Page, seconded by McDermott to pay all bills as presented. Vouchers #20200557 through #20200689. General \$4,614.48, General Outside \$7,194.03, Highway \$8,534.02, Highway Outside \$153,977.51, Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission \$1,438.43, Joint Recreation Commission \$312.19, Sewer District \$1,943.89, Water District One \$945.60, Water District Two \$835.55, Water District Three \$354.95, Trust and Agency \$9,966.46. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

MOTION by Page, seconded by McDermott to receive and file all Reports as submitted by the Assessor, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer and Planning Board Minutes dated June 22, 2020. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Page reported the Joint Recreation Commission (JRC) is going well this year. Approximately sixty (60) children are participating in the program, which is one third (1/3) of the normal attendance. Due to the COVID-19 virus there is no bus transportation provided this year and the pool is closed.

MOTION by Page, seconded by McDermott to receive and file all Committee Reports. Ayes all. Carried.

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Enforcement Dept.	\$134.20
Judge Acunto	\$2,650.00 (June)
Judge Martin	\$2,487.00 (June)
Town Clerk	\$6,325.19
Village of Greene Code Enforcement	\$17,000.00
NYMIR Capitalization Contributions	\$167.84
Tax Collector 2020 Final Tax Payment	\$17,377.25

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town of Greene Judicial Court System will re-open on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

A complaint was received from Bill Grover regarding the noise from refrigerated trucks across the road from his property. The refrigerated trucks are a temporary situation until the Cascun's move into their new location on State Route 12.

County Road 9 will be closed the week of July 20th or 27th for approximately three (3) to five (5) days for replacement of twin culverts, as well as, ditch work and rip/rap. The road will be open only to residents so they can travel to and from their homes.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Town Board will hold a Work Session on the Electronic Variable Message Signs on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM to discuss their differences. The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 on Local Law #2 of 2020 "Electronic Variable Message Signs" at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee Street.

A Dog Enumeration was briefly discussed and tabled until next month's meeting. Town Clerk will speak with the Greene Post Master to find out the cost of a post card and every door direct mailing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Planning Board Member George Sobierjaski asked the Town Board why the Planning Board hasn't received a Site-Plan Application from the Cascun Farm regarding their move to the State Route 12 location. Supervisor Henninge stated the building is currently used for commercial use, he will talk to Code Enforcement Officer Mike Wheelock regarding the building's use.

There was a general discussion regarding the Electronic Variable Signs (EVS). Some of the issues discussed, that are part of the proposed Planning Board law were the \$850 fee associated with the permit for one of these EVS signs, as well as, the 1,000 ft. distance between the signs. There was a discussion on the flashing and brightness associated with these signs. Also the current NYS Department of Transportation Law on Electronic Variable Signs was discussed.

In part, due to the absence of a local newspaper, comments were made that it would be helpful to place more general information on the Town of Greene's website. The proposed Planning Board law on EVS is not posted on the Town's website as it has not been officially adopted by the Greene Town Board.

During Privilege of the Floor, all residents had an opportunity to participate, ask questions and state their views.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Page to move to Executive session to discuss matters related to proposed, pending or current litigation. Ayes all. Carried.

The remainder of the minutes were taken by Council Member McDermott.

MOTION by McDermott, seconded by Page to return to regular session at 8:12 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Page, seconded by McDermott to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Thomas
Greene Town Clerk

Work Session - Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.
Public Hearing - Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall
Next Regular Town Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

