

VILLAGE OF GREENE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2024 7PM

Mayor DuMond called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. Present were: Trustees Williamson, McGrath, Najarian and Shapley, along with Electric Superintendent Livingston, Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham, Fire Chief Williams and Dylan Dedrick-Highway Dept. Absent were: Working Supervisor Kinney and OIC Nordberg.

Visitors: Marcia Miller, Jim Vasilopoulos and Meryt Allmendinger.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept board meeting minutes of 10/14/24. Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Fire Chief Williams reported Harassment training has been completed as of tonight for all volunteer fire fighters. Recruitment has increased over the past few months. Greene Fire Dept has been awarded Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant in the amount of \$157,057.00. This funding is provided for agencies comprised of 100% volunteer firefighters that provide fire protection and emergency response services to improve their facilities and/or response capabilities through either the construction, renovation or purchase of facilities, or the purchase of new equipment.

Electric Supervisor Livingston wanted to personally thank all the volunteer fire fighters who were quick to respond to the accident his family was involved in a few weeks ago.

Electric Supervisor Livingston reported new material is finally coming in. A pole line is being added on Cherry Street for an additional service being installed at Page Seed as they are expanding.

Dylan Dedrick reported for Working Supervisor Kinney as he is on vacation. The highway dept has been picking up leaves and will continue to pick up leaves as weather permits. Highway dept is getting things ready for winter.

There has been an issue with tenants placing their household garbage in the receptacles along Genesee Street business district and some of the garbage receptacles have been overflowing by Thursday. It is imperative that Landlords notify their tenants they cannot be disposing of their household garbage in trash receptacles along Genesee Street. Village Trustees requested a letter go out to all building owners in the business district to inform their tenants of this situation and building owners could be fined for tenants that are caught doing so. There was discussion of eventually having to remove trash receptacles if this situation continues. Other communities have removed their trash receptacles due to this reason.

Trustee Najarian reported that OIC Nordberg is on vacation. Halloween was a success and there were no incidents. Winter parking hours are in effect; November 1st thru April 1st from 2am – 6am there is no parking on the streets within the village limits.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported Raymond waste discharge numbers are starting to improve. Coojune's numbers are getting bad again. There will have to be another meeting with Coojune on its importance of getting waste discharge numbers in check and a plan of action to get it under control.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to destroy board minute notes from 1985 to 1996. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to destroy BAN paperwork up to 1984 for previous sewer plant building that was demolished for the village's new sewer plant. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee McGrath to destroy 2009 Dell laptop after all software is cleared of information. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to send 2024 unpaid taxes to Chenango County in the amount of \$35,580.20. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee to keep current Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield Silver 2 health insurance coverage for 2025 as the increase was 5.7%. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor reported Village minute books 1984-1988 and 1988-1992 have returned from the preservation company and look wonderful. Marcia is very happy to see the minute books are getting preserved.

Mayor DuMond requested Clerk Treasurer to run a legal ad in the Evening Sun on the offices open for March 2025 election which are as follows:

Mayor - 2-year term

2 Trustee positions – 2-year terms

Village Justice – 4-year term

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to post legal ad for offices open for March 2025 election. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payment of audited claims in the amount of \$384,339.87 as follows:

General Fund	\$105,955.09	Water Fund	\$19,179.73
Electric Fund	\$219,533.29	Sewer Fund	\$39,671.76

Ayes-all. Carried.

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

A.3120.444	POLICE SMALL EQUIPMENT	+\$722.97
A.3120.419	POLICE DUES/TRAVEL	-\$722.97

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor DuMond opened the floor to visitors.

Jim Vasilopoulos, owner of 20 S. Chenango Street has made a request regarding the curbing in front of his apartment house that has been an ongoing issue for many years. Trustee McGrath will follow up with the work order regarding this issue. Mr. Vasilopoulos, spoke of an eviction situation he is having currently at his 20 S. Chenango Street apartment. He stated there is a backlog on evictions of 1 ½ months and would like to know if the village board could do anything to intervene in order to get this situation addressed. He states he is not sure his tenant is even evicted yet and as a landlord, he has no rights. He would like to know if the board of Trustees could petition to have a local law to override the county and NYS law. Basically, he is being told by local court, county, DA office and even state level officials cannot help him in this situation. He was thankful that Justice Martin was able to hear the case weeks after he had an original court date with the Village Justice, who had to recuse himself last minute due to not knowing who was on the docket ahead of time. Mr. Vasilopoulos is asking for help from the village board to petition the county to override NY State Law. Mayor DuMond stated he would make some calls to see if there is anything that can be done to address the county to override NYS Law for landlords' rights.

Electric Supervisor Livingston wanted to convey his thanks to the Police Dept and Fire Dept for their quick response to the accident involving his family.

Trustee Najarian reported on Hometown Holiday Month. There is a calendar of events for the entire month which will be going to print and will be handed out to businesses to post in their windows for the public to see the events being held during the month of December.

Trustee Williamson thanked all the departments for all their hard work keeping the village going.

Trustee Shapley also thanked all the departments for all their hard work.

Trustee McGrath has been working with SPO Ingraham regarding Raymond waste discharge and Cocojune waste discharge non-compliance. He thanked all for their hard work.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:50pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to exit executive session and enter regular session at 8:15pm.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Williamson for Superintendent Livingston to begin the process of hiring a fully qualified Utility Assistant for the Electric Department. Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo
Clerk Treasurer