

Village Board Meeting  
September 13, 2021

Mayor Brown called meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at meeting were: Trustees Najarian, Tuttle, Hartley and Shapley, SP Operator Ingraham, Working Supervisor Kinney, Electric Superintendent Livingston, OIC Nordberg and Fire Chief Mirabito.

Visitors: Marcia Miller, Rich Chmiel, Bryan Bernardi, Mark Utter, W. James Ruth III, Michael Falco, Sr., Karman Harrington, George Marr, Jessup Dumond, Derrick Jenks, Duane Jenks, Elizabeth Maley, Edward Maley, Sharron Simpson, Linda Barlette, Sandy & Mark Stacy, John Bennett, Rod Andrews, Maureen Stefan, Jason Sperry, Kathy Pilkington, Dan Greene, Michelle Kennedy, Andrew Below, MaryJo Hruby, Joe Hruby, Jason Fagnoli, Sean Niemi, Cheryl Driscall, Joe Daxow, Dean Pease, James Fleming, Taylor Lynam, Andrew Bolster, Corey Chmiel, David Perry, Dalton Brower, Nick Tynon.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept board meeting minutes of 8/9/21. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Shapley, to accept that the Treasurer's, Police, Registrar of Vital Statistics Reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried

Fire Chief Mirabito reported the new rescue truck was back at the dealer for minor fixes. There are some back ordered parts they are waiting on. The tool mount supplies were being ordered and will be installed when received.

Superintendent Livingston reported concrete work was done at the electric shop. They have been working on Terrace Hill.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported blacktop was being done in the village from Sept 21<sup>st</sup> thru Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. He has been in touch with FEMA again for update. A proposal was received from Raymond Corp for Cherry Street sidewalk project which he is reviewing. Trustee Shapley asked Bruce to look at curbing at the fire station. Leaf pickup will start October 4<sup>th</sup> bagged then October 11<sup>th</sup> will start with the leaf machine.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported he was awarded the grant he applied for through SRBC in the amount of \$4,500.00, it will be a help towards what needs to be done with the wells. SPO Ingraham reported the Village received ARPA Funds of \$72,615.17 from the government. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the ARPA Funds that will be received by the Village. He would like to seal the concrete walkway on top of the tank area, which he received a proposal of \$75,800.00 for that work. He would like to use the ARPA Funds and use the remaining amount of the SAM Grant for the sealing of that concrete walkway project. The Mayor feels it is a safety issue to not have this work done.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Hartley to allow 1<sup>st</sup> half of the ARPA Funds (\$72,615.17) and remaining SAM Grant to be used to seal concrete walkway at sewer plant. Ayes-all. Carried.

OIC Nordberg reported all went well at Labor Day festivities with no major incidents. OIC Nordberg would like Officer Wheeler to take over the duties that retired Sgt. Brown specifically did regarding administration work for the Greene Police Dept. with no salary change.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to have Officer Wheeler assume duties of retired Sgt. Brown. Ayes-all. Carried.

OIC Nordberg would like to hire Officer Corey Burnett as P.T. Police Officer for Village of Greene and would like to do this before Applefest, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Civil Service Dept is backlogged at this time, he was wondering if the board could approve Officer Burnett as a P.T. Officer before Civil Service is finished with their paperwork since he currently is a Police Officer in the City of Norwich. Trustee Shapley

interviewed Officer Burnett and OIC Nordberg has done a background check. Officer Burnett comes highly recommended by his current supervisor.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Najarian, contingent on Civil Service approval, to hire Officer Corey Burnett as a P.T. Officer in the Village of Greene. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Tuttle to allow Irene and Dedra to attend the PERMA Fall Education Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown reported there will not be a Halloween Dance this year. Hopefully another organization would like to take over and any funds that are still available could be turned over to them to help get them started. October board meeting Mayor will address the Trick or Treat hours.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow Legal Ads up to 2014 to be destroyed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Dedra and Irene will be headed to NYCOM conference September 20<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ashley will be in the office to keep it open.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Shapley to accept Court audit by CWYNAR, Farrow & Locke, CPA's. Ayes-all. Carried.

Request by Bob Nowalk for some assistance from the Electric Dept and Highway Dept for Applefest as has been in the past. The request will be sent to Electric and Highway departments for what assistance is needed.

SPO Ingraham spoke about Laberge Group handling our grant filings and reporting. SPO Ingraham stated the village will be eligible for \$250k in additional funds if the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of ARPA Funds are pledged towards the grants that Laberge Group is seeking for the village.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to allow 2<sup>nd</sup> half of ARPA Funds to be pledged towards grants being sought by Laberge Group as well as Laberge Group handling grant filings and reporting. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Shapley to separate ARPA Funds (\$72,615.17) from general checking into a separate checking account specifically labeled ARPA Funds. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Najarian to adopt amended employee policy to add Summer Hours Definition page to employee handbook. Ayes-all. Carried.

The Board and Mayor discussed letter from Cathy Dejong requesting \$35.00 refund for electric late charge/disconnect fee.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Shapley to deny \$35.00 refund. Ayes-all. Carried.

Discussion of Park St/Clinton St. water issue was addressed. Rich Chmiel stated he feels there will need to be a water diversion on properties of Park St/Clinton St. neighbors and mentioned possibly contacting Soil and Water. Mayor also suggested the quickest resolution might be getting the neighbors together with an engineer and speak to Bruce. Mayor also agreed for Mr. Chmiel to possibly contact Soil and Water to get some additional ideas. Mayor Brown stated Working Supervisor Kinney has done much work there over the last year and a half and would like to give what has been done time to see if it has helped, then it can be revisited.

Mayor opened public hearing at 7:30pm.  
Clerk Treasurer read the Public Hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on September 13, 2021 by the Village Board of Trustees in the Village Hall, 49 Genesee St., Greene, NY at 7:00pm to address the adoption of the proposed Local Law of the Village of Greene intended to authorize the Village of Greene to opt out of

hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its village boundaries.

Said Board will at said meeting hear all those persons in support of as well as those who object thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent.

Dated: August 12, 2021

Irene A. Tornillo

Village Clerk

Mayor Brown opened the floor for comments stating 2 minute time frame will be allowed for each speaker. Mayor Brown asked everyone to be respectful and if it gets disruptive, they will be asked to leave.

The public was allowed to state their comments with some in favor of opting out and some opposed.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Tuttle to end public hearing at 8:15pm.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Tuttle to opt out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its village boundaries. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Najarian to authorized payment of audited claims total \$325,113.81.

Water Fund \$ 10,382.01

General Fund \$ 128,349.38

Sewer Fund \$ 7,546.04

Electric Fund \$ 178,836.38

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize budget amendments. Ayes-all. Carried.

Michael Falco stated he was happy that everyone is discussing the Cannabis subject civilly. He stated that he was actually at this meeting to find status regarding the tree he has been requesting to have taken down. Superintendent Livingston will be in contact with Mr. Falco to discuss and resolve the tree issue.

Marcia Miller thanked all department for their help for the Labor Day festivities. Mayor Brown unfortunately had to be out of town Labor Day weekend but heard only good things about the fireworks and the festivities. Mayor Brown thanked Marcia for being Bingo inspector.

Trustee Hartley reported on snow removal changes that are being reviewed. There will be a public hearing next month. Ballflats meeting is Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 5pm. All electric projects are coming along well. Electric and Highway departments will help Applefest with what they need as they have in the past.

Trustee Shapley reported she was happy to have toured the Fire Department with Fire Chief Mirabito. She will be conducting the New York State Harassment & Discrimination Annual Training for the fire department in October.

Trustee Tuttle thanked SPO Ingraham on his great job acquiring the SRBC grant. She reported service hydrants at the sewer plant are completed and ready. Well houses are cleaned and they are cleaning reservoir.

Trustee Najarian reported Nicholas Flynn is still working on fundraising for the sign at Rt 12 & 206 near Mirabito. Fundraising will go on for approximately 2 years. He is looking to raise between \$3,000 and \$5,000 towards the project and has plans for beginning summer 2022. Marcia reminded that proper lights will be needed if a flag is part of the plans and it will need to go before the Zoning/Planning Board. We can also forward this to the Town Historian. April or May 2022 Nicholas will come before the Mayor and the Board again.

Mayor Brown stated that Town Supervisor Henning reported Hogsback Road will be open the end of September. The town will be purchasing new software that works off tax map numbers for zoning,

planning, permits and code enforcement if the village would be interested. The initial cost would be approximately \$6,000.00 with \$1,200.00 yearly maintenance.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to end regular board meeting and enter into executive session at 8:45pm.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to end executive session and enter into regular board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Tuttle to accept retirement letter from Mary Jane Alger as Part Time Police Secretary. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to adjourn board meeting at 9pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo  
Clerk Treasurer