

Village Board Meeting
August 9, 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 and Bryan Bernardi.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Hartley to accept board meeting minutes of 7/12/21. Ayes-all. Carried.

Superintendent Livingston reported the electric crew has been working on Terrace Hill.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported that paperwork was sent out to two property owners on Grace Drive for the work to be done for an easement. There is still no word from FEMA. Highway crew are currently working on sidewalks.

SPO Ingraham reported SRBC well #3 permitting paperwork has been accepted.

Mayor Brown read a letter from SRBC regarding the aquifer testing requirement for Well 3 waiver. The Mayor thanked all for their hard work on providing SRBC with the information they requested.

OIC Nordberg reported there will be police coverage for Saturday, August 14th garage sale event to keep parking situation under control. There will be police presence for Labor Day Picnic festivities on September 6, 2021. OIC Nordberg is look for approval to hire another Part-Time Officer to provide more coverage.

Fire Chief Mirabito reported Fire Rescue truck has arrived. They are currently working on tool placement/mounting on new Fire rescue truck and will have equipment from old rescue truck installed into new rescue truck. Fire Chief Mirabito presented a new volunteer applicant Jack Najarian to the Mayor and Board. Motion to approve Jack Najarian, pending physical, by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Hartley. Trustee Najarian abstained. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown questioned previous process of tree trimming in Village. Trustee Hartley stated any trees and branches that cannot be reached from ground or trees and branches touching lines or on house is handled by the Electric Department. Trees on streets, near sidewalks and curbs, and all else are handled by Highway Department.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to appoint Mary Wrench as Town Clerk for Registrar of Vital Stats and Autumn Crumb as Deputy Clerk for Registrar for Vital Stats. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Shapley to dispose of obsolete equipment. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept resolution for Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Greene. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley seconded by Trustee Shapley to appoint Marcia Miller as Bingo Inspector for Labor Day Picnic. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion to authorize payments of audited claims by Trustee Hartley moved, seconded by Trustee Najarian, in total \$433,727.46.

General Fund \$ 11,202.77	Electric Fund \$ 95,458.59	Capital Fund: \$ 316,800.00
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Water Fund \$ 4,186.05	Sewer Fund \$ 6,080.05
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Ayes-all. Carried.

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

Working Supervisor Kinney reported a resident on Willard St. made a request to have a tree removed. If a tree is not impeding electric lines or not diseased, we do not remove trees. Trustee Hartley and Superintendent Livingston will take a look at the tree to evaluate it this week.

Mayor Brown had a conversation with Scott Prindle regarding installing signs at boat launch on Ballflats to publicize access for boats and kayaks. If access to launch needs improvements, Mr. Prindle mentioned that there may be funds available through the State. Trustee Hartley will discuss at the Ballflats meeting.

Opt out of Cannabis Sales in Village was discussed. OIC Nordberg states there is a large gray area for the rules. Chenango County DWAI numbers have increased greatly. Marcia Miller stated the Planning & Zoning Board are in favor of the village opting out. There will be a public hearing on the village opting out of cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the village boundaries on September 13, 2021.

There was discussion of the current snow removal policy. The current policy in place, is not enforceable. Mayor, Trustee Hartley and Code Enforcer Wheelock had a meeting regarding setting some new guidelines. There will be discussion with Village Attorney in regards to updating our Local Law pertaining to Village snow removal policy.

Mayor opened floor to visitors.

Mr. Chmiel attending representing the other property owners on Clinton St. and Park St. Ext. water flow concern from the hill above Greene Technology into residents yards. Mr. Chmiel would like to get a better flow down the hill into the sluice pipe that comes down the hill that is pooling in some residents yards. Working Supervisor Kinney will meet with Mr. Chmiel and Mayor Brown to walk properties to see what can be done there, then they will have a discussion with Trustees regarding the best solution for that area.

Bryan Bernardi attended introducing himself as the new Town Historian. Mr. Bernardi has been working to be more visible and accessible to the public for historian information. Trustee Najarian mentioned having Mr. Bernardi listed on the Village Website as Town Historian.

Marcia Miller inquired about the ongoing issue with the shed on Foundry St. Mayor Brown stated the owner was notified by Code Enforcer Wheelock with no response yet. Mayor will be in contact with Code Enforcer Wheelock for an update regarding the status of the shed on Foundry St. Marcia Miller also inquired about the status of the Eagle Scout project that was discussed at October 2020 board meeting regarding the sign on Rt 206 & Rt 12. This will be looked into to find the status of the project.

Trustee Hartley reported there will be a Ballflats meeting Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5pm at Town Hall. Trustee Hartley reported there have been 6 successful events on the Ballflats so far this year. Trustee Hartley spoke about an event on August 21, 2021 that is being sponsored by SCNY Delta Waterfowl club. The group is planning on a river clean up starting from the Brisben boat launch and ending at the Greene Ball flats. The group is planning a chicken BBQ at the end of the day, all in the community will be invited to attend. Trustee Hartley is also checking with the County Solid Waste to see if they are providing the dumpster or he will make other arrangements. In regards to the Ballflats volleyball project, Superintendent Livingston will auger the holes and Working Supervisor Kinney will pour the concrete and setting the ground sockets.

Trustee Shapley reported OIC Nordberg has been cleaning out the evidence room of old files and evidence. Side street parking on Matteson St was discussed, especially regarding the East side. The Local Law will be looked into regarding signage for parking.

Trustee Tuttle reported they are working on fire hydrants at the Sewer Plant.

Trustee Najarian thanked the Highway crew for their mowing and Water Dept for the basket watering. Trustee Najarian mentioned the Lion's Club is looking to refurbish the current Welcome to Greene signs.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Tuttle to close meeting and to enter executive session at 8:35pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Najarian to exit executive session at 8:50pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle seconded by Trustee Shapley to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo
Clerk Treasurer