

Village Board Meeting
October 12, 2020

Mayor Phillip Brown called the meeting to order at 7:08pm following the Organizational meeting. Trustee Najarian, Hartley, Maley and Tuttle were present, along with Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling. The Village Board meeting was a Zoom meeting (teleconference) due to COVID-19 following Executive order 202.15

Visitors:	Electric Supt. Jeff Livingston	OIC Jeff Messina	Ben Johnson
	SP Operator Steve Ingraham	Officer Mike Nordberg	Rod Andrews
	Working Supervisor B. Kinney	Nickolas Flynn	Gwendolyn Flynn
	Fire Chief Phil Mirabito	Jonalyn Cooper	Karen Bryant

Trustee Hartley moved seconded by Trustee Tuttle that the minutes of 9/14 are accepted. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Maley that the Treasurers, Code Enforcement, Police, Assessor's and Registrar of Vital Statistics were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Phil Mirabito told the board that the cabin chassis has arrived at the truck builders and they will start building it next month. The Greene Fire Department has received all of the Dive Team Equipment that was gifted from the McDonough Fire Department but they have not had time to put it in service yet.

Eagle Scout Nickolas Flynn spoke to the board about what he would like to do for his Eagle Project which is to replace and upgrade the Welcome to Greene signs that are located in front of the Mirabito Gas station. Mr. Flynn mentioned using green and gold paint as that is the Greene Central School colors. Mr. Flynn would use landscaping bricks and replant flowers. Trustee Tuttle asked about maintenance and Mr. Flynn said he would take care of weed eating and snow removal. Nickolas Flynn talked about maybe solar powered lighting and the board asked Mr. Flynn to check with Marcia Miller of the Zoning Board and/or Mike Wheelock from Code Enforcement on that.

Trustee Hartley moved seconded by Trustee Maley to allow Eagle Scout Nickolas Flynn to replace/repair the Welcome to Greene signs. Ayes-all. Carried.

Ben Johnson a supporter for Law Enforcement said that there has been three different news channel in Greene covering the blue lights in support of law enforcement. Mr. Johnson spoke to the board about the flag poles on the bridge being wrapped in blue lights for the holiday season. Mayor Brown said that the Village Board and Trustee represents the whole village and that they want to support all the organizations not to just to choose one. People can support law enforcement with their blue lights as an individual's choice.

Jonalynn Cooper and Karen Bryant came to the board to talk about Hometown Holidays and to get ideas from the board on what to do in keeping with the CDC guidelines. Some of the ideas are to videotape the tree lighting use a drone for a live feed, the board just wants to avoid a mass gathering with the COVID-19 pandemic and the CDC guidelines. Trustee Hartley suggested doing the cruise through with Santa using the same route as the Labor Day Committee used. Jonalynn

Cooper suggested Santa being in a hut so the children can see him and he can talk with the children they just cannot come into contact with Santa

Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston told the board that the 5NVA transformer has a high resilience they cleaned, scrubbed put in new oil and it is working great. The Burnap Substation had some loose connections they have put all new wires in it, the tap changers have no wear on them which is good news, and it should be back in Greene the 27th or the 28th.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Najarian for Superintendent Jeff Livingston to be the voting delegate for the NYPA meeting on October 28, 2020. Ayes-all. Carried.

Working Supervisor Bruce Kinney told the board that he is waiting for the last FEMA check, it should be \$32,043 and it is for the creek cleaning. The pole barn driveway is almost done. The Highway Department had a new employee start on October 5th. The Highway Department is currently working on leaf pickup, a small sidewalk project, pipe work and a schedule for snow readiness. Working Supervisor Kinney recently learned that although the NYSDOT repainted the center of the Village of Greene it is the responsibility of the Highway Department to paint the handicap marking on the handicap parking spots. Working Supervisor Kinney would like to install a 36" pipe at the Dietrich residents to assist in the drainage issue but the questions came up as to who would be responsible to maintain the pipe after installation. The board suggested to call the Department of Conservation, Mike Wheelock and Dan Fuller for more clarification, this has been put on hold. Working Supervisor spoke to the board about signing a shared agreement contract with the NYSDOT and the Town of Greene.

Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham told the board that the sewer plant passed the Department of Health Inspection with flying colors. On Thursday, October 15th the Water department is going to be replacing a leaking valve on the corner of Genesee and North Canal Streets. Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham told the board that he, the mayor and Trustee Tuttle met with the Laberge Group on the findings of the survey that was taken on the village residents, the village qualifies for low income and hardship grants and the survey information is only good for 24 months.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Maley to do a 30 day permissive referendum to Laberge Group Engineering Group for additional services to \$23,500.00 from Capital Accounts Water Research, and Water Permits. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Hartley to allow Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham to purchase a tilt bed equipment trailer 14,000 GVW not to exceed \$6,800.00 and to use money collected from Greene Sanitary. Ayes-all. Carried.

Officer in Charge Jeff Messina reminded the board that the winter parking ban will begin November 1st and end April 1st from 2:00am until 6:00 am. Officer in Charge Messina would also like to thank the community for their support of law enforcement.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Maley that the Village of Greene hold Trick or treating in the Village from 5:00pm-8:00pm on October 31, 2020 but to remember your social distancing and wearing a mask. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept BST & Co. CPAS, LLP audit on the Electric Department. Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown had someone from the Alliance Church ask about handing out candy at the church on Halloween he stated that they usually have 350-400 people but because of the current regulations it was decided to cancel that for this year. Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling talked about the village and employees receiving a small credit from Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental because of the Dental offices being closed because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the members could not make appointments so the insurance companies were issuing credits. Mayor Brown received a letter from residents off Crestmont and Turner Streets about cars speeding through that area. Mayor Brown stated that area is 98% in the town but asked the police to keep an eye on the situation.

Trustee Tuttle moved, seconded by Trustee Maley that the following audited claims be paid, in total \$209,703.31.

General Fund	\$21,037.79	Electric Fund	\$167,435.75
Water Fund	\$7,828.73	Sewer Fund	\$13,401.04

Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Najarian made a motion seconded by Trustee Tuttle to authorize the following budget amendments:

A.1410.100 Village Clerk Personal Services	+730.00
A.1920.425 Miscellaneous Programmers fee	-730.00
F.8310.100 Water Admin. Personal Services	+500.00
F.8310.406 Water Admin. Attorney Fees	-500.00
G.8110.100 Sewer Admin. Personal Services	+500.00
G.8110.406 Sewer Admin. Attorney Fees	-500.00
A.5110.120 Street Maint Double-time	+212.18
A.5110.110 Street Maint. Overtime	-212.18
F.8340.262 Capital Equip. Patching/Paving	+177.44
F.8340.270 Capital Equip. Hydrants	-177.44

Ayes-all. Carried.

The Floor was opened to visitors: Rod Andrews said he agrees with keeping from the mass gathering at events but questioned the gathering on Stillwater Road cornhole tournaments where no one was wearing a mask. Mike Wheelock Town/Village Code Enforcement (who was attending by zoom) said that they had been warned and he has spoken to the County Health Department about the situation. Marcia Miller (who was attending by zoom) said cornhole had been banned by Governor Cuomo. Officer in Charge Jeff Messina said people could call New York State pause to turn people in.

Trustee Hartley said there was a Ballflats meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 5:00. Tractor supply is almost done. Thanks to all departments for all the work that was accomplished this summer.

Trustee Maley said the Police Department has received a DWI grant up to \$2,400.00 that means they can be reimbursed for stopping people that are intoxicated. Also, everyone has been trained this year in the Harassment and Discrimination training.

Trustee Tuttle said that the Sewer Plant is putting in a new water service at the lift station and is getting float controls. The Sewer Plant is also working on winterizing the plant. Also, the sewer plant passed their health inspection.

Trustee Najarian said that the Garden Club is looking into self-watering baskets.

Mayor Brown thanked Deputy Mayor Hartley for covering for him last month while he was out. Mayor Brown also read a letter from Chenango County Board of Elections which said they would not be handling our elections next year the village would be doing it on their own.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Hartley to enter into executive session on personnel and legal matters at 8:22. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Hartley moved, seconded by Trustee Najarian to end executive session and enter regular session at 9:00p.m. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Maley, seconded by Trustee Tuttle, to adjourn the board meeting at 9:01pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Darling Clerk Treasurer