

**TOWN OF GREENE**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**January 21, 2026**

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 Bernie McDermott, Council Members, Steve Page, Steve Northrup, Karman Harrington, Hannah Storman, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith and Town Clerk Mary Wrench.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** No one

Supervisor Bernie McDermott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Northrup.

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that a public notice Hearing will be held on Wednesday January 21, 2026 at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee St. Greene, NY at 6:00pm for the purpose of modifying Local Law #1 of 1985

“Maximum Exemption: Veterans Real Property”

By order of the Town Board

Dated: January 2, 2026

Mary C Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

Supervisor McDermott asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding modifying Local Law #1 of 1985 “Maximum Exemption: Veterans Real Property” No one spoke.

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to close the Public Hearing. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to adopt modifying Local Law #1 of 1985 “Maximum Exemption: Veterans Real Property.” Ayes all. Carried.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Northrup to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on December 17, 2025 and the Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2026. Ayes all. Carried.

**REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Harrington to receive and file all Reports as submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement, Historian, Assessor, Planning Board, JRC and Dog Warden. Ayes all. Carried.

**BILLS**

*Abstract#13-Vouchers #2025724 through #2025764, General \$6,613.56 General Outside \$2,178.91, Highway \$2,735.04 Highway Outside \$8,333.75 Water District One \$2,747.00, Water District Two \$2,341.68 Sewer District Two \$2,038.09 Water District Three \$1,966.80  
Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Voucher #2025076 through 2025078, \$297.88 Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2025069 through 2025072, \$907.14*

*Abstract#1-Vouchers #2026001 through #2026055, General \$75,730.49 General Outside \$30,411.04, Highway \$2,804.24 Highway Outside \$6,813.48 Water District One \$230.47, Water District Two \$199.10, Water District Three \$92.93  
Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Voucher #2025001, \$3,608.00  
Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2025001 through 2025002, \$84.00*

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to pay audited claims, Abstract #13 2025 and Abstract #1 2026 with additions as presented. Ayes all. Carried.

**TRANSFERS**

None at this time.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one spoke.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor McDermott received a letter from the DEC regarding John Buck donation on land on State Hwy 206.

Supervisor McDermott shared with the Town Board information from NYSEG Community Leaders Forum & Connection Event and the Empire National Gas, 3-year rate agreement.

Supervisor McDermott received the results of the Annual Sanitary survey for Water Districts #1, #2 and #3 from Chenango County Public Health. McDermott commented Stephen Smith for doing a good job.

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Page to receive and file communications. Ayes all. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING REPORT:** The Town will move forward with the Bid process for the front of the Town Hall Building to be painted.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Electric Supply Contract (see Resolution #1)  
NYSDOT Shared Services Agreement (see Resolution #2)

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** The Town Board signed the Fire contract for 2026.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** Policy revisions are still in the works. A work session is scheduled for February 4, 2026 at 8:00 am. (Resolution #3 - *Tabled*)

**JRC REPORT:** The Youth Basketball program is almost over and the Swim program is scheduled to start in February. Supervisor McDermott will modify the 2026 JRC budget to include the Swim program. (See Resolution #4)

**HISTORIAN REPORT:** Council member Hannah Storman as the new Committee member for the Historian reached out to Bryan Whitaker, they will meet at a later date to review Bryan's responsibilities and duties as Town Historian.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Council member Storman and Town Historian Whitaker will work together.

**BALL FLATS:** The Ball Flats received a grant from the Raymond Foundation for the Softball fields at the park.

**CODE AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:** Water usage and water rates in districts #1, #2 and #3 were discussed. A rate increase for these districts is possible in the near future to allow for the Town to build a reserve account for unseen issues in the district.

**PLANNING BOARD:** Nothing to report

**DOG CONTROL:** There is continued discussions to clarify if the Town Court is responsible to hear and enforce Village dog proceedings.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** The office has seen an increase in foot traffic due to Property Taxes.

**IT/WEBSITE:** Updates on cyber policy and the Microsoft 365 transition is still in the works. Office email address will be updated in 2026.

Council member Page and Supervisor McDermott are looking at options for the Council members to conduct Town related business, Tablet or Phone App.

**ASSESSOR:** Veteran's Exemptions (See Resolution #1)

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to receive and file all Committee reports. Ayes all. Carried.

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**MONIES RECEIVED – (December 2025)**

Fund B	\$303.16
Judge Martin	\$535.00
Judge Brown	\$678.00
Town Clerk	\$11,179.23
JRC Donations	\$5,987.00
Charter Franchise Fee	\$5,746.53
NYS CHIPS (HWY)	\$201,905.00
NYS POP	\$47,071.95
Ballflats scrap	\$370.00
Money Market/CD Int. (Dec. 2025)	<u>\$13,841.42</u>
	\$287,617.79

**MOTION** – (*Meeting December 17, 2025*) by Page, seconded by Harrington to accept all Monies received. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** to Review and Receive the December 2025 Fund Revenue, Expenditures and Balance sheets. – *Tabled*

**MOTION** to Review and Approve Budget Transfers and modifications. – *Tabled*

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Supervisor McDermott shared with the Town Board on information he obtained regarding the possible Route 12 Water district project.

James Willard met with Supervisor McDermott to discuss what the Impact Project is about and the need for housing in the area. Council member Harrington noted that might be a discussion to bring to the Greene Chamber of Commerce. There is a Chamber meeting scheduled for Monday 1/26/26 at the Sherwood Hotel, Council member Storman mentioned she would go to the meeting.

Supervisor McDermott noted the monthly payroll moving forward will be done on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

Supervisor McDermott completed the Town Street light audit.

Supervisor McDermott received a letter from an employee regarding Health Insurance buyout. There was a short discussion and then tabled.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #1**

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded Storman to authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into a shared services agreement with the NYS DOT for a period of four years. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to accept the contract from March 1, 2026 to February 29, 2028 with Empire Natural Gas for electric supply to the Town Highway Barn. Guaranteed Savings – Variable Rate. Authorize the Supervisor to execute. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #3 - *Tabled***

A motion to adopt the revised Town of Greene Personnel Policy last modified June 18, 2025.

**RESOLUTION #4**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to modify the J2 – JRC budget for 2026. Adding expense line J2-7145.460 -Swim Contractual \$2,000, and income line J2-2705D Swim Program - \$2,000. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #5 - Tabled**

A resolution to adopt Local Law #2 of 2026 – Tax Exemption for Person 65 Years or Over.

**RESOLUTION #6**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to adopt Local Law #1 of 2026 – Maximum Exemption: Veterans Real Property. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #7**

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Storman to send a letter in support of NYS DEC acquisition of land adjacent to the Genegantslet Creek along State Highway 206 under the New York State Open Space Plan. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #8**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to create an *Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund* (GML Section 6-m). Funds will be transferred from the 2026 Budget lines A9050.800(\$3,400); B9050.800 (\$750); DA9050.800 (\$1400); DB9050.800(\$4000). (Total \$9550). Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. and enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Page to return to the regular meeting and adjourn at 8:01 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary C. Wrench*  
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall