

**TOWN OF GREENE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 4, 2021**

The annual Organizational Meeting was held on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee Street, Greene, New York 13778.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joe Henninge, Council Members Bernie McDermott, Steve Northrup, Diane Flanagan and Steve Page

Supervisor Henninge opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Debbie Thomas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Bernie McDermott.

The following Appointments and Commissions were made:

PLANNING BOARD

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to appoint Michelle Day as Chairperson of the Planning Board. Appoint George Sobierajski as Vice Chairperson of the Planning Board. Appoint Nancy Nowalk as Secretary of the Planning Board. Appoint Matt Curtis as Sargent at Arms of the Planning Board. Reappoint LouAnn Day as Planning Board Clerk. Terms for each to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Northrup seconded by Page to reappoint John Shearer to the Planning Board for a seven (7) year term to expire December 31, 2027. Ayes all. Carried.

JUSTICE COURT CLERK

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to reappoint Rachel Raimo as Justice Court Clerk for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

OFFICE BUILDING CUSTODIAN

MOTION by Page, seconded by Flanagan to reappoint Shirley Girton as Town Hall Building Custodian and Highway Building Custodian for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to reappoint Diana Dobell as Finance Director for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

CODE OF ETHICS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to reappoint Karman Harrington to the Code of Ethics Committee for a six (6) year term to expire December 31, 2026. Ayes all. Carried.

JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Henninge to reappoint Steve Page and Joe Roth as Town of Greene Representatives to the Joint Recreation Committee for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

BALL FLATS COMMITTEE

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to reappoint Steve Page, Steve Northrup and Nick Drew as Town of Greene Representatives to the Ball Flats Committee for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

ENGINEERING FIRM

Engineering Firm contracted on an as needed basis per job.

SERVICE OFFICER

MOTION by Page, seconded by McDermott to reappoint Joe Henninge as Service Officer for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by McDermott to authorize Supervisor Henninge to sign contract agreements with not-for-profit organizations under the agreed amount designated in the 2021 budget.

Authorize Supervisor Henninge to pay all insurances, State Retirement, utility bills, fuel bills, fines and fees, tax bills, sign and pay fire contracts when due through December 31, 2021.

Use County or State bids as needed through 2021.

Affix salaries of Town Officials and employees and authorize the Supervisor to pay as specified.

Authorize payment of 2021 physical year vouchers.

Set mileage allowance at IRS rate of \$.56 per mile for 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021

Deputy Supervisor	Bernie McDermott
Clerks to Supervisor P/T	LouAnn Day Mary Wrench
Town of Greene Historian	Peg Ross
Highway Committee	Diane Flanagan/Steve Page
Personnel Committee	Diane Flanagan/Bernie McDermott
Building Committee	Steve Page/Bernie McDermott
Assessor (Real Property)	Bernie McDermott
Code Enforcement & Special Districts	Steve Northrup
Fire Department Committee	Steve Northrup
NYMIR Safety Committee & PERMA Representative	Nick Drew
Planning Board Liaison	As Needed (Chair)
Cemetery Advisory Committee	Bernie McDermott/Chris Buck
Budget Officer	Joe Henninge
Emergency Squad Committee	Steve Northrup/Richard Breslin
Insurance Coverage Committee Liability/Health Insurance	Joe Henninge, Chairman/Entire Town Board
IT	Pyramid/Steve Page/Bernie McDermott
Dog Control Officer Committee	Steve Page
Justice Audit Committee	Bernie McDermott/Steve Page/Steve Northrup

BOARD DISCUSSION

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by McDermott to designate the Evening Sun in Norwich as the newspaper of record. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to adopt the following 2021 Holidays:

New Year's Day	1/1/2021	Friday
Memorial Day	5/31/2021	Monday
4th of July - Day after	7/5/2021	Monday
Labor Day	9/6/2021	Monday
Columbus Day	10/11/2021	Monday
Veteran's Day	11/11/2021	Thursday
Thanksgiving Day	11/25/2021	Thursday
Day after Thanksgiving	11/26/2021	Friday
Christmas Eve Day	12/24/2021	Friday
Floating Holiday		Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to designate the regular Town Board meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

The following is a Resolution on changes in legislature on seniors and people receiving disability exemptions:

RESOLUTION by Flanagan, seconded by McDermott notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the interest of the health and safety of the public due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic, every governing body of an assessing unit and local Assessor shall extend to the 2021 Assessment Roll, the renewal of the exemptions received on the 2020 Assessment Roll pursuant to Sections 467 and 459-C of the Real Property Tax Law, relating to persons age sixty-five and older and for certain persons with disabilities and limited income, and no renewal applications shall be required of any eligible recipient who received either exemption on the 2020 Assessment Roll in order for such eligible recipient to continue receiving such exemption at the same amount received on the 2020 Assessment Roll, except as herein provided. Provided however, that the local Assessor shall make available renewal applications through postal mail or electronic means in order for eligible recipients to file renewal applications in the event that such eligible recipient determines his or her income has changed in a manner that would grant him or her a greater exemption than what was present on the 2020 Assessment Roll; and provided further that such governing body may adopt a local law or resolution which includes procedures by which the Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 Assessment Roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died; and provided further that no governing body of an assessing unit or local Assessor may require eligible recipients to appear in person to file a renewal application for any reason. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire May 1, 2021. This act shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after March 7, 2020. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Office of the State Comptroller's Court Audit is ongoing.

The New York State and Local Retirement System Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees Form RS 2418 will be done at the next regular Town Board meeting to be held on January 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

The Chenango County Health Department

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular person. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to return to Regular Session. Ayes all. Carried.

Council Member Page asked about the new Emergency Planning Requirements for New York State Towns becoming law and the Town Board will discuss this at the regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2021.

Supervisor Henning and the Town Board would like to extend "kudos" to Highway Superintendent Nick Drew and the entire Highway Department for the excellent job they all did removing the forty (40) plus inches of snow from the storm on December 17, 2020. The following week we received three (3) to four (4) inches of rain in a short period of time. Much of the snow melted which resulted in numerous washouts causing road repairs on many of our roads.

MOTION by Flanagan, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Thomas
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

