

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 19, 2025

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 Northrup, Steve Page, Joseph Henninge and Karman Harrington, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew and Historian Bryan Bernardi

OTHERS PRESENT: Will Merrill

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

Council Member Joe Henninge extended a Thank you to the Village Board for inviting the Town Board members to the Village Budget work session meeting.

Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee St. Greene, NY at 6:00pm. to address revising the Licensing, Identification & Control of Dogs in the Town of Greene, and amend Local Law No. 1 of 2011

Dated: February 4, 2025

Mary C Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

Supervisor McDermott asked if anyone had any comments regarding the licensing and Dog control amended law. No one spoke.

Supervisor McDermott asked again if anyone had any comments or concerns regarding the licensing and Dog control amended law. No one spoke.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to close the Public Hearing. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to adopt Local Law #1 of 2025 Licensing, Identification & Control of Dogs, amending Local Law #1 of 2011.

Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee St. Greene, NY at 6:00 pm. for the purpose of leasing land owned by the Town of Greene for agricultural purposes. Copies of the proposed Lease Agreement is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

By order of the Town Board

Dated: February 4, 2025

Mary C Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

Supervisor McDermott asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the Land Lease agreement. No one spoke.

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

Legal Notice:

The Greene Town Board will receive sealed bids for the purpose of leasing land owned by the Town of Greene. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 PM, February 19, 2025 by the Greene Town Clerk, 51 Genesee Street, Greene, New York 13778 during regular business hours.

The land consists of three (3) parcels, totaling approximately 31+/- acres. The Lease is for a five (5) year contract. This Lease shall commence on the first day of April, 2025 and shall end on the 31st of October 2029, at the agreed rental per year, which shall be paid in advance on the first day of April of each year during the term of the Lease. The lease is non-transferable by the Tenant and is personal to the Tenant and may not be transferred without the written consent of the Town. Proof of insurance is required each year by April 1st. No liquid manure is to be spread. Lime and fertilizer are permitted.

Contact Nick Drew, Town of Greene Highway Superintendent at 607-656-8762 for location or to view the property.

Bid openings will take place at the regular meeting of the Greene Town Board at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at the Greene Town Hall, 51 Genesee Street, Greene, New York 13778.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Greene Town Board

Dated: February 3, 2025

Mary C. Wrench

Greene Town Clerk

The following bid was received from Cheshire Valley Farms, LLC. Cheshire Valley Farms, LLC submitted a bid to lease the premises located at County Road 32, Greene, New York at the annual amount of \$4,505.00 for a term of (5) years.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to accept the bid presented by Cheshire Valley Farms, LLC.

MINUTES

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on January 15, 2025. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

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

BILLS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to pay audited claims Abstract #2 2025 as presented. Ayes all. Carried.

Vouchers #2025037 through #2025100. General \$93,942.55 General Outside \$6,513.57, Highway \$55,579.43 Highway Outside \$28,193.33, Water District One \$2,096.39, Water District Two \$641.26, Sewer District Two \$1,719.63, Water District Three \$834.94.

Greene Fire District Voucher #20245042 \$314,157.04

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Voucher #2025003 & 2025004, \$3,288.90.

Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2025003 through #2025006, \$692.02

Ayes all. Carried.

TRANSFERS

Budget Line	Account Name	Budget 2025	Balance 01/31/2025	2025 Modified Budget	Amount of Transfer
B7110.41	Parks Contractual ARPA	\$0.00	-\$5,646.80	\$5,646.80	\$5,646.80
SL5182.400	Street Lighting Contractual	\$100.00	-\$613.27	\$713.27	\$613.27
A1410.400	Town Clerk - Contractual	\$10,584.02	-\$64.44	\$10,648.46	\$64.44
A1355.400	Town Clerk - Personnel Services	\$76,500.00	\$1,107.89	\$1,043.45	-\$64.44
J1-7145.400	Recreational - Contractual	\$14,514.27	-\$60.17	\$14,574.44	\$60.17
J1-7145.100	Recreation - Personnel Services	\$18,429.37	\$4,265.01	\$18,369.20	-\$60.17
A1470.400	BAR - Contractual	\$4,462.46	-\$104.00	\$4,566.46	\$104.00
A1620.200	Buildings - Equipment	\$5,660.00	\$5,660.00	\$5,556.00	-\$104.00

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve 2025 money transfers. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT: Nothing to report.

HIGHWAY REPORT: See Report.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Steve Northrup reported the FD tanker is out of service.

JRC REPORT: T-Ball and Softball registrations are coming in for the Spring Season.

See Resolution #4 for Director appointments.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Steve Northrup and Karman Harrington meet with L. Day, A. Crumb and M. Wrench to review their job descriptions, their daily responsibilities and to answer any questions the Personnel Committee may have.

HISTORIAN REPORT: The new record retention software is working well.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing to Report.

IT REPORT: Steve Page and Bernie McDermott are researching what the options are/cost to allow the Town's CPA to have access to the Town's accounting system.

ASSESSOR REPORT: There is a BAR vacancy. Applications are being accepted through February 28, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

BALL FLATS: Committee meetings will resume. There is a meeting scheduled for March 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM. in the Town Hall.

JUSTICE AUDIT COMMITTEE: An audit is set to be scheduled in March.

CODE AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS: At this point about 33% of the new water meters have been installed. The installation portion of the project should be completed shortly.

The installation of a Pit meter was included in the bid for the project.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to move forward with the Pit meter as quoted in the bid of \$4,750.00. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to authorize Supervisor McDermott to approve and pay the voucher submitted for \$9,900.00 to Hurd Development LLC. Ayes all. Carried.

PLANNING BOARD: Nothing to Report

TOWN CLERK REPORT: January was a busy month with tax collection. The Supervisors portion of the Tax Warrant was paid and the balance collected for the month was forwarded to Chenango County. Taxes collected through May will be forwarded to the County with interest and penalties paid to the Supervisor.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$447.98
Judge Martin	\$2,057.00
Judge Brown	\$1,845.00
Town Clerk	\$14,845.27
Tax Collector, Tax Warrant	\$1,484,072.04
Tax Collector Interest earned	\$1,352.60
Water Administrator	\$111.06
USA Corp 2025 Pilot	\$448.84
Puckett Solar Pilot Pmt.	\$3,362.88
4 th Qtr. 2024 Sales Tax	\$192,385.41
Chenango Co. Youth Programs	\$4,211.00
JRC Donations	\$550.00
Money Market/CD Int. January	<u>\$18,295.22</u>
	\$1,723,635.30

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to accept all Monies received. Ayes all. Carried.

Review and Receive the Fund Revenue, Expenditures and Balance sheets are not completed for the month therefore discussion and approval are tabled until the March Regular Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Certification of Offices to be elected in 2025, there are (2) Council seats and (1) Justice seat.

Council Member Steve Page will run for his seat on the Board and Hannah Storman will run to fill the 2nd Council Member seat.

NYSLRS – Standard Work Day request was received; Mary Wrench will forward all supporting documentation to the NYSLRS.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Henninge to approve filing the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials as noted on the documentation.

In regards to the Notice of Determination for Case #8152 - Code Enforcement, the complaint has been officially dismissed.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Supervisor McDermott is following up on the NYS Law change, local governments shifting to web addresses that end in “.gov”

RESOLUTION #1

Dog Control

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to adopt the Licensing, Identification & Control of Dogs in the Town of Greene, Local Law #1 of 2025 amending Local Law #1 of 2011.

Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2

Land Lease

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to approve the leasing of approximately 31+/- acres located at County Road 32, Greene, New York. Ayes all. Carried.

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to award the Land lease to Cheshire Valley Farms LLC. from 2025 – 2029 for the annual amount of \$4,505.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Town Board. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #3

JRC

Motion by Page, seconded by Harrington to appoint Nick Specht, Softball Director and Bridgette Conway, T-Ball Director for the Spring 2025 season at a rate of \$375 each. Ayes all. Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Will Merrill verified the Land Lease with Cheshire Valley Farms LLC. is for (5) years and noted that realistically they only have (3) good years of use.

Supervisor McDermott noted the Lease was sent to the Towns Attorney for review.

No one else spoke.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – March 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall