

**TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 21, 2024**

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, Joseph Henninge, Karman Harrington, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith and Highway Superintendent Nick Drew.

ABSENT: Steve Northrup,

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

MINUTES

MOTION by Page, seconded by Henninge to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2024. Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to pay audited claims Abstract #2 2024. Vouchers #2024046 through #2024114. General \$85,163.80 General Outside \$7,616.97, Highway \$35,920.65 Highway Outside \$40,513.69, Water District One \$949.96, Water District Two \$749.66, Water District Three \$57.22.

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2024002 & #2024003, \$12,648.33.

Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2024005 & 2024006 through, \$535.00.

Ayes all. Carried.

TRANSFERS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to approve the following money transfers. Ayes all. Carried.

1. Transfer \$10, 243.00 from A1340.100 (Director of Finance - Personnel Services) to A1310.400 (Director of Finance - Contractual).
Reason: The new CPA will be paid contractual instead of salary.
2. Transfer \$12,500 from J1 - 2023 unexpended funds to J1-7145.200
Reason: to pay for softball fence installed last fall.
3. Transfer \$2,669 from J1- 7145.400 to J1-1910.400.
Reason: J1-1910.400 needs to be created and funded to charge ball flats insurance to the GIMPC.
4. Transfer \$2,669 from J1-1910.400 (Insurance) to A1910.400 (Unallocated Insurance)
Reason: To charge Ball Flats insurance paid out of the General Fund to the GIMPC.

REPORTS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT: Nick Drew has replaced the bulbs in the EXIT signs in the Town Hall Building.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Nothing to report.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Nothing to report.

JRC REPORT: Steve Page reported to date 60 students are signed up for T-ball/Softball

PERSONNEL REPORT: Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing to report.

COURT AUDIT REPORT: Has been completed.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$140.80
Judge Martin	\$962.00
Judge Brown	\$619.00
Town Clerk	\$4,820.02
Tax Warrant – January 2024	\$1,729,275.00
4 th Qtr. Sales Tax	<u>\$203,381.52</u>
	\$1,939,198.34

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Commerce Chenango Economic Outlook Breakfast – Thursday, February 29, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

To re-adopt the Town of Greene Investment Policy as adopted 2/14/2018, adding NBT Bank and NBT Investment Services (up to \$5million) as our depository.

RESOLUTION #2

To purchase a CAT 304EXC under NYS Contract PC69406 for \$47,310 final price after trade in of \$29,000 for the existing Volvo ECR 40D mini excavator.

RESOLUTION #3

To surplus Sweeper Model WA180-3MC SN#062-90230-4, the sweeper will be sold in an on-line auction.

RESOLUTION #4

To Approve authorized signers for NBT accounts. Removal of Pete Raymond and Dianne Flanagan, addition of Stephen Northrup.

RESOLUTION #5

To increase hourly rate for Employee #14 from \$20.05 to \$21.99, existing “Clerk” rate. Effective 2/25/2024

RESOLUTION #6

To adopt and for each board member to sign the agreement for FD009 Greene Fire #1 with the Village of Greene for 2024 in the amount of \$235,915.00.

RESOLUTION #7

To adopt and for each board member to sign the agreement for FD010 Greene Fire #2 Chenango Forks Fire Department for 2024 in the amount of \$17,843.00.

RESOLUTION #8

To correct Resolution #2 of January 2024 – corrections to the Shared Services Agreement. Correction of original date adopted: May 11, 2022. Changes in Section 3, “F” and Section 12 the word “Town” to “Town/municipality”

RESOLUTION #9

To correct appointment of **Edward Maley** to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the vacancy *created by the resignation of Karman Harrington and complete the unexpired term* effective through 9-30-2027. (Original motion 01-03-2024.)

RESOLUTION #10

To correct the appointment of **Clifford Jones** to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Phyllis Church (her term expired 09-30-2023), through 09-30-2028. Original motion was 10-18-2023)

RESOLUTIONS cont.

RESOLUTION #11

To appoint **Gregory Cobb**, 1233 County Rd 32, Greene as Town of Greene representative to the GIMPC replacing Nick Drew.

RESOLUTION #12

To reimburse the Village of Greene \$2,553.61 for Code Enforcement fees collected on their behalf in 2023. *Discussion tabled.*

RESOLUTION #13

To appoint Town Clerk **Mary Wrench** as Town of Greene Tax Collector and Registrar of Vital Statistics through December 31, 2027. (Term of office is coterminous).

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page, to approve RESOLUTIONS #1 through #11 and #13. Ayes all. Carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities representative contacted me. The Town is eligible for up to \$10,000 for energy improvements. He asked for two years of electric bills and will submit to have an individual come to see what would qualify. Previously they had upgraded the town's 24 street lights to LED under this program.

NYMIR sent a recommendation to switch to a .gov address. This was sent to Pyramid and our website manager to review and provide input.

Village – Town Agreements

Greene Intermunicipal Parks Agreement – see report in packet

Code Enforcer – See Report in packet.

Joint Recreation Commission Annual Agreement – The last known copy is for 2020 signed February 18, 2020. Mary is working on the 2024 agreement.

Supervisor McDermott, Council Members Northrup and Page will meet with Village to review the Joint Recreation Commission Budget.

Holiday Schedule – Clarification of Dec 2023 adoption, dates printed in minutes of January 3, 2024 – No floaters.

Procedural change regarding legal notices for meetings. A Legal notice will only be published in the Evening Sun if a Public Hearing is scheduled. Meeting changes will be posted on the Town of Greene Website and front door of the Town Hall Building.

Procedural change- regarding bid openings. Opening Bids received will take place the day before the Town Board meeting in the Town Clerks office.

Brisben Fire – a total of \$73,923.04 has been received from the Brisben Treasurer. No update on building sale. Oxford signed an agreement for coverage in October. I am waiting for Attorney Lewis to hear back from State Comptroller Office.

Press Conference – CHIPS Funding – Town of Chenango – Friday, February 23, 2024 11AM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke

MOTION by Page, seconded by Harrington to enter into Executive session at 7:49 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to return to regular session at 8:26 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to correct Resolution #5 to include the effective date of 2/25/2024.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall