

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 18, 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, Karman Harrington, Hannah Storman, Highway Superintendent Nick Drew, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith and Town Clerk Mary Wrench.

ABSENT: Council Member Stephen Northrup

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

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town of Greene is seeking Bids for painting the front exterior of the Town Hall Building located at 51 Genesee St. Greene, NY 13778

Specifications can be picked up in the Town Clerks Office. Questions can be directed to Bernie McDermott, Town Supervisor at (607) 656-4191 x 211

Sealed bids can be submitted to the Town Clerk Mary Wrench. Bid opening will be Monday April 13, 2026, at noon.

Bids are anticipated to be awarded at the regular Town Board meeting Wednesday April 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Dated: February 18, 2026

MINUTES

MOTION by Page, seconded by Harrington to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on February 18, 2026. Ayes all. Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Clerk Mary Wrench asked if the Privilege of the Floor statement be read prior to Public Comment as noted: *This session is intended for residents and landowners, or their proxy, to address the Board. Speakers must be recognized by the chairperson. There will be a timed 5-minute limit per person, not to exceed 30 minutes for all speakers. Disruptive speakers will be asked to desist and if necessary, will be escorted out. Order will be preserved or the session will be terminated.*

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 and Dog Warden. Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

Abstract#3 -Vouchers #2026116 through #2026170, General \$12,741.01 General Outside \$6,235.00, Highway \$177,336.93 Highway Outside \$6,586.09 Water District One \$2,700.86, Water District Two \$2,194.63 Sewer District Two \$1,878.16 Water District Three \$1,725.05

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Voucher #2026007 through 2026010, \$433.75

Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2026003 and 2026006, \$1,183.19

MOTION by Harrinton, seconded by Storman to pay audited claims, Abstract #3, 2026 with corrections. Ayes all. Carried.

TRANSFERS

MOTION by Page, seconded by Storman to transfer \$1,560 from J1.7145.400 Contractual to J1.7145.410 Utilities. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commerce Chenango contacted Supervisor McDermott regarding membership renewal. In 2024 the Town Board opted out of renewing the membership, however Supervisor McDermott is in favor of renewing it this year.

Therefore, in doing so Supervisor McDermott called for a vote.

What say you by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Stephen Page Aye

Council Member Hannah Storman Aye

Supervisor Bernie McDermott Aye

Council Member Karman Harrington Nay

Council Member Stephen Northrup Absent

Ayes carried.

COMMUNICATIONS cont.

Supervisor McDermott received a *Thank You* note from the Brightman Center.
Soil and Water Grant 2026 - Supervisor McDermott noted this might be something to look at.
Highway Superintendent Drew shared that in the past he hasn't seen much of a contribution from Soil and Water.
2025 Comptroller AFR J1 and J2 (see Resolution #2)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT: Bids for painting the front exterior of the Town Hall Building was published in the Evening Sun and is posted on the Town's website.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Spending Agreement (see Resolution #3) Highway Superintendent Nick Drew mentioned things are moving in the right direction with the current road plan. He thanked the Board for their support.
Nick prepared the 2026-2027 Fuel posting to be published in April.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Waiting on the County to approve creating a bookkeeper position for the Town. The Town will be advertising to fill the position as soon as the job description is complete.

JRC REPORT: The Youth swim program is going well. The bagel sales fundraiser did well, and the Lions Club donated \$800 to the JRC program. The T-ball and Softball opening day parade is scheduled for April 25, 2026. A chicken BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for April 26, 2026, at the Ball-flats.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR: Nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD: Nothing to report

BALL FLATS: The Committee has resumed their monthly meetings. There was a discussion at the 3/18/2026 meeting to change signage to include no electric bikes on the walking paths and that the park has surveillance cameras. The current maintenance workers will be returning for the 2026 season.

CODE AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Code Enforcer Stephen Smith noted the water/sewer rate increase letter went out. To date he has only received 1 resident questioning the charges.
Supervisor McDermott asked if Stephen has a spreadsheet of usages and charges. Stephen explained he reviews the bills monthly and retrieves reports from Autumn when needed.

Supervisor McDermott reached out to the LaBerge Group for advice regarding the water leak in District #3. Stephen Smith is waiting for a response.

Council member Harrington asked how many customers there are in that district, Stephen replied 17. Hwy Superintendent Drew suggested checking into as soon as possible before the paving season starts.

DOG CONTROL: Appearance tickets brought to the Town Court for Village residents have been dismissed due to jurisdiction. Mary Wrench will reach out to Ag and Markets for information regarding such cases.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Clerk to Supervisor LouAnn Day submitted her letter of intent to retire effective April 29, 2026. LouAnn noted she will be using the remainder of her carryover vacation hours prior to April 10, 2026. On April 10, 2026, LouAnn is entitled to 90 earned vacation hours which she will use to fulfill the rest of her time through April 29, 2026

MOTION by Storman, seconded by Harrington to accept LouAnn Day's letter of intent. Ayes all Carried.

IT/WEBSITE: Supervisor McDermott mentioned the new town individuals email address should be working. He did forward the link to the Board members to set up their emails.

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

MONIES RECEIVED – (February Statement 2026)

Judge Martin	\$2,419.00
Town Clerk	\$9,193.98
Greene SF1 Fund	\$285,990.53
JRC Donations	\$5,815.00
Sales Tax 4 th Qtr.	\$232,089.03
Pocket Solar Pilot	\$3,590.84
Money Market/CD Int. (Feb. 2026)	\$14,646.53
	<u>\$553,744.91</u>

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to accept February 2026 Monies received. Ayes all. Carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Route 12 water district – Supervisor McDermott is waiting on responses to discuss interest in the project.

Housing Summit – Council member Storman is attending the Greene Commerce meetings and speaking to area Realtors.

Council member Storman has thoughts on promoting more resident interest in the Town Board meeting, including posting the monthly meetings agenda on social media.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 - October 1, 2025, Work Session Minutes

MOTION by Harrington, seconded Storman to amend the October 1,2025 Board Work Session minutes. Resolutions 1 and #2 were omitted.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded Henninge to appoint Penny Haddad as sole assessor for the Town of Greene. This statutory (6) six-year term runs from October 1,2025 – September 30,2031. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded Page to adopt the 2026 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Greene. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2 - 2025 AFR filings for J1 and J2

MOTION by Harrington, seconded Page to receive and file the 2025 AFR filings for J1 and J2. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #3 - 2026, 284 Town Highway Spending Agreement

MOTION by Harrington, seconded Storman to adopt the 2026, 284 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #4 - 2025 Court Audits

MOTION by Page, seconded by Harrington to approve the 2025 Court Audits and for the Town Supervisor to file them with NYS Courts. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. and enter Executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Storman to return to regular session. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Storman to amend the Personnel Policy adopted February 18, 2026, Effective January 1, 2026, to **omit** index #12.6 statement on page 9 regarding participating in Town provided insurance for the final five years of employment to be eligible for health insurance retiree benefit. Policy revisions adopted by the town Board, March 18, 2026, Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Storman, seconded by Harrington to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall