

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 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, and Historian Bryan Bernardi

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Nick Drew

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Andrews and Jonalyn Copper

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

Supervisor McDermott requested a *moment of silence* in memory of Lee Ingraham, a graduate of Greene Central school.

MINUTES

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on February 19, 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, Planning Board and Village Minutes. Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to pay audited claims Abstract #3 2025 as presented. Ayes all. Carried.

Vouchers #2025105 through #2025157. General \$18,800.44 General Outside \$476.18, Highway \$57,370.00 Highway Outside \$10,300.85 Water District One \$1,163.33, Water District Two \$13,336.21, Sewer District Two \$1,634.90, Water District Three \$6,841.80.

Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Voucher #2025005, \$166.91.

Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2025008, \$40.00.

Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT: Nothing to report.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Hwy Superintendent Nick Drew will prepare the Legal Notice for the 2025 - 2026 Fuel Bids, Diesel Fuel, Heating Oil and Gasoline. Mary Wrench will forward the notice to the Evening Sun as well as post to the Town's website and the Town's bulletin board. Bids will be awarded at the Town Board meeting on April, 16, 2025

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Firefighter Tim Crumb was recognized at a dinner in his honor for his 40 years of service on the Greene Fire Department.

Supervisor McDermott is reviewing the CF Fire Contract and researching where the property lines are and checking the assessment roll for the property.

JRC REPORT: T-Ball and Softball registrations and Sponsorships are in for the Spring Season. A Chicken BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday April 12, 2025.

PERSONNEL REPORT: There is a work session scheduled for Friday April 4, 2025 to review and update the Employee Policy as needed.

HISTORIAN REPORT: See report on file

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

CEMETERY REPORT: Supervisor McDermott, Council Member Northrup and Chris Buck met to discuss the condition of the cemeteries. Chris shared some history of the cemeteries with them. Supervisor McDermott, Council member Northrup will meet to discuss further.

IT REPORT: The warranty on the server is due to renew. Per Pyramid there may be upgrades to Microsoft however no other information has been released to them.

ASSESSOR REPORT: See report on file.

BALL FLATS: Ron Williamson retired from the Village Board and Ball flats Committee.

JUSTICE AUDIT COMMITTEE: The Court audit has been completed and went well.
(see Resolution #7)

CODE AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS: All the new water meters have been installed with the exception of (3) residents due to the homeowners not being available. These meters will be installed at a later date.

The Pit meter for Miller Court has not been installed. Stephen Smith is waiting on information from NYS DOT to where the water lines were moved to the last time work was done on NYS Rt 12.

PLANNING BOARD: See report on file.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Mary received Ben Baker's resignation on March 17, 2025 and presented it to the Town Board on March 19, 2025. (see Resolution #5)

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$325.00
Judge Martin	\$1,240.00
Judge Brown	\$301.00
Diversion Program	\$3,940.21
Town Clerk	\$2,299.11
Tax Collector Interest & Penalties	\$3,858.08
TOG SL Fund	\$15,661.29
TOG SF2 Fund	\$62,292.85
Ballflats Insurance Refund	\$3,127.00
Village Greene Apts Pilot	\$414.42
Charter Franchise	\$6,071.19
JRC Donations	\$3,999.95 (correction)
Money Market/CD Int. February	<u>\$18,123.26</u>
	\$121,653.36

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Subdivision regulation law changes – June 2022, Council Member Henninge located a legal notice for a Public Hearing that took place prior to a Planning Board meeting. No changes were made to the subdivision law.

Supervisor McDermott mentioned the movement of funds to and from the DA and DB Highway accounts.

The Town Board discussed the annual Historical Society Donation, it was decided that a check will be sent to the Historical Society.

Supervisor McDermott met with a Town Resident/Veteran who questioned the current Veteran Exemption percentage rate. The Board discussed the rates for the different classifications. Supervisor McDermott and Council Member Harrington will review the exemptions with the Penny Haddad the Assessor.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

Board of Assessment Review

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Northrup to appoint upon the recommendation of the members of the BAR (Board of Assessment Review) to appoint Jonalyn Cooper to the BAR to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Michael Wheelock, through September 2025.

There were questions and concerns raised regarding the process in which the decision to appoint Jonalyn Copper was obtained.

Therefore, Supervisor McDermott called for a vote.

What say you by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Joseph Henninge – Nay

Council Member Steve Northrup – Aye

Council Member Karman Harrington – Aye

Council Member Steve Page – Nay

Supervisor Bernice McDermott – Aye

Ayes Carried.

RESOLUTION #2

Park Mowing

Motion by Page, seconded by Henninge to approve the agreement with Darrin Mills Landscaping to mow the Town Park located between N Chenango and N Canal St at a rate of \$35 per occurrence during the 2025 mowing season. (Note: same rate as 2024, pay out of new budget line B7110.401).

Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #3, #4 & #5

Highway

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to adopt the 2025 284 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. Ayes all. Carried.

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to sell the surplus 2010 Volvo 10-wheeler plow truck and plow for the sum of \$10,000. (Truck#5 - Truck #5, a 2010 Volvo tandem axle truck VIN # 4V5KC9EH7AN287778.) Ayes all. Carried.

Motion by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to receive the resignation letter from MEO Benjamin Baker, effective March 31, 2025. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #6

JRC

Motion by Page, seconded by Harrington to approve in advance of board audit expenses related to the JRC April 12, 2025 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #7

Court

Motion by Page, seconded by Harrington to approve and receive the 2024 Court Audit and for the supervisor to file with NYS Courts. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice was received that the NYS dept of Agriculture and Markets inspection was satisfactory.

Stephen Smith contacted NYS Public Health to obtain water line maps at no cost to the Town. NYS Public Health recommended the Town invest in Diamond Maps software which enables GPS for accuracy, elevation and other metadata.

Supervisor McDermott shared Mortgage Tax information with the Board Members.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jerry Andrews noted he walks around the Village of Greene and noticed that people are not using the dog waste bags to clean up after their dogs. He also mentioned there is a dog in the neighborhood that barks constantly.

Council Member Harrington asked Mr. Andrews if he reported the barking to the Dog Warden, Mr. Andrews indicated he did not.

Jonalyn Cooper Thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Assessment Review.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to move to executive session to discuss employee related issues. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to return to regular session.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM
Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall