

**TOWN OF GREENE  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
March 20, 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, Steve Northrup, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith and Highway Superintendent Nick Drew and Planning Board Chair Michelle Day.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

Supervisor Bernie McDermott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Henninge.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Henninge, seconded by Harrington to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024. Ayes all. Carried.

**BILLS**

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Henninge to pay audited claims Abstract #3 2024. Vouchers #2024117 through #2024167. General \$10,864.99 General Outside \$299.01, Highway \$7,195.70 Highway Outside \$51,661.66, Water District One \$700.82, Water District Two \$655.41, Sewer District Two \$1,811.30, Water District Three \$28.24. Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2024004 & #2024005, \$392.17. Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2024007, \$32.50. Ayes all. Carried.

**REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Harrington, seconded by Northrup 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:** Nothing to report.  
**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**JRC REPORT:** Steve Page reported there are approximately 130 students are signed up for T-ball/Softball. The JRC has a Chicken BBQ fundraiser scheduled for 4/13/2024.  
**PERSONNEL REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**HISTORIAN REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**CEMETERY REPORT:** Nothing to report.

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

**MONIES RECEIVED**

Code Department	\$141.70
Judge Martin	\$1,218.00
Judge Brown	\$1,363.00
Town Clerk	\$8,608.70
Property Tax Interest & Penalties	\$1,604.27
JRC Jan & Feb	\$5,444.12
Chenango Co. Traffic Diversion	\$6,766.80
Brisben Fire Dept Acct Monies	\$73,923.04
CHIPS 1 <sup>ST</sup> of 2024 PILOT	\$426.65
Charter Franchise Fee	<u>\$6,201.02</u>
	\$105,697.30

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Dog Control; Officer Inspection Report was completed on 2/20/2024. The report indicated, DCO services were rated “Satisfactory”.

Supervisor McDermott forwarded a Partnership letter to Jablon Studies for the Arts Grant Application on March 8, 2024.

A Thank you note was received from Gloria Kisner, Brightman Senior Center Treasurer for the annual donation from the Town.

Supervisor McDermott contacted Hinman, Howard & Kattell LLP to question if a Public Hearing is required prior to raising water rates, he was informed a Public Hearing is NOT required.

Due to repeated past due water bills per Hinman, Howard & Kattell LLP the Town can legally place a tax lien on property for back water/sewer charges.

The Town received notice that the Count Audit must be filed by April 15, 2024.

**MOTION** by Henninge, seconded by Page, to receive and file all Communications. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #1**

To adopt the 2024 284 Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds.

**RESOLUTION #2**

To authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter an agreement to sell the Sweeper Model # WA180-3MC SN#062-90230 (Feb 2024 Resolution #3 surplus) to the Town of Preston, Chenango County for the agreed sum of \$2500.00.

**RESOLUTION #3**

Highway MEO Shane Davis submitted his resignation effective March 29, 2024. Supervisor McDermott requested that the Town Board allow Shane to convert his remaining leave time through April 10, 2024 to a cash value to be applied towards his share of his health care premiums.

**MOTION** by Henninge, seconded by Northrup, to approve RESOLUTIONS #1 through #3. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #4**

To revise the following Procedural Motion from the January 3, 2024 Organizational meeting to authorize Supervisor McDermott to pay all insurances, State Retirement, utility bills, fines & fees, tax bills and sign and pay fire contracts when due through 12/31/24 with the addition to include J2 – Joint Recreation Commission expenses for officials and concessions that may be incurred between board meetings.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Harrington, to approve RESOLUTION #4. Ayes all. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #5**

To hire Nick Specht as the JRC Softball director at a salary of \$700.00 for the 2024 season and Bridgette Conway as the JRC T-Ball director at a salary of \$700.00 for the 2024 season.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve Nick Specht as the JRC Softball director and Bridgette Conway as the T-ball director at the 2024 salary noted.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Supervisor McDermott discussed transferring the Roger’s Fund monies into a Certificate of Deposit.

The Towns CPA will file the state reporting to the Comptroller.

**BOARD DISCUSSION cont.**

Supervisor McDermott is working on the request from the Emergency Squad to revise the agreement between the Town and the Emergency Squad.

The Town is waiting for an update on the closing of the Brisben Fire Dept building.

The vacant Planning Board Clerk position is posted and the deadline for submitting an application is April 1, 2024. Chair Michelle Day will provide the Personnel Dept with a job description.

Supervisor McDermott and Council member Steve Northrup will meet at NBT to add Steve as an authorized signer on the Towns accounts. There was discussion of adding a 2-signature clause for withdrawing funds from the Town accounts.

The questions were asked if the Town Board members would like a copy of the completed Abstract of Audited voucher for each month. The Board members declined.

Supervisor McDermott informed the Town Board that he attended the Chenango Forks Fire Department annual banquet, he also attended a meeting to present them with their Fire Contract check.

The American Legion places flags in 14 cemeteries. Supervisor McDermott attended a meeting to present them with a check, the donation was much appreciated.

There is a Town Finance school scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Geneva and May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> in Albany.

Assessor Penny Haddad will be invited to the April Town Board meeting to discuss a possible reassessment.

Code Enforcer Stephen Smith noted he would like to create a form of information for residents to be aware of the building codes in the Village/Town of Greene.

**MOTION** by Northrup, seconded by Harrington to approve Steve to look into options to create a source of information for the residents.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one spoke

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Henning to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.  
Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary C. Wrench*  
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall