

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2024
May 15, 2024

The regular meeting and Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2024 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.

PRESENT: Supervisor Bernie McDermott, Council Members, Steve Page, Joseph Henninge, Steve Northrup, Code Enforcer Stephen Smith, and Highway Superintendent Nick Drew.

ABSENT: Karman Harrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Rex Tracy, Anna Stark, Terry Stark and Chantel Rogers

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024

Supervisor McDermott called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:05 PM.

Legal Notice:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Greene Town Board on Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 51 Genesee St, Greene New York 13778, to consider a proposed Local Law entitled "LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2024". Dissolution of the Brisben Fire District. Distributions of gifted monies to the Village of Greene (Town of Greene Fire District), Village of Oxford (Town of Smithville District) and Village of Oxford (Town of Oxford Fire District). All interested persons will be heard on this matter at this date and time. A complete copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk during the Clerk's regular business hours.

By Order of the Greene Town Board
April 17, 2024
Mary C. Wrench
Town Clerk

Supervisor McDermott read the Public Hearing notice and opened the floor for discussion. Terry Stark, Mayor of Oxford had a question regarding the disbursements of the proceeds from the Brisben Fire District dissolution. Supervisor McDermott explained the breakdown of funds. Mr. Stark "*Thanked*" the Town Board.

Supervisor McDermott asked if anyone had any other questions or concerns. No one else spoke.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Henninge, to closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM.
Ayes all. Carried.

Supervisor Bernie McDermott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Page. Council Member Henninge requested a *moment of silence* in honor of our Veterans, our active Military and their families.

MINUTES

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Henninge to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024.
Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to pay audited claims Abstract #5 2024. Vouchers #2024226 through #2024291. General \$9,410.99 General Outside \$4,062.66, Highway \$71,401.15 Highway Outside \$64,284.21, Water District One \$1,255.99, Water District Two \$707.54, Sewer District Two \$1,748.58, Water District Three \$832.06. Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2024009 through #2024020, \$3,392.55. Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2024012 through #2024017 \$5,520.79. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to receive and file all Reports as submitted by the Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, Historian, Dog Control Officer, Assessor, Planning Board, JRC, Ball Flats, Building and the Town Supervisor's monthly report of Audited Claims – Abstract #5. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT: Nick Drew introduced Rex Tracy and welcomed him as the Towns new MEO. The 284 Road Plan was discussed. The State has approved the CHIPS money. A representative from the DEC dept will meet with Nick Drew, Supervisor McDermott and Council member Henninge on 5/16/2024 regarding the Hattie Clark Beaver Dam issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

CODE/SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Review Proposal from Lamont Engineering (Resolution #3).

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Nothing to report

JRC REPORT: Approve Summer Programs pay rates (Resolution #4).

PERSONNEL REPORT: The Planning Board clerk position has been filled (Resolution #9)

GIMPC/BALL FLATS: There is a candidate for Grounds keeper position. The Zero turn mower has been delivered. Quote received for bathroom repairs.

ASSESSOR: A work session took place on May 7, 2024 the next step is to get quotes on cost for a townwide property tax revaluation.

TOWN CLERK: Property Tax due reminder notices were sent out, last day to collect is May 31, 2024.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup, to receive and file all Committee reports.

Ayes all. Carried.

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$137.31
Judge Martin	\$972.00
Judge Brown	\$1,246.00
Town Clerk	\$16,350.98
Property Tax Interest & Penalties	\$4,071.90
JRC	\$15,664.00
Chen Co. Treas 1 st Qtr sales tax	\$174,151.03
Chen Co. Treas tax Pilot pmt.	\$395.42
GCS salt reimbursement	\$2,479.87
Town of Preston Sweeper purchase	\$2,500.00
Puckett Solar Pilot pmt.	\$36,487.25
GIMPC (Town of Greene)	\$13,750.00
	\$268,205.76

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

To adopt Resolution #1 of 2024 – Brisben Fire District Dissolution.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve RESOLUTION #1. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2

To appoint Rex Tracy as MEO effective May 20, 2024 at a pay rate of \$25.26 per hour, with an increase on September 23, 2024 to \$27.26 based on performance with a probationary period ending May 19, 2025.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Henninge to approve RESOLUTION #2. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #3

To accept the Proposal from Lamont Engineers for services related to the water meter replacement and to approve the expense from ARPA funds.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to approve RESOLUTION #3. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #4

To approve the JRC Summer Program 2024 salaries.

Swim Director - \$2,600.00, Program Director - \$2,600.00, Assistant Sports Director - \$850.00, Assistant Arts/Crafts/Technology Director \$850.00, Senior Counselors - \$30.00 per day, Junior Counselors - \$25.00 per day and Lifeguards - \$18.00 Hour.

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

RESOLUTION #5 - *Tabled*

To appoint a Grounds keeper for the Ball Flats.

RESOLUTION #6

To appoint Stephen C. Smith as the Permanent Code Enforcer under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law. Terms of Employment as defined by the Town of Greene Personnel Policy with 37 ½ hours per week work schedule.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to approve RESOLUTION #6. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #7

To approve a salary, increase of \$2,500.00 for Stephen Smith for the successful completion of the Enforcement Officer Open Competitive examination. Salary increase will be effective May 20, 2024

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to approve RESOLUTION #7. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #8

To Adopt the Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Greene Emergency Squad, Inc.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to approve RESOLUTION #8 (Town Board members signatures are required.) Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #9

To appoint Chantal Rogers to fill the Planning Board Clerk position, part time, as a rate of \$21.99 per hour effective May 20, 2024.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to approve RESOLUTION #9. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #10

To contact Darrin Mills Landscaping to mow the Town Park on N. Chenango St Ext. for the 2024 season at a rate of \$35.00 per purchase occurrence. Retroactive to April 1, 2024.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to approve RESOLUTION #10. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #11

To authorize a transfer of funds for the purchase of the John Deere Z970R Ztrak mower in the amount of \$15,260.63 (April – Resolution #10) from 2023 J1.7145.2 Fund Balance – Unreserved (unappropriated revenues) to 2024 J1.7145.2 Equipment and to authorize the Town Supervisor to issue the check to the John Deere Co. prior to the Boards audit of vouchers at the June Meeting.

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to approve RESOLUTION #11. Ayes all. Carried.

RESOLUTION #12

To authorize the Supervisor McDermott to acquire a credit card with a limit of \$5,000.00 and to close the existing debit card.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to approve RESOLUTION #12. Ayes all. Carried.

BOARD INFORMATION/SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Clarification of the Contract for Greene Fire, Village separated into two parts, agreement for service and amount due.

Communication Memo was sent to the Village Mayor and the Smithville Supervisor re: JRC Budget and proposed 5% funding increase over four years.

Communication was sent to the Village Mayor re: Ball Flats payment and proposed increase over four years.

CPA update – working on 2023 AFR for Town Funds.

Mortgage tax Oct-March amount - \$28,041.80

NBT Accounts – Four accounts were closed, Nine accounts were opened. Large balances moved to new interest-bearing ICS, Money Market accounts. Rogers's Estate Principal invested in a CD. This was a lot work for LouAnn.

Rumble Ponies – Greene Day – There was no interest in participating.

A work session may need to be scheduled re: Reserve Funds

BOARD INFORMATION/SUPERVISOR'S REPORT cont.

Follow up:

AED – Request being made to Greene Community Services and Raymond Foundation.

Clothing Purchases – waiting on vendor.

S. Page Healthcare – Supervisor McDermott will contact insurance agent.

BOARD DISCUSSION

To Accept the 2023 ARF for J2 - Greene Joint Recreation Commission.

To Accept the 2023 ARF for J1 – Greene Intermunicipal Parks Commission

To Accept the March 2023 SLFRF Compliance Report (ARPA)

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to accept the 2023 ARF for J2, 2023 ARF for J1 and the March 2023 SLFRF(ARPA) reports. Ayes all. Carried.

Supervisor McDermott will hire the Grounds keeper (on condition) pending Board approval at the June meeting.

Supervisor McDermott sent a Memo to the Village of Greene and the Town of Smithville regarding the JRC budget and proposed a 5% funding increase over four years.

Council Member Page received quotes for repairing the bathrooms at the Ball Flats. The Bid from DJD plumbing & Heating, LLC in the amount of \$2,435.75 for services was accepted.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page to accept the bid of \$2,435.75. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor McDermott received a response from GCS regarding a BOE appointed member to the Greene Intermunicipal Parks Commission (JRC)

Council Member Page obtained information from Chenango County Soil and Water regarding grants.

The Town received information from N.Y. Ag & Mkts Law section 120, Protection of Deer.

Mary Wrench explained what her understanding was of the Dog Law handout.

The Town received a Member Certificate from the Association of Towns.

The Town of Greene received a “Thank you” note from Gloria Kisner - Brightman Sr. Center.

Commerce Chenango’s Annual Awards Gala is Saturday June 15, 2024 at the Canasawatca Country Club, Norwich, NY

NYS Board of Elections sent out notification that effective January 1, 2025 that Two and Four-year terms will move to Even Year Elections.

MOTION by Northrup, seconded by Page, to receive and file all Communications.

Ayes all. Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke

MOTION by Page, seconded by Northrup to enter into Executive session at 8:33 PM. to review employment of a certain individual. Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to return to regular session at 8:49 PM.

Ayes all. Carried.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Northrup to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – June 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall