

TOWN OF GREENE
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 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.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Harrington, Kara Harrington, Jerry Andrews.

Council Member Karman Harrington excused herself during the discussion and vote for the bid of the Water Meter replacement.

Supervisor McDermott requested a vote to award the bid for the Water Meter replacement to Hurd Development. (The vote was tabled at the Special Meeting that was held on July 31, 2024)

Council Member Joseph Henninge	Aye
Council Member Stephen Page	Aye
Council Member Stephen Northrup	Aye
Supervisor Bernie McDermott	Aye
Council Member Karman Harrington,	Abstain

With a vote result of 4-0 with 1 abstention, Hurd Development was awarded the Bid.

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

MINUTES

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 Ayes all. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Harrington, seconded by Page to pay audited claims Abstract #8 2024. Vouchers #2024429 through #2024499. General \$14,342.48 General Outside \$568.15, Highway \$174,294.52 Highway Outside \$207,873.21, Water District One \$1,426.57, Water District Two \$999.17, Sewer District Two \$1,992.67, Water District Three \$954.67. Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission Vouchers #2024039 through #2024049, \$4,967.40. Joint Recreation Commission Voucher #2024023 through #20240025, \$724.36. Ayes all. Carried.

REPORTS

MOTION by Page, 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, and the Town Supervisor's monthly report of Audited Claims – Abstract #8. Ayes all. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT: Council Member Northrup meet with Nick Drew to get an update on Hattie Clark Rd. There is activity at the beaver dam, the pond is filling up and the dry hydrant is submerged. Nick made mention that the Town may want to look at purchasing a machine (similar to the jaws of life) for tree removal and cleanup. The machine is a safe way to remove tress and reduces the number of crewmen needed for the job. Repair or replace the spare truck was brought up as well as replacing the boom mower.

CODE/SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Duane Pierce meet with Stephen Smith in July to review the issued Building Permits as part of a study for insurance policies. Duane noted Stephen is doing a great job and his full report will be forwarded to the Town upon its completion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

CODE/SPECIAL DISTRICTS: Stephen Smith is acting as a liaison for the Town Court on September 5, 2024. Stephen will contact the Town’s attorney Richard Lewis for recommendations.

Recently Stephen had a request from a realtor for a permit/cert. of occupancy search on a property. Stephen explained that would be a timely process. There was discussion of possibly getting someone short term to work on pulling old permits and verifying that a CO was issued.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Nothing to report

JRC REPORT: Nothing to report

PERSONNEL REPORT: Nothing to report

GIMPC/BALL FLATS: Members of the Applefest Committee attended the Ball flats meeting and noted they may be able to make a donation to the Ball flats in the future.

The Labor Day committee made a donation to the Ball flats, Steve Page will send a “Thank you” note.

TOWN CLERK: Hunting licenses/Doe management permits opened for sale on August 1, 2024. The Clerks’s office has been busy issuing hunting licenses. The DEC has changed the licenses and tags from a business card size coated tag to a printed 8x11 sheet of paper. The Clerk’s office is supplying the hunters with a plastic tag holder for protection.

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

MONIES RECEIVED

Code Department	\$215.82
Judge Martin	\$1,565.00
Judge Brown	\$1,975.00
Town Clerk	\$14,834.32
Town Clerk tax int. balance	\$129.84
NBT Ins Agency Refund	\$1,749.00
CHIPS	\$426.65
Chenango Co. sales tax 2 nd qtr.	\$186,415.83
Money market interest – July	\$21,358.04
JRC Soccer donations	<u>\$2,094.17</u>
	\$230,763.67

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

A motion to receive from the Greene Historical Society a plaque they gifted the Town for the first-floor hallway to accompany the “Greene” sign from the old railway station.

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

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Hattie Clark Road update was discussed during Committee reports.

There is no update on the Chenango River boat launch concerns from the July meeting.

DEC Licenses – discussed during Committee reports.

A sign for the front of the Town Office building was discussed. “Town of Greene Offices” is noted clearly on the front entry door. Supervisor McDermott is going to get estimates to have a sign made cover the I beam on the building. The other option is to leave it as is.

Supervisor McDermott is currently working on the 2025 Town Budget.

1. Wed Oct 2nd – Work session – 9AM – Receive and review budget from the Town clerk.
2. Wed Nov 6th – Public Hearing – 6PM
3. Wed Nov 20th – Regular meeting – adopt the budget.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/SUPERVISOR'S REPORTcont.

ARPA funds need to be obligated by 12/31/2024. There was discussion on where the monies be best utilized. Further discussion to follow.

AFR – as of yet not completed.

Supervisor McDermott mentioned the annual mandatory employee training will be coming up. There was a brief discussion about the condition of County Rd 32 in the Town of Greene.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town received an invoice from the Broome Co. Humane society. There were dog recovery fees on the invoice that were not the Towns responsibility. Supervisor McDermott will follow up with the Humane society.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jerry Andrews spoke, Jerry wanted the Town Board to be aware that a dog (Amy) belonging to Mike French, a Greene resident runs loose and has attacked his partners dog which required stitches and medication. Also, a resident of Greene was bit recently. His concern is if the dog if not tended to she will seriously hurt another dog or even a child. He noted the dog has bit others at least 3 times. He feels the leash law is not being implemented. He said his partner reported the attack on her dog to Kyle Boeltz. Currently the other resident that was bit by Amy has a pending case in Village Court. The Town Board *thanked* Jerry for coming in and making them aware of the situation.

MOTION by Henninge, seconded by Page to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.
Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wrench
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting – September 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall