

**TOWN OF GREENE  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
July 14, 2021**

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 Joe Henninge, Council Members Bernie McDermott, Diane Flanagan and Steve Page, Planning Board Member Michelle Day

**ABSENT:** Council Member Steve Northrup

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryon Bernardi, Mike Donohue, Sue Donohue and Sharon Davis

Supervisor Henninge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Debbie Thomas.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by McDermott to approve the minutes dated June 9, 2021 as submitted by Mary Wrench, Deputy Town Clerk. Ayes Henninge, McDermott, Page - Abstained Council Member Flanagan. Carried.

**BILLS**

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by McDermott to pay all bills as presented. Vouchers #20210573 through #20210702. General \$5,618.72, General Outside \$2,152.89, Highway \$6,737.26, Highway Outside \$123,642.02, Greene Intermunicipal Park Commission \$577.47, Joint Recreation Commission \$243.42, Sewer District \$1,826.43, Water District One \$907.61, Water District Two \$773.73, Water District Three \$327.81. Ayes all. Carried.

**REPORTS**

Planning Board Member Michelle Day reported the Planning Board is currently reviewing the Town of Greene Cell Tower Law. 5G law is different therefore, the Planning Board researched the Department of State laws on 5G. Planning Board doesn't feel comfortable writing law on 5G and would like the help of an attorney.

There was a site visit done on the Atlas Solar farm, Planning Board is working with the applicant on some issues.

A projector will be purchased for the Planning Board.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by Page to receive and file all Reports as submitted by Assessor, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer and Planning Board Minutes dated June 28, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Page stated the JRC program is going well and only one day has been cancelled due to rain. The pool was closed for cleaning and is scheduled to re-open tomorrow. There are approximately 130 student in the JRC program this year.

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

**MONIES RECEIVED**

Code Department	\$135.10
Judges Martin and Brown	\$3,912.00
Town Clerk	\$1,757.14
Village of Greene	\$17,000.00 (Code Enforcement Department)
Charter Franchise Fee	\$6,241.08
Ben Weitsman of Owego	\$423.14

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

New York State will begin accepting applications for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) starting June 1, 2021 to help those have been affected by COVID-19.

A discussion was held regarding the gate on the portion of Standish Road that is abandoned. Supervisor Henninge went up to Standish Road and checked the gate and it is not locked.

Supervisor Henninge applied for monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town of Greene will receive \$387,000 from ARPA. It will be dispersed in two (2) payments, half later this summer and the other half next year around the same time. The monies must be used by December 2024. Supervisor Henninge would like to hire an attorney to find out what the money can be used for as the state has stipulations.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by McDermott to approve the hiring of an attorney for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. Ayes all. Carried.

New software by Williamson Law Book is being reviewed by the department heads.

The box culvert/bridge between Echo Lake Road and Ott Road is going to be replaced. The road will be closed for 6 - 8 weeks.

A discussion was held regarding ElanCity which is an app for community news, local events and local emergency alerts. It is accessible for everyone and is free for all users. Council Member McDermott will spearhead the project for the new app.

**MOTION** by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to purchase the ElanCity My City Pocket for \$349.00 for all Town of Greene residents to use. Ayes all. Carried.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded Page to modify the 2021 budget. Transfer \$1000 from Account B 1990.4 Contingency to Account B 8020.1. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by McDermott, seconded by Page to accept Peg Ross's letter of resignation as the Town Historian effective July 31, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

The Town Board would like to thank Peg Ross for her many years of dedicated service as the Town of Greene Historian.

**MOTION** by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to appoint Bryon Bernardi as the new Town of Greene Historian effective August 1, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

There was a discussion on the phone system. The current phone system's main menu was down. CPE Interlink came and made temporary repairs. CPE Interlink provided a quote for a new phone system.

**MOTION** by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to move forward with the purchase of a new phone system. Ayes all. Carried.

The installation of a sign for 'Carp Lane to Perch Lane' at Petonia Lake was discussed. A letter was received from Mike Bange, President of the Petonia Lake Association stating their Association Board voted 6 to 2 in favor of the signage.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by Page to install the "Carp Lane to Perch Lane' sign at Petonia Lake. Ayes all. Carried.

Superintendent Nick Drew requested the board discuss a weight limit of 10 Tons on Echo Lake and Ott Road during the replacement of the box culvert on County Road 2 to prevent excess damage to our roads.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by Page to post a temporary weight limit of 10 Tons on Echo Lake Road and Ott Road. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by Page to file all Board Discussion. Ayes all. Carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. & Mrs. Donohue from Petonia Lake thanked the Town Board for the installation of the new sign 'Carp Lane to Perch Lane'.

Supervisor Henninge read three (3) thank you cards for the work the Greene Highway Department has done recently. They were received from the Petonia Lake Association, Pete and Karen Raymond and Greene Central School Bus Garage.

Bryon Bernardi thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as the Town of Greene Historian.

Supervisor Henninge thanked Town Clerk Debbie Thomas for her service, she will retire effective August 4, 2021.

**MOTION** Henninge, seconded by Flanagan to accept Mary Wrench's letter of resignation as Deputy Town Clerk effective August 4, 2021. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by Flanagan, seconded by Page to appoint Mary Wrench as Greene Town Clerk effective August 5, 2021. She will run in the November 2022 General Election to fulfill the remainder of the term left by Debbie Thomas. Ayes all. Carried.

**MOTION** by McDermott, seconded by Flanagan to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Ayes all. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Thomas  
Greene Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting - August 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Greene Town Hall