

Village of Greene Board Minutes  
September 8, 2025

Mayor DuMond called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were: Mayor DuMond, Trustees Najarian, Shapley, Storman and McGrath. Also, present were: Electric Superintendent Livingston, OIC Nordberg, Fire Chief Williams and Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham. Working Supervisor Kinney arrived at 7:07 pm. Visitors: Kristen Stiles, Jerome Scott and Klaus Ravnholt Pedersen.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Najarian to accept board meeting minutes of 8/11/2025. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Storman that Treasurer's, Police, Town and Village Historian and Code Enforcement reports were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Williams reported that the ladder truck will be going to Vander Molden in Utica for regular maintenance 9/14/25 at no cost to the village, but ladder truck will be out of service for a few days. Hydro testing will be done 9/11/25. Chenango County previously did the truck pump testing but states they are no longer able to do this. A company from Montrose PA will be doing this around October 22. Tests will be performed at the hydrant on Monell St Ext. A water meter will be used to account for water used.

Electric Superintendent Livingston reminded the trustees and mayor that he will be attending NYMPA/MEUA conference in early October. The electric department has been doing regular scheduled maintenance.

Trustee Storman spoke for Working Supervisor Kinney who was delayed to meeting. Highway Dept is looking for permission to purchase a new highway truck. Paving projects will be done on Grace Dr. and Green St. Thursday, September 11, 2025 replacement of pipe on Meadowbrook Ln.

OIC Nordberg said that Labor Day Celebration went well. Chris Kurz has contacted OIC Nordberg to let him know that plans are in the works for a Christmas Parade December 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham reported on a number of complaints for the odor of sewer treatment plant. The combination of BOD load and high temperature in addition to an aspirator failure contributed to the issue. Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham welcomed Klaus Revnholt from Cocojune, dba Dreamily Delicious, as the waste they contribute is a significant source of the odor. Cocojune produces yogurt made with coconut paste. This reacts different than other discharges to the waste water system and the organic matter is more difficult to treat. Cocojune has been working with the village to rectify this issue, including paying the cost of additional chemicals to treat the issue. Klaus apologized to the residents of Greene for the odor created and thanks them for their patience. Cocojune currently employees approximately 75 people over three work shifts. Klaus updated the village on the status of Cocojune's delayed pretreatment plant. The delay was due to multiple issues beyond their control. The system, costing approximately a half a million dollars, is now due to arrive on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

and will take 3 weeks to commission. During this time period, Klaus will be providing the Village of Greene with weekly reports. The goal of this new process will be the following: The system will skim solids from the top of waste water. This solid waste will go to a sludge tank and the sludge tank will be emptied and contents removed by a hauler once to twice weekly. Cocosune expects to remove 5,000-10,000 pounds weekly. The remaining portion will be clarified before being sent to waste water treatment plant. The goal for the pretreatment plant will be to have a steady flow of clarified discharge to the sewer treatment plant, rather than a large amount at one time, making it easier to process.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham said that Jerome Scott had stopped at his office in regard to easement for water line replacement project and monthly bill charges for his mother, Karen Scott. No questions on easement. Karen Scott has a well and a sewer connection to the Village of Greene. Mr. Scott questioned if his mother was paying for water and water assessment. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Ingraham confirmed that she was only paying for sewer and sewer assessment. Mr. Scott appreciated the clarification.

Working Supervisor Kinney arrived and confirmed information that Trustee Storman had stated. Leaf collection will begin mid-October; there will be more information available at October 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mayor DuMond appointed Kristen Stiles to replace Shirley Girton on the Village of Greene Planning and Zoning Board. Shirley Girton has retired from the Planning and Zoning Board after over 20 years of service. The Village of Greene Mayor and Trustees appreciate Shirley's service to the community. Shirley, in addition to being on the Planning and Zonings, is also a member of Greene Garden Club and Greene Clothing Bank.

Mayor DuMond acknowledged receipt of the Greene Labor Day Bingo Inspector report from Marcia Miller.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Najarian to set a public hearing for October 13, 2025 at Village of Greene, 49 Genesee St, Greene, NY at 7pm. This public hearing is for the approval of a Cable TV agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Village of Greene. This is a standard agreement that has been in place many years and has been reviewed by Village counsel. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Storman to adopt a resolution ratifying a legal service agreement with Coughlin and Gerhart for the Village of Greene's water improvement project. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Storman to accept Municipal Solutions updated continuing disclosure contract having to do with Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's, Electronic Municipal Market Access system and the Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository. Ayes-all. Carried.

Information has been updated on the community section of the Town and Village of Greene website to list Judy Krisko in charge of the food pantry.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Storman to destroy 2019 penalties, adjustments and account status reports. Ayes-all. Carried

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy 2018 and 2019 cash receipts and daily receipts. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Shapley seconded by Trustee Najarian to take Water Assessment Funds and invest them into NYCLASS in order to earn higher interest. Ayes-all. Carried.

Monell Street, Monell Street Extension and Mill Street intersection currently only has one stop sign. This stop sign is on Monell Street when headed south to Monell St. Extension. Discussion of making this a three way stop or possible having a yield sign from Monell St Extension or Mill St when proceeding to Monell St.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to make Monell St., Monell St. Extension and Mill St. into a three-way stop. Trustee Shapley, Trustee Najarian and Trustee Storman -aye. Trustee McGrath-abstain. Carried.

Mayor DuMond and Trustees McGrath, Shapley, Najarian and Storman acknowledged receipt of a letter from Vicki Hollister, owner of 43-45 Genesee St. Ms. Hollister expressed concern over her loss of a tenant due to Village of Greene codes. The tenants had received several letters from the Code Enforcement with information on signage permits that were required.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payments of audited claims.

General Fund	\$129,594.61	Water Fund	\$ 7,283.55
Electric Fund	\$143,178.90	Sewer Fund	\$22,392.77

Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Shapley for budget amendments.

#### Budget Amendments

A.8010.400	ZONING CONTRACTUAL	+\$1,456.00
A.1620.422	VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS	-\$1,456.00
A.1320.460	AUDITORS.CONTRACTUAL	+\$1,538.00
A.1620.422	VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS	-\$1,538.00
A.1920.427	MISC. OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	+\$ 599.98
A.1620.422	VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS	-\$ 599.98

Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee McGrath thanked the Sewer Department employees for hard work to reduce smell of plant.

Trustee Shapley thanked the Fire Department for responding to a high volume of calls recently. Thank you to Bryan Bernardi, Town and Village Historian, the new historic sign looks very nice in front of town hall. Historic sign was purchased by a grant the historian received.

Trustee Storman had nothing additional to report.

Trustee Najarian thanked the police department for their coverage on Labor Day. She also thanked all the Village Depts for the work needed to make Labor Day possible. Trustee Najarian will be the representative for Hometown Holiday. Thank you to water department for continuing to care for the hanging baskets.

Mayor DuMond opened the floor to visitors.

Kristen Stiles asked about traffic light at the intersection of Genesee St and Canal St. Trustee Najarian said that she would provide information she has on the intersection's history.

Jerome Scott asked if there is a noise ordinance in regard to jake brakes. He says they are very loud at night and didn't know if there was a restricted time for their use. Trustee McGrath will look into this question.

Motion by Trustee McGrath seconded by Trustee Storman to exit regular session and enter executive session at 7:46 pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee McGrath to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 8:35 pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to publish a 30-day referendum to purchase a new highway truck, not to exceed \$60,000, and to purchase outfitting package for box, sander and plow, not to exceed \$50,000, from General Reserve Highway Truck Fund. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Storman to move \$28,000 from Highway Dept. remaining budget to the General Reserve Account A.9950.913 Highway Trucks \$14,000 and A.9950.929 Highway Equipment \$14,000. Ayes-all. Carried.

Village of Greene Office hours were discussed. The village office hours will remain Monday-Thursday 6:30 am – 4 pm. Friday 6:30 am – 10:30 am.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to adjourn meeting at 8:37 pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dedra Ingraham  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer