

January 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear
Councilman Greg Davis
Councilman Kenneth Stern

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Department Heads Present: Maintenance and Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Greenville Rescue Squad Chief Brian Tumey
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Attorney Tal Rappleyea
Highway Superintendent Terry Williams

Other: Presenters Edward Carey & Javier Barrios of Good Energy
1 guest

Absent: Councilman John Bensen

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A 30 minute presentation about Community Choice Aggregation was received from Mr. Carey and Mr. Barrios, of Good Energy. They requested the Board consider this plan to 'buy in bulk' from a different supplier, while still utilizing the same delivery service provider. A public hearing would be required to enact a local law to allow the company to move forward in acquiring data to determine if this was a feasible or beneficial. Paperwork was provided; they will contact Mr. Macko to follow up at a later date.

Mr. Davis moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of December 19, 2016 and January 3, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 4 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the Rescue Squad, Highway, Buildings and Grounds, Code, Assessing, Clerk/Tax, Dog Control, Sewer and Water departments, and Planning and Zoning Boards.

Additionally, Mr. Leroy Bear discussed a proposal for delivery of Crystal Rock bottled water, at \$4.50 per bottle and a \$1.00 cooler rental fee per month, for Town Hall and the Justice Court. This should save \$10-\$20 per month, depending on the season.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Stern, to approve this service as outlined above. Carried 4 ayes

Annual dues were submitted for the NYS Assessors' Association for 2017 and the Institute of Assessing Officers for 2017, totaling \$190.00

Mr. Davis moved to approve and pay these dues, seconded by Mr. Bear.

Carried 4 ayes

Training was requested for Assessor Gordon Bennett to attend a course at Columbia Greene Community College regarding the Valuation of Solar Panels. The cost will be divided among Mr. Bennett's other employers as well.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stern, to approve this educational course.

Carried 4 ayes

Assessor Gordon Bennett arrived at 7:50 pm

New business discussed at 7:50 pm:

Further discussion occurred regarding the prior-proposed removal of Solar Exemptions. Supervisor Macko stated he received one letter of concern from a resident asking for the exemption not to be taken away. Assessor Bennett said that currently the law provides for up to a \$50,000 exemption off of the assessed property value over 15 years; the value of that exemption for a homeowner over the 15 year period was estimated between \$15,000-\$30,000. The law states it is an 'all or nothing' exemption; there cannot be a distinction between residential and commercial use. Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh inquired as to whether the first 'x' amount of dollar value of the solar apparatus on both residential and commercial solar exemptions could be offered? Attorney Rappley agreed that could be worked out; for now, he recommends not taking away the exemption. Attorney Rappley's formal recommendation will be prepared for next month's meeting.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to table this issue until the February meeting. Carried 4 ayes

A new contract is required for North Dome Operations, Inc., to manage and supervise the operation and maintenance of the waste water treatment plant, for the period of January 2017 – December 2019. Mr. Myers proposed an increased salary for 2017 of \$45,000; after discussion and the agreement to remove the Hill Street station duties, a renegotiated 2017 salary of \$40,000 was agreed upon.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve this contract with North Dome Operations, Inc. for \$40,000. Carried 4 ayes

Maintenance Supervisor P. Leroy Bear addressed maintenance of the Hill Street station. This new station utilizes a bar screen located 13 feet below floor level, which requires daily clearing. Joe Myers was going to charge \$5,000 to manage this responsibility; Mr. Macko recommended doing this work 'in-house'. For safety reasons, it is a 2 person job. Mr. Leroy Bear says that he and Ms. Hamilton can do this work for \$4,000.

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. R. Bear, to have Mr. L. Bear and Ms. Hamilton manage the Hill Street station, and compensate \$4,000 (each payable quarterly at \$520 per person). Carried 4 ayes

A renewed contract between the Town of Greenville and Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPA's, PC, is necessary. This group audits our financial records annually for \$12,500.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve this contract for 2017.

Carried 4 ayes

A renewed contract between the Town of Greenville and EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley is necessary. This provides EAP/SAP services for the 2017 year, without an increase in cost noted.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stern, to approve this contract.

Carried 4 ayes

Discussion has occurred to provide part-time employees without benefits the availability of purchasing in to the Town's dental and vision insurance plans.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stern, to allow part-time Town employees to pick up 100% of the cost to purchase dental & vision insurance coverage from the town.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko notified all in attendance that the Town-sponsored Roller Skating has been scheduled for every Sunday in March at the Purling Roller Rink.

Follow up is needed in addressing several of the Town's annual Organizational Resolutions:

Mr. Macko recommends #28 to read as follows ~

28) that Gordon W. Bennett be appointed to sit with the Board of Assessment Review and that the following member's terms remain through September of each year: Dave Battini 1 year (2017); Dolores Glaudino 2 years (2018); and **Ronnie J. Campbell (2021)**; each with a \$400 annual stipend

Mr. Davis moved to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Macko recommends #36 to read as follows ~

36) that John Bensen and Ken Stern be appointed to the Highway Committee; that Richard Bear and Greg Davis be appointed to the Park, Recreation and Public Relations Committee; that Ken Stern and Richard Bear be appointed to the Special Districts Committee; that Richard Bear and John Bensen be appointed to the Solid Waste Committee; that Ken Stern and Greg Davis be appointed to the Waste-water Plant Committee, to meet the last Thursday of each month, at the plant, at 4:00 pm; that Paul Macko and Ken Stern be appointed to the Greenville Beautification Committee; **that Renee Hamilton, Barbara Flach, and _____ be appointed to the Safety Committee**; and that John Bensen and Richard Bear be appointed to the Employee Manual Committee.

Mr. Macko continues to seek a representative from the Highway Department site and he hopes to have this confirmed by next month.

Mr. Bear moved to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Davis.

Carried 4 ayes

Per Highway Superintendent Williams, Mr. Macko recommends #49 to read as follows~

49) that the appointment by the Highway Superintendent of **Peter Baskiewicz** as Deputy Highway Superintendent be accepted with no compensation.

Mr. Bear moved to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Davis.

Carried 4 ayes

As #31 was incorrectly reported and approved at the organizational meeting, Mr. Macko recommends it be amended as follows ~

31) that a full time Maintenance Supervisor be employed for the town buildings at **\$22.74** per hour, that 1 full time Maintenance person be employed for the town buildings at \$18.03 per hour, and 1 as needed, part time maintenance worker be hired up to 20 hours per week at \$13.00 per hour, and a part time Recycle person be employed for the recycling center at \$13.05 per hour and a per-diem substitute may be used at \$11.57 per hour on an as-needed basis

Mr. Bear moved to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 4 ayes

As no further candidates have come forward wishing to serve on various boards, Supervisor Macko recommends further advertising and discussion before completing resolution numbers 37, 38, 39, and 50. These pertain to the Town Planning Board, the Greene County Planning Board, the Town’s Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Town’s Ethics Committee. These items will be followed up on at a future meeting.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 8:18 pm: none received.

After audit, Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 1 - 46 on General abstract #1 for \$57,598.90
- Bills 1 - 28 on Highway abstract #1 for \$34,806.91
- Bills 1 - 8 on Sewer abstract #1 for \$2,602.48
- Bills 1 - 7 on Water abstract #1 for \$2,308.94

Carried 4 ayes

After review, Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s report for December, seconded by Mr. Stern.

Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. DAVIS

MR. STERN