

**Town of Greenville**  
PUBLIC HEARING RE: WATER RATE INCREASE  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:30pm**

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm at Pioneer Hall to discuss increasing the water rates.

Three Board members were present, Supervisor Macko and Councilman Richards were absent. Attorney Tal Rapplelea was present as well as Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Travis Smigel from Delaware Engineering, Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald and 3 guests. Supervisor Macko was present as a guest via teleconference.

***This Public Hearing was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Catskill Daily mail, on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

Deputy Supervisor Bensen opened the public hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32pm.

Supervisor Macko explained to the hearing that water rates have not been raised in 15 years and the water department no longer has any funds in their reserves due to inflation. The water plant is run on the revenues collected from the water bills based upon usage so that there is no need to raise water funding by way of taxes. This is no longer sustaining with the increase in cost of supplies/repairs, etc.

Travis Smigel from Delaware Engineering suggested to the Board that the meeting remain open until the next Town Board meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as there were no new rate suggestions to be provided.

**Questions/Comments/Concerns From the public:**

**How will the water usage from the water/waste water extension project be billed? Do the residents or the Town eat the cost?** Travis Smigel of Delaware Engineering informed the hearing that the water usage for the project are being tracked and upon completion of the project Delaware Engineering will negotiate the payback with the contractor.

***Deputy Supervisor called upon the hearing for any further questions/comments/concerns and suggested to the Board that they keep the public hearing open until the next Town Board meeting.***

***There being no further remarks from the public Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Von Atzingen to keep the Public Hearing open until the next Town Board Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Carried 3 ayes***

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bear

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bensen

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Von Atzingen