Village of Greene Board Meeting

January 9, 2023 7pm

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Daniel Mortenson (Morty). Trustees DuMond, Williamson, Najarian and Shapley were present along with Superintendent Livingston, SPO Ingraham, WS Kinney and Chief Mirabito. Visitors: Marcia Miller, Penny Haddad, Emily Cecelin and Jonalyn Cooper.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee DuMond to accept board meeting minutes of 12/12/22. Ayes – all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley that Treasurer’s, Police, Town of Greene and Town Historian reports were received and filed. Ayes – all. Carried.

Emily Cecelin from Exit Realty is excited to report that an Exit Realty satellite office will be opening at 16 Genesee St. for the convenience of our local community.

Fire Chief Mirabito reported a social media policy for the fire department is being drafted and will be sent to the Village attorney for review once the draft is complete. Local fire departments are working together with Chenango County to find ways to recruit new members to the fire departments. December’s board meeting it was mentioned that the ladder truck inspection showed a structural issue which is covered under warranty. The ladder truck is currently at Sutphen being repaired and will have the testing company inspect it once completed before it is released back. The cancer insurance policy paperwork has been submitted to NY State. There is a $1,500. DEC Grant available with matching funds that the fire department will apply for to use for the purchase of gear that is needed.

Superintendent Livingston reported the Stray Voltage annual report was submitted. Maintenance on the electric trucks and equipment is being done.

Working Supervisor Kinney reported the CHIPS reimbursement funds have been received and deposited. December 2022 the Scott Ave ongoing drainage problem was repaired by T & K Harrington. After the rain a few weeks ago there was sinking at the drain installed which has been addressed and repaired by T & K Harrington. The Rotary Grant of 6 dog stations will be installed this week by the highway department as long as the weather cooperates. The 6 dog station locations will be as follows: Cherry St. and Washington St.; S. Canal St. and Wheeler St.; N. Canal St. bridge; Birdsall St. and Locust St.; Genesee St. and Franklin St. and Page St. and S. Chenango St. The training for handling the dog stations by students will follow shortly after they are installed. WS Kinney requested a resolution for emergency purchase to not be required to receive 3 quotes for a new or used highway department truck since there is not a selection available for used, and delivery time for new purchases are 12 months out. WS Kinney will be receiving a quote from Chenango Sales for a new truck that may become available.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Williamson to emergency purchase a new or used truck for the Highway Department if one becomes available within the specs he has searched for at the cost not to exceed $68,000.00 from the Permissive Referendum issued in December 2022. Ayes – all. Carried.

Trustee Shapley reported OIC Nordberg is attending field officer training.

Sewer Plant Operator Ingraham thanked everyone for the help with the water main break right before the storm. SPO requested permission to expend $65,000.00 from The Sewer Plant Equipment account budget line and $13,222.88 from the Receiving Tank account budget line to purchase a skid steer from CNY in the amount of $78,222.88.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Shapley to purchase a skid steer from CNY in the amount of $78,222.88 using the Sewer Plant Equipment budget line of $65,000.00 and Receiving Tank budget line of $13,222.88. Ayes – all. Carried.

Mayor Brown was pleased to read a letter from the Chenango County Health Department for inspection of the Village of Greene’s water system on 8/16/22 proving all is satisfactory, no deficiencies were observed and operators demonstrate diligence and excellence in providing clean and safe water to the Village of Greene.

Mayor Brown read the resolution for polling place, date and time of elections to be placed in the Evening Sun as follows:

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next General Village Election for Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023:

The Polling place shall be the Village Hall, 49 Genesee Street, Greene, NY and the polls will be open from noon to 9pm.

Dated: January 9, 2023

Irene A. Tornillo

Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee Najarian to appoint election inspectors Lynn Ruth and Lois Conrad for Village of Greene election on March 21, 2023. Ayes – all. Carried.

Penny Haddad, Town and Village Tax Assessor, updated the Mayor and Trustees of the Senior Partial Exemptions and the Volunteer Fire Fighter & Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemptions that are available which will be addressed around October 2023 for the following upcoming tax season as it is too late for this year’s tax season.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize payments of audited claims in the amount of $318,599.21:

General $93,569.34 Sewer $28,845.33

Electric $184,460.46 Water $11,724.08

Ayes – all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Shapley to authorize budget amendments as follows:

A.1620.431 Village Hall Insurance +$300.44

A.1620.455 Village Hall Supplies/Expenses - $300.44

A.3120.110 Police Overtime/Comp +$366.19

A.3120.105Police Part Time - $366.19

G.1920.431 Unallocated Insurance +$823.83

G.1990.400 Contingency Account -$ 823.83

G.8130.457 Treatment Chemicals +$731.19

G.8130.419 Treatment Plant Dues/Travel -$ 731.19

G.8130.459 Treatment Plant Fit. Tests/Physicals +$ 62.00

G.8130.419 Treatment Plant Dues/Travel -$ 62.00

G.8130.420 Treatment Plant Vehicle Maintenance +$1,489.56

G.8130.419 Treatment Plant Dues/Travel -$1,489.56

Ayes – all. Carried.

Jonalyn Cooper reported the 2022 Hometown Holiday weekend was a great success, there were approximately 500+ people who attended. Also, there is a need for a local organization to take over the Hometown Holiday Weekend. Jonalyn will speak to Lion’s Club, Rotary and Emily will speak to Wally who is in charge of the dog park in Greene in regards to this as well.

Trustee Williamson reported the new hire at the Water Department is working out very well.

Mayor Brown read 2 thank you cards from Greene Central School and the Food Pantry thanking the Halloween Dance for their donations, stating it is very much needed and appreciated.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee DuMond to end regular session at 8:05pm and enter into executive session at 8:10pm.

Motion by Trustee Williamson seconded by Trustee DuMond to address the overlooked sewer assessment charges from May 2017 to present at 76 S. Chenango St. Since the property has been vacant for so many years it was overlooked in the process of setting up the sewer assessment charges in 2017 and will be billed for $1,156.00, it will also be billed accordingly going forward. Ayes – all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee DuMond seconded by Trustee Williamson to exit executive session at 8:23pm. Ayes – all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian seconded by Trustee Shapley to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm. Ayes – all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene A. Tornillo

Clerk Treasurer