

Town Board
Town of north Greenbush
January 10, 2019
Regular meeting
Minutes

Supervisor Desso open the meeting and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Desso- present
Councilman Spain- present
Councilwoman Sabo- present
Councilman Bott- present
Councilwoman Hoffman- present

Comments on Agenda items:

Carl Yager- Contracts on here what is it, have they gone up or down? Budget Adjustments what are they?

Supervisor Desso made a motion in the matter of procurement policies, credit card policies and investment policies. Councilman Spain seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of 2018 annual financial report to the state. Councilman Bott seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilman Bott made a motion in the matter official undertakings. Councilwoman Hoffman seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion in the matter of the 2019 ambulance contract. Councilwoman Hoffman seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilman Spain made a motion in the matter of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society contract. Councilwoman Hoffman seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Supervisor Desso made a motion in the matter of the 2019 DWI contract. Councilman Bott seconded. Vote as follows: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilwoman Hoffman).

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of a telephone maintenance agreement with ECB business communications. Councilman Bott seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilman Bott made a motion in the matter of budget adjustments. Supervisor Desso seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Councilman Spain made a motion in the matter of the December minutes. Councilman Bott seconded. All Board members present voted Aye.

There was a discussion concerning Water District 5B

Mr Forgea- 12 George St, asked about Water District 5B and why is he paying on a piece of land.

Councilwoman Sabo - discussed this issue and commented that this is not straightforward, the parcels are part of the district.

Comptroller Germano explained that these people had come to the Town of North Greenbush because they needed water and the amount was going to be \$2 million and wanted to know if North Greenbush could help them. We worked on this for quite some time and got the cost down to \$233,000 and a no interest loan and these parcels became a part of it. New York State law says when you create a water district all parcels in the district have to be charged. These vacant parcels are being charged at 4/10. All of these people received notice that they will put in the water district and what the cost of the district were.

There was further discussion about this water district:

Councilwoman Sabo commented that a friend was in this situation but they want to build so didn't proceed.

Supervisor Desso said that back when this water district was being formed all of the people in this water district that were getting water from the city of Rensselaer came here and asked us if we could help them. They would not have water if we didn't help them the cost would have been too high.

Lighting Discussion

Councilwoman Sabo asked about lighting by the library because a member of the friends of the library had asked about lighting in front of the library at night.

There was a discussion of LED lighting throughout town hall. Comptroller Germano explained that there will be LED lighting installed all around Town Hall which will save the town money and it's more efficient and the lighting will be put out by the library, they have already started work to get this done.

There was a discussion concerning researching the recording of board meetings and the archiving of them on the website. Councilwoman Sabo discussed recording of the Town Board meetings with the board. Other Towns doing this were discussed.

Councilman Bott made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a FOIL Appeal. Supervisor Desso seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Minutes of executive session held January 10, 2019

Topic: FOIL Appeal of Charles Smith

After discussion of relevant law, a motion was made by Councilman Bott, seconded by Councilman Spain, to approve the decision read aloud by Attorney Kirwin.

The motion was adopted with a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Bott made a motion in the matter of coming out of executive session. Councilman Spain seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

The floor was open to comment:

Andy Mair- Brinker Dr - I attend most zoning and planning board meetings and I am concerned about developments that are coming before them with long driveways and shared driveways. Some of these driveways are anywhere from 600 to 900 feet long. Access for emergency vehicles is a concern. If you have a large fire truck there can be problems getting to a house with that long of a driveway depending on the obstacles that can be in its way and more important, how it is constructed and maintained. I think we need regulations of how long the driveway can be and that they need to be maintained if they are that long. There should be mandatory HOA's in place so that the repair and maintenance such as plowing and repair is done not to impede emergency vehicles getting to the houses.

Joe Styczynski- discussed bills for Winter St Sewer extension. That the extensions there are charged but Mr Desso's aren't being charged on Stephen Drive.

Charles Smith- discussed a Grand Jury Subpoena, you have to tell me you have it and deny it so I can go to judicial to get it.

Supervisor Desso made a motion in the matter of adjourning the meeting. Councilman Spain seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Kathryn "Katie" Connolly
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush

Supervisor Desso opened the Organizational Meeting and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Desso- present, Councilman Spain- present, Councilwoman Sabo- present, Councilman Bott- present, Councilwoman Hoffman- present

**AGENDA
NORTH GREENBUSH TOWN BOARD
Organizational Meeting
January 10, 2019
6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER AND MEETING PROCEDURES

ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS 2019
2nd Thursday of every month [at 7PM](#)

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL TOWN BUSINESS HOURS
[8:30AM through 4:30PM Monday](#) through Friday

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANKS
Pioneer Bank, Key Bank, M&T Bank, Chase Bank, New York State Liquid Asset Fund

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
The Record

ESTABLISHING A RATE FOR MILAEGE
58 cents Per mile

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – Appointed Councilman Joseph Bott as Deputy Supervisor on January 4, 2019 by letter to the Town Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN HISTORIAN – **JAMES GREENFIELD**
1/1/19-12/31/19

Supervisor Desso made a motion in the matter of appointing this page. Councilwoman Hoffman seconded. All Board members present voted Aye.

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to move the open comment period at the end of Board Meetings to the beginning of the meeting. Councilman Spain seconded. Vote as follows: 3 Nays – Desso, Bott, Hoffman. 2 Ayes – Sabo, Spain.

CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR PART TIME –
PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY NO BENEFITS 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

Kathleen Allen

TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS PART TIME – SALARY PER
BUDGET BI-WEEKLY 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019

STEPHEN CALACONE AND BRANDEN CROSIER

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY’S FOR COURT CASES
PER BUDGET MONTHLY – 1/1/19-12/31/19

HENRY BAUER

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY
MONTHLY 1/1/2019 – 12/31/19 –PLANNING BOARD – **JUSTIN LAW**

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY PER BUDGET MONTHLY -
1/1/2019 – 12/31/19 – ZONING BOARD – **AI KOWLAKOWSKI**

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY NO
BENEFITS

TERESA GROSS AND ROBERT MILLER 1/1/2019 – 12/31/19

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES
ROBIN MCGRATH TO BE PAID PER BUDGET MONTHLY - NO
BENEFITS 1/1/2019– 12/31/19

APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK TO TOWN JUSTICES (1) SALARY
PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY FULL TIME
1/1/19-12/31/19 **FELICIA DICKINSON**

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME COURT CLERKS (3) PER BUDGET BI-
WEEKLY NO BENEFITS 1/1/19-12/31/19

**DEBORAH COPPOLA
STEVE CALACONE
PATRICIA CARDAMONE**

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME COURT OFFICER PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY NO
BENEFITS 1/1/19-12/31/19

CHARLES ROCKWELL

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion to appoint this page.

Councilman Bott seconded. All Board members present voted Aye.

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME UTILITIES INSPECTOR SALARY
PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY NO BENEFITS 1/1/19-12/31/19
- **PAUL PATTI**

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE MARSHAL PER BUDGET NO BENEFITS 1/1/19 –
12/31/19 - **WILLIAM MILLER**

APPOINTMENT OF WORKING SUPERVISOR SALARY PER BUDGET BI-
WEEKLY 1/1/19-12/31/19
LARRY BONESTEEL

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME CUSTODIAN SALARY PER BUDGET BI-
WEEKLY 1/1/19 -12/31/19 - **FRANCIS GIULIANO**
(Town Offices & Police Station)

APPOINTMENT OF UTILITY MAINTENANCE OPERATOR 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
TO BE PAID PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY
KEITH HANKLE

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR BY REGISTRAR OF VITAL
STATISTICS 1/1/19 - 12/31/19 PER BUDGET
STEPHEN CALACONE AND BRANDEN CROSIER

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND
PLANNING BOARD - PER BUDGET MONTHLY
1/1/19- 12/31/19 - **LEANNE HANLON**

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER - PER BUDGET MONTHLY –
5 YEARS 1/1/19 to 12/31/2023 – **RICHARD FRENCH**

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN (1 YR) - PER
BUDGET MONTHLY - 1/1/19- 12/31/19– **RICHARD FRENCH**

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN (1YEAR)
1/1/19 - 12/31/19 PER BUDGET MONTHLY – **MARK LACIVITA**

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER – (5YEARS) 1/1/19-12/31/23
MARK AHERN

*Councilman Bott made a motion to appoint this page. Supervisor Desso
seconded. All board members present voted Aye.*

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT
REVIEW PER BUDGET BY MEETING NO BENEFITS 1/1/19 -12/31/19 **Michele
Wessels**

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER 09/30/2018
– 09/30/2023 PAID BER BUDGET NO BENEFITS – **JERRY CHERRIER**

APPOINTMENT OF DOG CONTROL OFFICER PART TIME
PER BUDGET MONTHLY NO BENEFITS 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
BOB GUYER

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE DOG CONTROL OFFICERS
PER BUDGET MONTHLY NO BENEFITS 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
TONIA GUYER AND KEVIN BOSKO

APPOINTMENT OF **GREGORY SPENCER** AS DEPUTY HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT 1/1/19 - 12/31/19

APPOINTMENT OF **APRIL HOLMES** AS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY PART TIME PER BUDGET BI-WEEKLY NO BENEFITS
1/1/19 - 12/31/19

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS – CT MALE, CLOUGH
HARBOUR, CAMP, DRESSER AND MCKEE, LABERGE, ERDMANN
ANTHONY, CREIGHTON MANNING (CME), PERCY COTTON,
BARTON AN LOGUIDICE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE \$200.00
BUILDING UTILITIES DEPT. \$200.00
TOWN JUSTICE OFFICE \$200.00
TOWN POLICE DEPT. \$200.00

*Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to appoint this page. Councilman
Spain seconded. Vote as follows: 4 Ayes,
Councilwoman Hoffman voted Aye to all with exception
of Appointment of Jerry Cherrier to which she
abstained.*

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2019

Highway/Utilities Committee

Councilman Joseph Bott, Chair
Mike Masone
Dave Wilson
Joe Deeb
Gaetano Tedesco
Mark Premo

Volunteer Staff

Larry Bonesteel
Paul Patti

HR/Finance Committee

Supervisor Lou Desso, Co-Chair
Councilman Al Spain Jr, Co-Chair
Mark Ahern
Dave Heyward

Town Disaster Plan Committee

Supervisor Lou Desso, Chair
Tony Germano
Chief David Keevern
Highway Superintendent Mark Premo

Volunteer Staff

Mike Miner
Bill Miller

Public Safety Committee

Councilwomen Kelly Hoffman, Chair
Michael Masone
Highway Superintendent Mark Premo
Kathy Allen
Jim Schirmer
Chief David Keevern
Bob Durivage

Volunteer Staff

Bill Stewart

Youth and Recreation Committee

Supervisor Lou Desso, Chair
Kathy Allen
Noreen Barrett
Sybill Martino
Deb Desso
Sue Zimmer

Volunteer Staff

Mike Miner
Bill Miller
Larry Bonesteel

Ethics Board

Mark Ahern, Chair – 3 yrs
Rev. Anthony Ligato – 1 yr
Michael Masone – 2 yrs
Attorney Bryan Goldberger – Per Budget

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA)

John Panichi, Chairman
Paul Lombardi
Carl Fiacco
Stephanie Henry
Tom Hurbanek

***Councilman Spain made a motion to appoint the two pages entitled
Committee Appointments – the last two pages. Supervisor Desso seconded.***

Supervisor Desso made a motion to Adjourn the Organizational Meeting.
Councilman Bott seconded. All board members present voted Aye.

Kathryn “Katie” Connolly
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush