

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2020

Supervisor Bott welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Bott- Present
Councilman Rogers- Present
Councilwoman Sabo- Present
Councilwoman Hoffman- Absent

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence in honor of George Doakmajian, long time town resident and businessman who recently passed away.

Supervisor Bott requested that everyone please do their part in the Kick Off of the 2020 Census. He suggested that you can go online @ www.2020census.gov for more information concerning the 2020 Census. Supervisor Bott announced that the Wynantskill Seniors sent a thank you card for the check they received from the town. He also announced that the town was working closely with the local, county and state governments with daily update on the Corona Virus. We had a prevention meeting this week and have drafted a plan in response to different levels of action for the Coronus Virus.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Andy Mair-Brinker Drive commented on Resolution 2020-3-22. He was glad to see this on the agenda and feels it is very important and hopes that it happens as soon as it can.

Supervisor Bott thanked Tony Germano and Jack Rogers for heading this Live Video Streaming Resolution.

Charles Smith-Marion Avenue echoed what Andy Mair said about the Live Streaming of the town board meetings and complimented everyone who worked on getting it brought to the board. He also added that he hopes that it will pass tonight.

New Business

Resolution 2020-3-19: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the appointment of a Police Sergeant, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All present approved.

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Resolution 2020-3-20: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion for the appointment of a Police Officer, effective 3/18/2020, seconded by Councilman Rogers. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-21: Councilman Rogers made a motion to accept the matter of NYS DCJS Live Scan 2020-2021 Grant Contract, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present approved

Resolution 2020-3-22: Councilman Rogers made a motion in the matter of approving the agreement for Video Stream for public meetings, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-23: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of approving the agreement for Safety Inspection Reporting, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-24: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion in the matter of Expending Highway Monies, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-25: Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept as written, the SEQR for Williams Road Sewer Extension, seconded by Councilman Rogers. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-26: Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the Establishment of Williams Road Sewer District Ext. as written, seconded by Councilman Rogers. All present approved.

Resolution 2020-3-27: Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the RPTL Settlement, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All present approved.

Discussion:

Planning and Zoning Board notification process:

Councilwoman Sabo has been asked by several people if they can have a letter sent out to property owners adjacent to future developments, informing them of a pending development which has been presented to Zoning or Planning Board.

Councilman Rogers mentioned that our new Planning and Zoning signs were much more visible than the old green signs and the new signs should definitely help with notifying people that action is being requested on said property.

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Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, also mentioned that the new video broadcasting of the meetings along with the new larger Planning and Zoning signs will be a great addition for notification.

Andy Mair stated it was nice to see the new signs and it was a great addition but, you still needed to stop and read what was being done on that property. Mailing a letters directly to adjacent property owners would be very valuable in letting people know what exactly is occurring.

Anthony Germano added that this has been done in other areas and seemed like a good idea. Fred Kirwan mentioned that we have discussed this before and found it to be a challenge to have proof that the letters were sent if the adjoining neighbor says they never got one. Supervisor Bott added we should wait and see how the new signs and video streaming works and can discuss at a future meeting if needed.

Anthony Germano wanted to give a quick update on the route 4 project.

The town has hired a tree trimming company to trim along route 4 starting on March 31st going through to April 14th 2020. The town is still seeking to go to bid for the round-a-bout on Route 4.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the February 13, 2020 Town Board Regular Minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Rogers. All present approved.

Supervisor Bott opened the floor to public comment at 7:47 p.m.

Public Comment:

Anthony Germano introduced Joe Celeste and thanked him for doing the Williams Road Sewer Ext. project at no cost to the town.

Charles Smith commented on the transition problems that occurred from the previous predecessors with Supervisor Bott and Town Clerk Kerwin offices. He hopes the board would consider filing a report when town records and assets go missing at the end of an incumbent's term. For example, he noticed that there were missing pictures on the walls and hopes the town can recover Town's property.

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Public Comment: continued

Charles Smith then asked the Board to reconsider the decrease of \$10,000 to the Town Clerk's salary, which was executed at the December 2019 meeting. He strongly feels the Board made a bad error in judgement when lowering the new Town Clerk's salary, which has never been done to a newly elected servant of the town and seemed very political.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made a motion @ 7:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All present approved.

Janice Kerwin
Town Clerk
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