

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2020**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Bott	<u>Present</u>
Councilperson Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilperson Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilperson Rogers	<u>Present</u>

Public Comment:

No Public Comment, as meeting is not open to the public due to COVID-19. The meeting is being streamed live on our Town's Website.

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott mentioned that there are only two weeks left for The Sunday Concerts.

Twin Town Little League property has connected to the sewer extension and the bathrooms should be hooked up soon.

Town Beach has been doing great along with The Summer Kids' Activities. Supervisor Bott asked Mike Miner to describe a little bit about what the kids are doing at the beach, what types of activities they are doing. Mike explained that there have been approximately 25 children on and off learning how to paint and lots of different arts and craft projects. They even had a field trip to 16 Handles.

Supervisor Bott read a letter from a town resident praising Officer Mears for de-escalating a situation that was happening in her driveway. Mears went beyond. She stated that with all the doubts with the police lately in the world this totally

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sheds light on the situation. She stated she was sending letters also to the County and to the State.

The final announcement was that we needed to add another Resolution to the Agenda. This was in the matter of adopting The Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supervisor Bott asked Tony Germano our Town Comptroller to explain it briefly to everyone. The Town's Plan for flooding is updated approximately every 5 years. There is Grant money that FEMA has that could help the town if we have a flooding emergency throughout the town. The town could get up to 75% of the cost to fix the after math of a flood.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to add the Resolution 2020-8-52, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All Town Board members vote Aye and motion was approved

New Business:

Resolution 2020-8-47: A motion was made by Supervisor Bott to approve the Awarding Bid and Construction Contract with Rifenburg Construction Inc. for the Rt. #4 Highway Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project (PIN1089.75), seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. Councilperson Sabo abstained. The remaining Town Board all voted Ayes and the motion was approved. Tony gave the history of the project stating that every Supervisor since Supervisor Flannigan has been working on this project and it is finally beginning. This bid includes 3 intersections, drainage and sidewalks. It is a 9.8 Million Dollar project. There is only 1 more easement needed. The judge signed it and it is waiting for signature from the Albany Diocese. We could have a Pre-Construction meeting as early as the next 10 days. We will hold a Public Meeting for the public with all the construction plans perhaps at Defreestville Fire Department.

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Councilperson Hoffman thanked Tony for all his effort he has put into this project. Councilperson Rogers concurs with Councilperson Hoffman it's great that the public will be well aware of all the construction with a Public Meeting.

Resolution 2020-8-48: A motion was made by Councilperson Sabo to Approve Local Law #2, entitled the "North Greenbush Police Residency Expansion Law" seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. All Town Board members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-8-49: A motion was made by Councilperson Hoffman for SEQR Determination for 2 Sunset Rd. and 455 North Greenbush Rd. Sewer Extension, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All town Board members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-8-50: A motion was made by Supervisor Bott to Approve 2 Sunset Road and 455 North Greenbush Road Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as read, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. Supervisor Bott asked if there were and comments on the resolution, there were none. The Town Board voted all Ayes and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-8-51: A motion was made by Councilperson Rogers in the Matters of Canceling the Town's Fair, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All Town Board members voted Aye and the motion was approved. All Board members agreed this was the right decision due to **COVID-19**. Supervisor Bott also stated that we added a clause in the contract for just this type of situation.

Resolution 2020-8-52: A motion was made by Councilperson Hoffman In The Matter Of Adopting The Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Supervisor Bott. The Town Board voted all Ayes and the motion was approved.

Discussion:

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Councilperson Sabo spoke about Nixle. She explains how important it is for the Town Residence to know of emergency situations easily. Supervisor Bott discussed the quote and how with Covid-19 our budget was not going to be as planned and that we have a 30% reduction in tax revenue in the budget. Councilperson Sabo explained that the quote is based on the Town's population.

Tony spoke about a free sign up service for notifications on the new website that may be put in place within the month. We would also have to go out and get bids if we were to purchase an Emergency and Community Notification System. Councilperson Hoffman spoke about an app from the County. It is a 911 system connected with The National Weather Service and it is also free.

Department Reports:

Supervisor Bott asked all the Board members to look over the Department Reports. There were no comments from any of the board members on the Department Reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott Made a motion to accept the minutes for July 9, 2020 meeting as written and also the Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Councilperson Rogers. All Town Board members voted Aye and the motion was approved. On file in the Town Clerk's Office

Additional Comments:

Supervisor Bott asked if the Town Clerk received any emails during the meeting, which she answered she did and the Town Attorney spoke. Fred stated he told the

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clerk to email back a response to The Martins that he would respond to their previous email and she did.

Councilperson Sabo asked when The Town Hall would be open to the public for meetings, as she's been asked by a town residents. An explanation of the reasons was listed and she agreed, but suggested we could try Zooming and even an App called Bang The Table for people to participate. Mike Miner noted there is a problem with the volume for those who speak other than the board members, so he has placed an additional microphone for that purpose.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Hoffman, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All board members voted Aye and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:46 p.m.

- **A complete accounting of all discussions on the Town Board Meeting for August 13, 2020 is available to review on our town's website.**

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Kerwin
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush