

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Bott	Present
Councilwoman Hoffman	Present, via Zoom
Councilwoman Sabo	Present
Councilman Rogers	Present
Councilwoman Merola	Present

Comments from Residents:

Supervisor Bott mentioned the email from the Public Hearing that the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, received from town resident Andy Mair. Supervisor Bott again read the email. (It will be placed in the monthly minute file)

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott welcomed Councilwoman Merola to the board; Councilwoman Merola spoke briefly thanking everyone for allowing her a chance to serve the North Greenbush community.

Supervisor Bott spoke of Covid-19 and the rising number of cases and how well Town hall was handling business on a daily basis. He thanked the town staff and noted how creative the offices have been in working with town residents, from walk up window service to delivering paperwork to people's homes.

Supervisor Bott wanted to acknowledge Mark Premo for a fast and efficient job with the big snowstorm we had. He received a call from Pat Russo, who also wanted to thank the North Greenbush Highway Department for the fast job that was done with snow removal. The snow removal was very helpful for the safety of the drivers.

Councilman Rogers wanted to thank Mike Miner's Building Department and Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin's office for all that they have done and are doing during Covid-19 and what a great job everyone is doing and continued with thanking the Police Department and Highway Department.

Supervisor Bott wanted mentioned that he has received calls of interest from bands for The Summer Concert Series.

New Business:

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Supervisor Bott asked the board to consider moving e Resolution 2021-1-11 on the Agenda up to go 1st. All board members were in agreement.

Resolution 2021-1-11: Councilman Rogers made a motion In The Matter Of the Appointment of a Police Officer, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All Board members voted Aye. Chief Keevern then proceeded to swear in Full Time Police Officer Tanner Schrader. The badge number given to Officer Schrader was #54.

Resolution 2021-1-1: Supervisor Bott made a motion In The Matter of Town Board Receipt of Records of The Annual Audit and Examination of Records of The Town Justice for Year Ending December 31, 2021, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye.

Resolution 2021-1-2: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In The Matter Of Approving a Contract with The North Greenbush Ambulance Association, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye.

Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Kathy Allen and the North Greenbush Ambulance for the great job that they do and they have done during the Covid Pandemic, they are doing a great job! Councilwoman Sabo agreed and stated they are very heroic and we are so lucky for the Quality of Emergency Services we have in our town. Councilman Rogers agreed 100% with both.

Resolution 2021-1-3: Councilwoman Merola made a motion In The Matter Of Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign the Attached Agreement for Telephone Maintenance, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye.

Resolution 2021-1-4: Councilman Rogers made a motion In The Matter Of Approval of Official Undertakings, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye. Anthony Germano explained how we added Cyber Security Insurance and now covers all Public Employees with general liability. He added that is standard coverage.

Resolution 2021-1-5: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion In The Matter Of Adoption of Procurement, Credit Card and Investment Policies and Procedures, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye.

Resolution 2021-1-6: Supervisor Bott made a motion In The Matter Of the Retirement of Richard French, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye. Supervisor Bott explained the process from which is in place when someone retires from NYS and the process needed to be removed from payroll to start collection of retirement benefits.

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Councilwoman Hoffman stated how fortunate we are that Rich is on and Chairs the Zoning Board. She wishes him well on his retirement, but it's a benefit to us that he retired from the State.

Resolution 2021-1-7: Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the SEQR Determination for Establishment of Proposed Buckbee Road Sewer Extension as written, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. Vote as follows: 4 Ayes and 1 Recluse (**Councilwoman Sabo**), motion carried.

Resolution 2012-1-8: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of Establishing Proposed Buckbee Road Sewer Extension of The North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as read, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. Vote as follows: 4 Ayes 1 Recluse (**Councilwoman Sabo**), motion carried.

Resolution 2021-1-9: Councilwoman Merola made a motion In the Matter of Purchasing Bobcat 5600 Tool Cat Utility Work Machine, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members vote Aye.

Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Keith Hankle and Mark Premo for doing the research on the replacement of the Bobcat. They went and talked to other towns and did their homework and feel this is the right equipment for the right job.

Resolution 2021-1-10: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion in the Matter of Town Access to The New York State Department of Transportation Equitable Business Opportunities System, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye.

Resolution 2021-1-12: Councilwoman made a motion in the Matter Of Permitting 2020 Eligible Tax Exemptions for 2021, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye.

Resolution 2021-1-13: Councilman Rogers made a motion in the Matter Of Approving an Amended Contract for Labor Relations and Consultation Professional Services, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye.

Councilman Rogers spoke of the great relationship that the town has with Elaine Gold and it is always a pleasure to work with her. Anthony Germano explained how we value her input and how the firm has waived the increase in rate due to Covid and also mention how they even reduced the rate in pass contracts.

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Resolution 2021-1-14: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the Matter of Refunding All Or A Portion Of The Outstanding Bonds Of The Town's Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2013 And Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2014 as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bott asked if the Town Comptroller could give a brief description. Anthony Germano spoke of our Strong rating, we are now a Double A rating. Our savings from the refunding of the bond will be close to 2% from 5%

Resolution 2021-1-15: Supervisor Bott made a motion In The Matter Of the Approval of Building Permit, Planning Board and Zoning Board Fees, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mike Miner explained why we did the rate increase for our prices. He did research so that the town could be closely comparable to surrounding towns. They established Storm Water fees. There are several new requirements that are needed for inspections and he feels this modest increase in fees will cover those added requirements. Councilwoman Sabo wanted to thank Mike Miner and Eric Westfall for being part of the Storm Water team.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bott asked the Town Clerk if there were any new e-mails that came in during the meeting from the public. Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, responded none.

Department Reports:

Supervisor Bott requested that the board review and look over the Departmental reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 meeting minutes as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. Vote as follows: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (**Councilwoman Merola**), due to the fact she was not a Town Board member in December.

Supervisor Bott asked if any board members had any other comments, Councilwoman Hoffman asked if she could address the comments on Public Safety comments by Councilman Rogers. The Public Safety Committee has a diverse group of members that we tried to balance the experience of the members. The committee consists of Ambulance, Fire Department, and Highway, along past and present North Greenbush Police Chiefs. We tried to balance the experience of the board. Councilwoman Hoffman welcomed the opportunity to review with Councilman Rogers.

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Supervisor Bott asked if the board had any other comments, Councilman Rogers said that there were no discussions on the committees. They were just presented with the list. Supervisor Bott commented that he believed the committees are the same, except the additions of Councilwoman Sabo's committees added to the list. Councilman Rogers agreed that there were no changes, but couldn't understand why they weren't just appointed last year. He added that the Ambulance Committee met and the members spoke up and were very helpful. He is very glad there are no changes in the current members and hope to straighten out the expiration dates for next month.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW VIA STREAMING ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk
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