

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order @7:03 PM by asking all to rise to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Bott	Present
Councilwoman Hoffman	Present
Councilwoman Sabo	Present
Councilman Rogers	Present
Councilwoman Merola	Present

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott started the meeting with some quick updates on the Route #4 Project. The project is moving along very smoothly with just 1 set back on the delivery of the Signal Pole. The delivery is on its way. He stated that we are on schedule, but it's just moving along in a different order.

Summer camp will be ending tomorrow for the season. The campers had a great time, even though they had lots of rain. Our new busing schedule was a success. He also wanted to say that Town Beach was going good too this season.

Our Summer Concert Series has been a little disappointing due to our cancelations caused by all the rainy weather we have been having on Sunday's, but the 2 Concerts that did happened were very nice.

We have decided that we will have the Town's Summer Fair this September 10th, 11th and 12th weekend. We will have the rides like we usually do with the addition of Food Trucks and we are trying to get a band for the weekend celebration. We are hoping to get things back to normal again.

Councilwoman Sabo spoke of the success of the grant that the Open Space Committee received. She continued with letting people know they are always looking for volunteers for the committee to help.

Supervisor Bott asked Councilman Rogers about the St. Jude's Chicken Bar-B-Q. Councilman Rogers proceeded to announce that the St. Jude's KFC will be holding a drive through, pick up only Bar-B-Q on Friday, August 20th for \$13.00 a dinner.

Comments from Residents:

No emails or comments from the public were received.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-8-67 Supervisor Bott made a motion In The Matter of Appointing Summer Staff, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Board Members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to **table Resolution 2021-8-68** In The Matter of Appointing a Member to the Open Space Committee, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. Supervisor Bott asked for a vote, **Councilwoman Sabo** and **Councilman Rogers** both opposed the vote by voting Nay, the remaining board voted Aye, **motion carried 3 to 2**.

Resolution 2021-8-69 Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion In The Matter of Scheduling a Public Hearing for Speed Limit on East Ave, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Hoffman explained the reasoning for the change in speed for East Avenue. She stated that there have been some complaints about the speed on the road, as it is a School Zone. The Public Safety committee has been discussing some of the issues. The Chief of Police was asked to comment about the data he collected. He said the data seems to deem the speed to be lowered. He feels that lowering the speed limit is a good idea.

Resolution 2021-8-70 Councilwoman Merola made a motion In The Matter of Appointing a Utility Department Working Supervisor Keith Hankle, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Supervisor Bott feels Keith is a good employee and asked if any other board member had any comments. Councilman Rogers said that he has observed Keith's work and has seen his certifications and resume and agrees whole heartedly and feels this is a good choice. Councilwoman Sabo wanted to say that she knows Keith works very hard on the issues the town has had and feels this is an excellent decision. Councilwoman Merola agrees.

Resolution 2021-8-71 Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In The Matter of Adopting a Climate Smart Community Environmentally Preferable Procurement Policy, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Councilwoman Sabo wanted to thank everyone for voting as we will be getting all 4 points once it has passed. Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Tony Germano for crafting the wording a certain way, he tailored it to give us a lead way in ordering items.

Resolution 2021-8-72 Councilman Rogers made a motion In The Matter of Installing Two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Town Hall, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Resolution 2021-8-73 Supervisor Bott made a motion In The Matter of Appointing a Part Time Town Court Clerk, Stephen Calacone, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. Councilman Rogers stated that he never saw any resumes. Supervisor Bott explained that the Court made the appointment and recommended their choice to the board. Councilman Rogers stated that Judge Burke was not in favor of this appointment. Supervisor Bott said that Judge Piels was making this decision and because it's

her appointment, they would vote. Supervisor Bott asked for a vote, **Councilman Rogers** voted Nay. **Councilwoman Sabo** voted Nay. The remaining board voted Aye, **motion carried 3 to 2.**

Resolution 2021-8-74 Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion, as written to set a Public Hearing for the Establishment of the Proposed Willow Lane Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by **Supervisor Bott.** All members voted Aye, **motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-8-75 Councilwoman Merola made a motion In the Matter of Authoring a Request for Proposal for Information Technology Services to Serve the Police Department, seconded by **Supervisor Bott.** All town board members vote Aye, motion carried.

Chief Keevern spoke briefly about this proposal. He stated that they will no longer have an IT person in house as Eric Jukes is leaving, once he leaves they will need to have support and this was best way to go with a vendor to come in and build the infrastructure. Councilman Rogers asked if it was a civilian position, and Chief Keevern said it's not a position anymore it is a company.

Discussion:

July 14, 2021 Flooding

Supervisor Bott gave a quick update of the storm damage. Elm Court and Brookside was flooded. It was a long night with rescues and pumps out. The water receded the next day and clean up was started. The County got a drone and flew it over the creek because we knew more rain was coming and needed to act fast. The town partnered up with the County and we got an Emergency DEC permit to remove all of the debris from the location of the creek behind Hannaford's. Our Town's Highway department started to pick up debris from the town resident's homes for approximately 2 weeks. The County filed for FEMA money so hopefully North Greenbush will receive some type of aid. The town would like to thank all those who helped during the flooding, Mike Miner, the Emergency Services, highway Department and County Highway and surrounding towns. The town was able to give out bottled water and sandbags to those in need from the flooding. Councilwoman Sabo was contacted by people on Elm Court that were not able to evacuate. She feels we should have the Public Safety Commission discussion a new evacuation plan. Councilwoman Hoffman said that she spoke to the Rensselaer County EMS coordinator about a bullhorn, for future emergency events.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott asked the board to review the Departmental Reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2021, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola.** All board members voted Aye, **motion carried.**

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had comments related to the agenda.

Councilman Rogers asked about the Fair. He said that Supervisor Bott mentioned we were having a fair the weekend of the 11th. Do we plan on having a special meeting, as our next meeting is August 9, 2021? This would only be a day from the beginning of the Fair. Supervisor Bott said we plan on going with the same ride company we have used for years. Mike Miner spoke up and said the contract just came and he could go get it for the board to review. Councilman Rogers said while we wait for the contract he would go on and talk about the North Greenbush Ambulance. The number of calls that they have responded to

surpasses the number of calls from last year. If we do not do something for the future, they will be in trouble. The 2 new Well Now and the Manor calls are very demanding and they have had to add additional employees to cover the number of calls. Money will be an issue in paying salaries in the coming year.

Town Attorney Kirwin asked if the board was ready to make a motion to add contract for the Rides to agenda. Mike Miner explained that this is the same company we have used for approximately 8 years and everything is pretty much the same. H explained that we do not pay them to come, they actual give us a % of the profit from the sales of tickets. **Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion to add the contract to the agenda, seconded **Councilwoman Sabo**. All town board members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to approve and sign the contract for the ride company, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

Comments from the public:

Jane Morano from 3 Shore Court, Wynantskill spoke up asking about what was going to be done with the flooding at the bottom of the hill where she lives. A discussion was begun about how bad the water flows down Shore Court every time it rains. This has been a continual problem for many, many years and needs to be addressed. Supervisor Bott will speak to the County Highway as they are going to be doing some work and he feels the 24-30 inch main that goes down under the road to a 12-18 pipe needs to be changed. He feels they will need to be look at situation before they pave the road. He feels they need to upsize the culver pipe. The town will work with the County Engineer, Joe Teliska for a resolution to the flooding issues on the streets out at the lake.

Mike Meyer asked why the East Avenue Public Hearing is only going to be 5 minutes long. Supervisor Bott explained that if it goes over we will just continue to the next item, normally it is a quick and simple Public Hearing. Mr. Meyer asked if it was time based or permanent speed limit. Supervisor Bott answered, permanent. Mr. Meyer's next question was about the EV Chargers. He wanted to know where the chargers would be placed. Supervisor Bott told him that in the back parking lot by the playground the town has a standalone service pole. Mr. Meyer also wanted to know if the town would be placing signage out the front of town hall so people know that there are charging stations located in the back of the building. Supervisor Bott stated we would have it on our website and out front on the Town's sign. Councilwoman Sabo spoke up and said that typically people have an App with the locations of charging locations.

Adjournment: **Councilwoman Merola** made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:03 PM, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board Members voted Aye, **motion carried**.

- **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
Town of North Greenbush