

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
September 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order @ 7:01 PM, having all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present.

Supervisor Bott
Councilwoman Hoffman
Councilwoman Sabo
Councilman Rogers
Councilwoman Merola

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence for the 20 year anniversary of 9/11.

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott announced that this weekend is our Annual Town Fair. He wanted to thank Councilwoman Merola, Councilwoman Hoffman and Town Clerk Kerwin for working on the planning of the fair along with Mike Miner. Supervisor Bott wanted to let everyone be aware of the reason he would be missing the fair, he will be attending a White Coat Ceremony at his son's medical school in Kentucky. He then joked that with all the power of being the Supervisor he couldn't change the fair date. The board members congratulated him on his son's accomplishment.

Supervisor Bott asked Councilwoman Merola to give everyone an update on the schedule of events for this weekend. Councilwoman Merola started with the entertainment for Friday; Nite Train with the mentioning of Saturday night's entertainment of Whiskey Highway. She announced the hours of the fair and mentioned that we would be selling wristbands on Saturday for \$20.00; this was for 4 hours of unlimited rides. The wristband would be sold for 1PM and then again @ 6PM. The fair will have some food truck vendors along with Wynantskill Ladies Aux. selling fried dough and the Wynantskill Fire Department will be set up out front for water games for the children to join in. On Saturday we will be having a dance school come to entertain the fair goers, along with Al Spain at the gazebo playing music.

Supervisor Bott also wanted to announce that the town will be having our very own Recycling Event on Saturday September 18, 2021 from 9-3 PM here at Town Hall. Capital Region Electronics will be accepting items throughout the day, but will not accept television sets. Councilwoman Sabo wanted to make sure that it is open for the public as she will check to see if we can get credit for Climate Smart. She added that she could make flyers for the event to get credits.

Supervisor Bott announced that the American Legion will be having their Flag Burning Ceremony and picnic on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Councilman Rogers stated it's starting @ 12 noon right at the Legion on Main Avenue.

Comments from Residents:

No additional comments received.

Supervisor Bott mentioned that we have a Hometown Hero here tonight; Ryan Hannigan He will begin with the 1st resolution.

New Business:

- 1.) **Resolution 2021-9-76 Supervisor Bott** made a motion In the Matter of Recognizing Ryan Hannigan as a Home Town Hero, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Councilwoman Hoffman added that the Hannigan name is known in town, as many, if not all members of the family are volunteers in one way or another. The fire departments & Emergency Service recognize the Hannigan name. She wanted to also recognize Mr. Hannigan, Ryan's grandfather, Jim Hannigan Sr. and Ryan's family for all they do and thanked them. The meeting paused for a moment while the board took pictures with Ryan Hannigan and his family.
- 2.) **Resolution 2021-9-77 Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion for SEQR Determination for the Proposed Willow Lane Sewer Extension of North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Eric Westfall was asked to give a brief description of the District. He announced that there is no negative impact from the Environmental form.
- 3.) **Resolution 2021-9-78 Councilwoman Merola** made a motion for establishing the Proposed Willow Lane Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.
- 4.) **Resolution 2021-9-79 Councilman Rogers** made a motion In The Matter Of Approval of a Grant Application for the North Greenbush Court, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.
- 5.) **Resolution 2021-9-80 Councilman Rogers** made a motion in declaring September 11, 2021, as a Day of Service and Recognition in The Town of North Greenbush, and to Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Councilwoman Hoffman mentioned that outside we have a piece off the Twin Tower's beam from 9/11. She would like to thank Bill Miller, Mark Premo, and the Building Department. The steel will be cut into sections for the Wynantskill Fire Department, North Greenbush Ambulance, North Greenbush Police and here at Town Hall. The section here will be set up for the fair this weekend for people to view. We will have a ceremony at a later date for the permanent placement of the beam.
- 6.) **Resolution 2021-9-81 Councilwoman Sabo** made a motion In the Matter of Appointing a Member to the Open Space Committee, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board

members voted Aye, motion carried. Professor Keith Hirokawa spoke a little about himself to the board and thanked them for the appointment.

- 7.) **Resolution 2021-9-82 Supervisor Bott** made a motion In the Matter of Setting a Public Hearing for the Establishment of Proposed 32 North Road Sewer Ext. of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. Councilwoman Sabo asked what improvements were made according to the resolution. There was section that was needed to be omitted and was not when the resolution was received by our Engineer Mike Miner mentioned.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Sabo** to strike the paragraph out of the resolution, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

All board members voted Aye for the resolution, motion carried.

- 8.) **Resolution 2021-9-83 Supervisor Bott** made a motion In the Matter of Approving the North Greenbush Police Department to run an Auction to Sell Surplus Equipment, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Chief Keevern spoke of the 4 pages of items to be sold. He stated he will be placing it on the Town's Website and Facebook. Councilman Rogers asked when the sale would begin. Chief Keevern said he was still working on the start date.

- 9.) **Resolution 2021-9-84 Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion In the Matter of Approving a Request for Proposal for Town Website Re-Design, Software Maintenance and Updating, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Anthony Germano was asked to explain the process of the selection. He mentioned that our current website has served us well, but it was time for a modern, updated site. The turnaround time should be within the next 120 days. It is up to us to get all the information to Discover eGov.

- 10.) **Resolution 2021-9-85 Councilwoman Hoffman made** a motion In the Matter of Adopting Local Law for East Avenue Speed Limit Change, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Superintendent Premo mention a law that they need to follow about the placement of the speed limit signs. Fred Kirwin, Town Attorney, stated that the law was changed in 2003 and we are good to go with the placements.

Discussion:

Evergreen Cemetery Road

Supervisor Bott discussed the law that was placed in the packets. It is called, Section 165-A Voluntary Municipal Assistance to Public Cemetery Corporation. The Highway Department will help with the 182 X 10 foot road in the center of the Evergreen Cemetery. Mark Premo said they have a ton of milling and can easily help with the road, as the milling is completely free. All Board members are in complete agreement to give the help that the Cemetery needs. Supervisor Bott then asked Mark about his paving schedule and completions.

Mark commented that the 4 plants are booked and they are hoping for tomorrow for blacktop. Ludlow is planned for Friday, September 10th. They completed Lake Meadows area, Thomas Drive and striping on Brookside around St. Jude's and they are planning to stripe Town Halls parking lots.

Comments From Public:

Supervisor Bott asked if there was any public comment, as they would be going into Executive session and it may be a while and the Town Board meeting is pretty much complete.

Michael Meyers spoke up and asked if there were any minutes for the Public Safety meetings and when the next one would be, as he could not find anything current on the website. Councilwoman Hoffman answered that Covid-19 was the reason for lack of meeting minutes in the past. There was no meeting schedule yet going forward. When safety concerns are brought up, that is when they have meetings. Another question he had was if it was possible to have a Deer Crossing sign placed on Main Avenue? Main Avenue is a State Road they would look into it.

Mark Premo wanted to mention the situation the town is having with huge trees that have fallen into the creek. The town does not have big enough equipment to remove the massive trees and roots. The creek has several areas where trees have fallen and are damming up the flow of water. There are additional concerns; we have more locations where massive size trees are about to fall all along the creek bed. The town's permits run only through May-September each year and have now ended with DEC and with Covid-19 it is hard to get a hold of them to receive new permits.

No more comments were received during public comment time.

Executive Session, Personnel Matter:

Councilman Rogers made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:49 PM, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. Followed by a unanimous vote of Ayes by all board members, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to end Executive Session @ 8:25 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Merola. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott requested the board members to review Departmental Reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 Meeting Minute, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members Aye, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:26 PM, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. 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



PUBLIC HEARINGS MINUTES

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
September 9, 2021
6:40 PM**

Consider a Petition for the Establishment of Local Law #1, 2021 for The East Avenue Speed Limit Reduction Law.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.
Supervisor Bott opened the meeting by asking all to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Supervisor Bott	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilman Rogers	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>PRESENT</u>

Supervisor Bott described the petition for the speed limit reduction.
Councilwoman Hoffman went into details about the study that was done for the reduction.

Supervisor Bott opened the floor to comments. Councilman Rogers commented that this was a great idea and long overdue. He continued with saying that the signs will be placed, but the Police will need to be present as a reminder of the change. Councilwoman Hoffman said the committee has

already discussed that situation with the Police Chief and there will be presence shown on East Avenue.

Michael Meyers, North Greenbush Resident asked if the study was timed based? Councilwoman Hoffman said they did do a time based study.

Mike Decelle, East Avenue resident, thanked the board for recognizing the issue on East Ave. and asked if the speed limit was year round or just school hours? When will it come into effect? He also asked if news signs could be placed at the bottom and the top in certain areas for cars to see coming and going on East Ave.

The board answered his questions as follows:

- 1.) The speed limit is for year round, not just during school hours.
- 2.) It shall come into effect as soon as the state receives the law and sends back acknowledgement to the Town Clerk.
- 3.) The signs will be placed in the designated areas at the top and bottom of the road for everyone to see entering East Ave. and leaving Gardner-Dickinson.

Charles Slyer, town resident, asked that the signs be placed at the top before the 2 side roads so that all can see the speed change. He then asked if they could be solar signs that blink. This way the speed limit sign is more visible. The Board will check with Mark Premo, Highway Superintendent. Supervisor Bott asked if there were any more comments. No more comments were made.

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned @ 6:51 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush



PUBLIC HEARINGS MINUTES

Town Board

Town of North Greenbush

September 9, 2021

6:45 PM

Consider a Petition for the Establishment of the Proposed Willow Lane Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District.

Supervisor Bott called the Public Hearing to or immediately following the 1st Public Hearing @ 6:51 PM, as it went over 1 minute. Roll call was taken with all board members present.

Supervisor Bott
Councilwoman Hoffman
Councilwoman Sabo
Councilman Rogers
Councilwoman Merola

Supervisor Bott opened the meeting by asking Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, to give a brief background on the project. Eric proceeded to explain that the town was contacted by the 11 residents living on Willow Lane, as they wanted to tie into the sewer line that goes directly down Willow Lane for the Pastures Development. Supervisor Bott then asked if this was going to cost the town money, as we always have this question come up with Extensions. Mike Miner explained that the town would facilitate a Bond for the Extension and those 11 residents only would pay for it. All 11 residents are in complete agreement on the Extension of the sewer. Supervisor Bott wanted to highlight that this is how we work with Developers, infrastructure was paid and put in by the developers and now the residents can tap into.

Supervisor Bott asked if there were any other comments on Willow Lane.
No comments were added.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Hoffman** to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 6:55 PM.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush