

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting
October 8, 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- Present

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No Public comment, as we are streaming because of COVID-19.

Announcements:

The Annual Halloween Parade will be on **Halloween** this year, starting @ **2:00 p.m.** Due to **Covid-19** we will not have our traditional costume contest in the gym. Social distancing will be practiced with mandatory face masks being worn during the parade. It will begin at the Family Dollar parking lot and proceed up Main Avenue to Town Hall. An EZ-Up tent will be placed at the end of the parade at Town Hall, where bags full of Halloween candy will be passed out to all.

Rt. #4 project is moving right along nicely with poles being laid out and areas are being marked on the road for installation.

Paving Projects are finishing up. Councilperson Hoffman wanted to thank Mark Premo and his staff for doing such a great job on the roads.

New Business

Supervisor Bott stated that there are 2 Resolutions that need to be added to the agenda.

- 1.) **Resolution 2020-10-62** Appointments to the Ambulance Committee.
- 2.) **Resolution 2020-10-63** Appointments to the Ethics Committee.

Councilperson Hoffman made motion to add the 2 resolutions to the agenda, seconded by Councilperson Rogers. All board members present voted Aye, motion was passed.

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Resolution 2020-10-56: Supervisor Bott made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Proposed Hidley Estates Ext. to The North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. All present voted and was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-57: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for Proposed North Road & Grandview Sewer Ext. of The North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-58: Councilperson Rogers made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for Rensselaer County Emergency Service Training Complex Ext. to The North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-59: Councilperson Sabo made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for Special District Assessment Rolls for 2021, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-60: Supervisor Bott made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for Operations & Maintenance Charges for 2021, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-61: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for the 2021 North Greenbush Budget, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-10-62: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the Matters of Appointing Members to the Ambulance Committee, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All present voted and the motion was approved.

Members are as follows:

John Sroka	term expires 2020
Kevin Seiden Jr.	term expires 2020
Johanna Flannigan	term expires 2021
Michael Masone	term expires 2022
Councilperson Rogers	term expires 2022

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Resolution 2020-10-63: Councilperson Rogers made a motion in the Matters of Appointing Members to the Ethics Committee, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. Councilperson Sabo asked how they came about Doug Pinzer's name as he never sent in a resume. However there were several people who sent in their resume. Councilperson Hoffman said that they were approached by Doug Pinzer. Councilperson Sabo wanted to understand why she wasn't informed of Doug Pinzer's interest in the committee seat. Councilperson Sabo felt that there were other people fully qualified to be on the board and was against putting someone on the board that did not send in a resume. All members voted Aye with the exception of Councilperson Sabo voting Nay. The motion was approved 3 to 1.

Members are as follows:

Stephen Kraz
Doug Pinzer
Michael Masone

Councilperson Rogers made a motion to make Stephen Kraz the Chairman of the Ethics Committee for 1 year, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. A brief explanation was given by Fred Kirwan on how the board will need to have a unanimous vote as to appoint a Chairman to the Board..

A roll call vote was taken:

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

As a result of the vote, the motion was carried.

Discussion:

At 7:30 p.m. a brief discussion was given to the Board on The Climate Smart Program by Councilperson Sabo; she then introduced the committee members. Councilperson Sabo turned it over to Bernie Wiesen who went through a power point presentation via Zoom. Bernie Wiesen is

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from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Bernie Wiesen was finished she turned the power point over to Karl Lampson @ 7:39 p.m.

Karl spoke about how the RPI Tech Park has been practicing Climate Smart Practices for years.

After Bernie was finished it was sent over to Eric Westfall, town Engineer @ 7:52p.m. Eric discussed the Storm Water Management Plan with the new updated laws and how we are improving our Storm Water Management. We have been working on updating Storm Water. He mentions how they removed the Engineer page on our website and will rename it as Storm Water.

Bernie introduced John Greaves a Senior Environmental Scientist @ 7:57 p.m. who was present at the meeting and not Zooming. John spoke of Climate & storm water natural resource remedies.

Bernie Wiesen introduced Morgan Ruthman, who was present at the meeting. He started his presentation @ 8:01 p.m. His presentation was on UV charging stations. He explained how there are several State and Utility programs out there for towns.

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had questions or comments. Councilperson Hoffman wanted to thank everyone on the committee for their hard work. She also felt that it is the perfect time for the Comprehensive Plans to be updated.

Councilperson Hoffman also mentioned that she wanted to thank Mark Premo for taking care of all the things he does after storms.

Department Reports: Supervisor Bott asked for the board to review the Department reports.

Approval of Minutes:

September 10, 2020

Councilperson Rogers made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All members present voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Bott asked Janice Kerwin, Town Clerk, if there were any questions or comments on the agenda from the public. Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin said there were no comments or emails

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during the meeting. Supervisor Bott stated that the other email we received during the week will be addressed.

Supervisor Bott asked if there were any more comments for the meeting.

Councilperson Sabo ask to make a motion to add discuss to creation of a passive recreational areas and trails behind the Pastures, on town owed land. She asked to place it on the agenda and it was not. The motion was made and seconded by Councilperson Rogers. All board Members present voted Aye with the exception of Supervisor Bott voting Nay. The motion was carried to discuss 3 to 1.

Discussion was done and all board members were in agreement that the town does need more parks, but not at this time.

A moment of silence was asked for by Councilperson Rogers in memory of Joe Bruno.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. All present voted and the motion was carried.

Meeting ended at 8:34 p.m.

***A complete accounting of all discussions on the agenda is available to review via Streaming on the Town's website.**

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Kerwin
Town Clerk
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