

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
June 10, 2021
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm asking all to 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**

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott started the meeting with a few summer event announcements. The North Greenbush Summer Concert list has been released and our Sunday night concerts will begin July 11th. The Tuesday Night Food Truck event is going very well. Everyone seems to enjoy getting out and socializing with people. He continued with letting everyone know that the Town Hall is now open to the public as of June 1st. We are following all CDC Guidelines for the town's safety.

Comments from Residents: Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had any comments on the agenda, Councilwoman Sabo requested that 3 items were to be added to the agenda per paperwork that she submitted in everyone's folders. She asked Legal Counsel to have these added by defaulting to Robert Rules, so that ever board member can vote on each item. Fred Kirwin said it was fine, and that we could do a motion to add them.

The 1st item was for the Supervisor to Sign an Application allowing the Open Space Committee to send in an Application to the Capital District Transportation Commission regarding the Community Planning Technical Assistance Program. Fred said we will do an oral resolution to have the Supervisor Sign the application.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Sabo** to have the Supervisor sign the application, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. Councilwoman Hoffman asked if this was going to cost the tax payers money. Councilwoman Sabo stated that the Town matches 25% of the Grant with volunteer hours. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Sabo continued with the 2nd discussion item to the Agenda by asking for an update on the Route 4 Pedestrian Improvement.

Councilwoman Sabo made the motion to add a discussion, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Sabo's 3rd addition to the Agenda would be a discussion on the emails received about the Snyder's Lake issues from a town resident.

Councilwoman Sabo made the motion to add the 3rd discussion to the agenda, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

A final motion was made by **Councilman Rogers** to add **Resolution 2021-6-62, In the Matters of Appointing Summer Staff** to the Agenda, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor asked if there were any comments on the Agenda item, none were asked from the public attending the meeting.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-6-53: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion In the Matter of the Appointment of a Police Officer, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Hoffman wanted to congratulate the town's new Police Officer, Nolan Gray, as she has known him since his Gardner- Dickinson Grammar School days and wished him and his family the best.

Councilman Rogers spoke of the meeting he attended when he met Nolan at his interview and as a retired Police Officer himself, felt he was confident that the town has made a good hire. He again congratulated Nolan and thanking him for coming back to serve his hometown..

Chief Keevern swore Nolan Gray in and the meeting paused for a brief moment for pictures with the town's new Police Officer. Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Chief Keevern for his dedication on filling the open spaces in the department so diligently; his staff is now at 100%.

Resolution 2021-6-54: Councilwoman Merola made a motion In the Matter of Approving a NYS FY2019 Cyber Security Grant Contract, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-55: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In The Matter of Approving a Lease Agreement with Rensselaer County for Rental of Rooms at Town Hall, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. **Councilwoman Hoffman abstained** from the vote and the rest of the board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-56: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In the Matter of Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Camp Scully, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott commented that he grew up around the lake and loved always hearing the music and fun coming from Camp Scully during his childhood summers. A brief pause of the meeting was taken so that the board could get pictures with the people representing Camp Scully.

Resolution 2021-6-57: Supervisor Bott made a motion In the Matter of Expending Highway Monies Pursuant to Section 284 of Highway Law, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. **Councilwoman Sabo abstained** from the vote. The remaining board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-58: Councilman Rogers made a motion to accept a Resolution for SEQR Determination for the Proposed Whiteview Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-59: **Supervisor Bott** made motion to accept the Establishment of the Proposed Whiteview Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-60: **Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion to accept the Resolution for SEQR Determination for the Proposed North Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-6-61: **Councilwoman Merola** made a motion to accept the Establishing of the Proposed North Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Merola's name needs to be added to the Resolution, as it was not on the written Resolution that was received from the Building Department.

Resolution 2021-6-62: **Supervisor Bott** made a motion In the Matter of Appointing Summer Staff, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Mike Miner discussed that we are still in need of summer staff so that we can open summer camp. We are only having camp for 5 weeks instead of 6 weeks due to the lack of applications for employment. As of right now we can only have 1/2 the grades covered, as we are lacking applications for all positions. Supervisor Bott commented that everyone should tell anyone about all the positions available. Mike Miner continued with letting the board be aware that we may need to have a special meeting to add more summer staff if the word gets out and we get more applications in so that we can have a full camp opening.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bott asked if we received any emails. The Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, stated we had 2 emails pertaining to the Grant for Open Spaces in favor of Supervisor Bott signing the application and one for the Snyder's lake issues. These emails will be placed in the permanent records for June 10, 2021 meeting.

Supervisor Bott continued with the 2nd discussion for the meeting on the Route #4 update. He asked Anthony German, Town Comptroller to give us a brief update. Anthony spoke of a few items that were being fixed and that we are about 2 weeks behind for Utilities reasons, but feels that we are moving forward smoothly. Councilwoman Sabo asked about the sidewalks on Route #4 and Anthony Germano explained their placements and reasons why they start and end in certain areas. We have had no major traffic issues according to the Police Department. Mark Premo connections at Verizon helped the town with contacts which helped us out tremendously with certain timeframe issues.

Anthony Germano began talking about the waterline on Williams Road. The contractors hit the main water line for Van Rensselaer Manor. The lines were very old and surprisingly lasted this long. The town decided instead of a repair they would replace 550 feet with new pipes. The cost of this repair was approximately \$55,000.

The intersection at Rt. 4 and Williams Road will begin in August with the sidewalks. The 700 feet of sidewalk will primarily be placed on the West side of Rt. 4. They will begin just after the Tech Park and continue up the road along Jiffy Mart to Williams Road intersection. We received easement for the raised island and sidewalks along Rt. 4 up by the strip mall along the area where Heim's Garage is located. Temporary easements have been being received but we are still waiting on a few to begin work in areas.

Supervisor Bott began the discussion about the 2 Snyder's Lake emails that were received from a town resident out at the lake. The emails will be placed in June's permanent minutes. The emails were related to cars parked and smoking of Marijuana along with littering. Boating concerns are a problem at the lake with speeders along with water concerns.

Mike Donvito from the Lake Association explained that they do not have the authority to control boaters that is DEC, and for the littering and smoking that is a Police matter.

Councilwoman Hoffman stated she wants to invite Michelle and Pat Nolan, who are members of the Lake Association Board to come to a board meeting and do a presentation for us. Mike Donvito also added that the person who wrote the letters know what the lake Association can and can't do, as she was a member for many years. The Association does as much as they possibly can, but always calls the Fire Department, Police and ENCON when deemed necessary.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott asked all the Board Members to review their copies of the Department reports at their leisure.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the minutes as written for May 13, 2021, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilman Rogers announced that The North Greenbush Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, was an Honoree of the 2021 Municipal Clerks Honor Roll for 2021. Communities and municipal staff across the country enthusiastically nominate Clerks who go above and beyond in their work every day. Congratulation should be given to Janice for being nominated. All board members agreed and congratulated her.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye, motion was carried. Executive Session started @ 8:02 P.M.

The Board Members came out of Executive Session @ 8:12 P.M. with a motion made by **Supervisor Bott**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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