



PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
May 9, 2024
6:45 p.m.

Supervisor Bott called the Public Hearing to order @ 6:45 PM. He asked all to rise for The Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bott asked for roll call to be taken.

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| Supervisor Bott | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilwoman Hoffman | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilwoman Merola | <u>Absent</u> |
| Councilman Gordon | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilwoman Sabo | <u>Present</u> |

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin

Town Attorney, Fred Kirwin

TO CONSIDER A SEWER EXTENTION TO THE NORTH
GREENBUSH CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT @ 716
BLOOMINGROVE DRIVE

Comments on the Agenda:

No comments from the public or board.



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Discussion:

Supervisor Bott asked Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, to give a description of the extension being requested. Eric explained that it is a single user going South on Bloomingrove Drive. We received the Map Plan report and all additional paperwork needed along with payment. It is a basic gravity feed system. Supervisor Bott wanted to make sure that it is at no cost to the town, and Eric stated he received their payment in check form and payment is in full. Supervisor Bott asked if there are any additional comments from public and board, none were received.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott asked for a motion to close the meeting, **Councilperson Hoffman** made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All members of the board present voted Aye: motion carried. Public Hearing was adjourned @ 6:47 P.M.

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

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



**Town Board
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Regular Meeting MINUTES
May 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order @7:00 P.M., he proceeded to ask all to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bott then asked the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, to do roll call. The following Board Members were present.

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| Supervisor Bott | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilwoman Hoffman | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilman Sabo | <u>Present</u> |
| Councilwoman Merola | <u>ABSENT</u> |
| Councilman Gordon | <u>Present</u> |

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Announcements from Supervisor Bott:

Supervisor Bott opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to our new temporary meeting room in the Annex. Due to Mold Remediation and some remodeling, we will be meeting here for the next couple of months, as we were redoing the Annex for our Seniors. The town is working with Seamens on the remodeling contract due to the events that have arisen. He continued with the upcoming events for the town starting with the Memorial Day Parade planning is underway. The parade will be Monday, May 27, 2024, @ 1:00 p.m. with a line up starting at town hall promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Councilperson Hoffman announced that our Sunday Concerts' schedule was complete and set to start on June 23rd and will go until August 11, 2024. She stated that there is a good mix of music and that they have secured big local bands like the Refrigerators.

Supervisor Bott announced that our Annual Wednesday Night Food Truck Event will begin shortly and Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, stated that opening night will be May 22, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. and will go until the middle of August, every Wednesday night from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. rain or shine.

Comments on the Agenda:

No comments were received.

Recognition Certificates:

Supervisor Bott wanted to recognize 2 of our Highway Department employees. An event occurred this winter. The 2 Highway Department men were going to check on an issue on Higgins Road. While checking they noticed a car off the road and saw a woman in the snow. They sprang into action and called 911 immediately and stayed with her until emergency services arrived. Supervisor Bott moved forward with the presentation of the certificates the certificates to Richard Manoni, who could not make the meeting, he presented the certificate to Mike Martinez, Highway Superintendent, and proceeded to present the 2nd award to Nathan Emery who was present. The board took a moment and had pictures with the recipient.

Discussion:

Discussion on proposed Town Park located behind the Pastures:

Supervisor Bott started out with the discussion on the area located behind the Pastures that will be a town park with walking paths. There are some things that need to be done for it to happen, starting with some land swaps with a company so that we can have an area for parking and entrance so that people do not have to go through the Pastures, as there is no parking available. Supervisor Bott wants to go forward with the process and wanted the town board members to be on board with the decision, as land appraisals and legal will need to be researched and started as soon as possible.

Progress on Climate Smart and Clean Energy Communities Initiatives:

Councilperson Gordon wanted to thank Michel Chaires for handling the RFP Energy contract Seaman have moved forward with the Climate Smart and Clean Energy. Street Light project is moving along to support the future initiative. Seamen has done an audit of all town structures for performance and efficiency. Working with Nymo & NYSEG to acquire LED lights for the streets.

Update on traffic and speed issues on Bloomingrove Drive:

Supervisor Bott asked the town Engineer if we have an update on the traffic and speed on roads in town. Individual analysis, he stated we do not, as we do not own Bloomingrove Drive, plus there is not room for expansion of this road. Councilperson Hoffman said she thought we wanted to do our own. She says the improvements on Route #4 are now complete and is increasing the traffic on Bloomingrove Drive. She wants to investigate what they can do to help to slow traffic

use of Bloomingrove. Enforcement of speed, stop signs. Chief Keevern stated they have been doing traffic details and have placed increased enforcement since October. The speed trailer is set up over there.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-05-39: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of approving an MOA regarding Police Mandatory Shifts, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-40: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter approving the purchase of a Police vehicle, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Councilperson Sabo asked if the chief investigated Electric Vehicle purchases. Chief Keevern said they have, and they were not available at the time, plus the power stations are costly and with the equipment that is put into the vehicle it would draw too much electric. He would consider looking into it more in the future. Councilperson Sabo said she would send the Chief information about state funding on electric vehicles.

Resolution 2024-05-41: Councilperson Sabo made a motion in the matter of approving the purchase of a Radar/Speed Trailer, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-42: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the matter approving the purchase of new handguns for Police, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-43: Supervisor Bott made a in the matter of the appointing Gregory Spencer, Utilities Laborer, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-44: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Rensselaer County for joint hazardous waste collections, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye, except for **Councilperson Hoffman** who abstained, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-45: Councilperson Sabo made a motion in the matter of authorization of the execution of an Out of District User Agreement for Business Development Holdings LLC. On California Avenue, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-46: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing to consider Local Law #3 of 2024, to amend the Tech Valley Residential

Community Planned Development District, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-47: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of making a SEQR Determination for the proposed 716 Bloomingrove Drive sewer extension to the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-48: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of the establishment of proposed 716 Bloomingrove Drive Sewer District Extension to be included in the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-49: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of appointing the following committee members to the LaBerge's Housing Comprehensive Project, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott mentioned that we entered a housing study with LaBerge to see what we have and will need for the future. Councilperson Sabo asked how he found these people that were on the committee. Supervisor Bott stated that these were previous and active Planning and Zoning Board members. Councilperson Sabo said that with all the new folks in town, maybe we should get different views. Supervisor Bott said this is a list of key people for the starting point of the committee.

Resolution 2024-05-50: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of the emergency purchase of a Hazardous Material Survey, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Comments on Town Related Items:

Sue McDonough, Van Winkle Drive South, North Greenbush. Ms. McDonough is very concerned about the welfare of the animals in the town and would like an update on what we are doing with our animals when the Animal Control Officer is requested. A long-involved discussion happened with the board about where and how they are handling stray animals. Supervisor Bott discussed the location that can be used if ever needed by the town. Councilperson Gordon spoke to Ms. McDonough to contact her congressman for guidance. Ms. McDonough wants the town to be able to build an animal shelter for Rensselaer County stray animals. Supervisor Bott stated that we are not able to do that as we are not qualified to run a shelter. The allotted for the discussion went over and the board moved forward any other comments on town related items.

Barbara Cady, Whiteview Road, North Greenbush. Asked about sewer for the residence on Whiteview Road. She knows it's on Willow and there is a development going in and wants to

have it looked into for her and the neighbors on Whiteview. Supervisor Bott said he will take a look at it and then she can get in touch with the town's Engineer.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott asked all members of the board to review each of the department's monthly reports located in their packets.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 11, 2024 (Public Hearings and Town Board), seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott asked for a motion to close the meeting, **Councilperson Gordon** made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All members of the board present voted Aye: motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:26 P.M.

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