



**Town Board  
Town of North Greenbush  
Regular June 13, 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.

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

**Also present at meeting:**

Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin

Town Attorney, Fred Kirwin

**Announcements from Supervisor Bott:**

Supervisor Bott started off with a list of action-packed information for the month of June. This June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the start of the summer for out at the beach, located at Synder's Lake. Our summer concerts will begin on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our 1<sup>st</sup> band will be The Ulitimates, the concert starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes on until 8:00 p.m. here at town hall out back in the gazebo.

Supervisor Bott continued with the change in order of the agenda due to the fact that there are 4 new officers being sworn in and the room is full of family and friends.

**Resolution 2024-06-53: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of the appointment of a Police Officer (Cox), seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-54: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of appointment of a Police Officer (Pollay), seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-55: Councilwoman Merola** made a motion in the matter of appointment of a Police Officer (Growick-Smith), seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-56: Councilwoman Sabo** made a motion in the matter of appointment of a Police Officer (Clemenzi), seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Mike Martinez for all the hard work he and the Highway Department have done on the cleaning up of the storm throughout town. Approximately 14 truckloads have been happening daily throughout the town.

**Comments from Residents on Agenda:**

No comments received on agenda items from the public.

**Presentation:**

Supervisor Bott presented our Town Assessor, Patty Rubino, with a Certificate of Achievement for completing her classes and officially becoming an Assessor for the town.

Supervisor Bott wanted to discuss the playground and the continual complaints we have been having about the dated equipment. He wanted to thank Bill Miller and the Youth Committee for all the hardworking creating a fully accessible playground design. Councilwoman Hoffman added information pertaining to the new playground. She spoke of a fenced playground with access from the parking lot. There will be separate, age-appropriate play areas for all age groups. Several slides for impairment and non-impairment children. A huge shout out to Bill Miller, Raymond, Jess and Joe for all their planning.

The next presentation was for our town hall fully accessible Playground. Great Lakes Recreation described the process and setting up of the new playground and location. Joe, from the company explained that it is 6 months to 15 years of age, mainly all ability and age groups. Wheelchair accessible with rubber surfacing throughout the playground. There is a lifetime guarantee on EVERYTHING. The time frame will be about 6-8 weeks. We will start after the Fall Festival, removing/site prep/installation. Surfacing will be done in about a month. Councilwoman Hoffman spoke up to add that there will be additional picnic tables and benches along with 6 trash cans. Supervisor Bott added that they are getting a \$101,000.00 discount right off the top by the company, plus it's state contract prices.

Town Clerk Kerwin asked if there would be additional lighting as she was asked about lights. The committee agreed to keep it as it is with closing at dusk.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2024-06-51: Councilman Gordon** made a motion in the matter of approving the Police and Firemen’s Insurance for the Town of North Greenbush Police Department, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Supervisor Bott asked the Comptroller, Michael Chaires, to explain the resolution. Michael stated it is basically Aflec Insurance for the Police.

**Resolution 2024-06-52: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing for adopting a Local Law increasing the term for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Superintendent of Highways from 2-year term to 4 years, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried. Brief discussion was done by board members on what exactly the terms would be and when. Fred Kirwin, Town Attorney commented that the steps were as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local Law and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is a Mandatory Referendum in November for the public to vote on Election Day. Councilwoman Sabo asked if it would be voted on separately for each position, and he stated yes, 3 separate votes for each 4-year position. Supervisor Bott added that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the process.

**Resolutions 53-56 were done at the beginning of the meeting.**

**Resolution 2024-06-57: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of an agreement with the Tri City Valley Cats and North Greenbush Police Benevolent Association, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-58: Councilwoman Sabo** made a motion in the matter of appointing Summer Staff and Beach Staff for the 2024 season, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, except Supervisor Bott who recused himself; motion carried with 4 Ayes.

Councilwoman Sabo asked about the Sean Robert and his duties. He will be doing more than just Summer Camp, his list of activities to be involved in is currently expanding. He will be working on parades (Halloween, Christmas), all operations with the new building at the lake, Summer Celebration and our Seniors stated Councilwoman Hoffman. The conversation moved to trying to do more for the town’s people and seniors, not just the town’s youth. Supervisor Bott added that we now are hiring a new full time Laborer to help take care of the grounds and building at the lake.

**Resolution 2024-06-59: Councilman Gordon** made a motion in the matter of salary adjustments of Utilities Laborers (Giacomaro/Denué), seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-60: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of adopting a Local Law #3 of 2024, entitled “Amendment NO. 3 Tech Valley Residential Community Planned

Development District”, seconded by **Councilman Gordon**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-61: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of the appointment of a Full Time Laborer, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-62: Councilwoman Merola** made a motion in the matter of approving the Remediation Plan for repair work to be done at 1101/1102 Giovanna, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, explained the situation with the soil erosion and stabilizing the soil displacement. Geo-Tech gave us a remediation plan with several obligations. Our residents have been patient with all the stability issues, and this is what we plan on doing going forward.

**Resolution 2024-06-63: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of approving the expenditures related to the Engineering Services and Installation of Pressure Relief Valves, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-06-64: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of approving the contract and expenditures for the playground replacement, **Councilwoman Merola**.

Councilwoman Sabo agreed it was needed but felt we could ask for grants or money 1<sup>st</sup> before voting on it. Councilwoman Sabo added that we should table this resolution until next month. Councilwoman Hoffman said we can still ask for help but need to act now as the deadline for savings is June 21, 2024. The presenter for the playground spoke up about the discount the town was given, as it was a deal with Little Tykes and the time limit was indeed June 21<sup>st</sup>. All board members voted Aye, except Councilwoman Sabo who voted Nay: motion carried 4 to 1.

**Resolution 2024-06-65: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. **Councilwoman Hoffman** recused herself and left the room. Supervisor Bott explained the resumes he received and how they narrowed it down to 3 and the reasons for their choice. Councilwoman Sabo just received the 1 resume and thought it was vital to have someone with land use knowledge on the board. She commented that she could not support the applicant. Supervisor Bott spoke with Chairman French, and he felt with the board full of veteran members the applicant would work out well. He felt excited to have someone who is young and eager to learn and wants to be an active member of his town. The remaining members voted Aye, with 1 Nay from Councilwoman Sabo, motion carried 3 to 1.

#### **Comments from Public:**

Bill Stewart, Brianna Blvd. wanted to make sure that each permit issued from the Building Department still has to follow all the codes of the town. Supervisor Bott stated yes. Mr. Stewart wanted to thank the board for standing behind the Building Department and getting things done.

**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 May 9, 2024 (Public Hearings and Town Board), seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All board members present voted Aye, except Councilwoman Merola who Abstained, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Supervisor Bott asked for a motion to close the meeting, **Councilperson Gordon** made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members of the board voted Aye: motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:11 P.M.

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