



**Town Board
MINUTES
Town of North Greenbush
Regular July 11, 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>Present</u> |
| Councilman Gordon | <u>ABSENT</u> |

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin
Town Attorney, Fred Kirwin

Announcements from Supervisor Bott:

Supervisor Bott started out with our Sunday Night Concerts, he stated that this week we will have Grit and Whiskey. Our summer camp has completed its 1st week, and the board would like to thank Bill for getting it up and running with 150 campers to date. Councilwoman Hoffman spoke up and mentioned that the Safety Committee had a good meeting with the Capital District Transportation Council. They discussed the volume and speed of traffic on Bloomingrove Drive. There are changes that are to be made and they plan on targeting several locations on Bloomingrove to study and collect data for future changes. They spoke about the backing up issues @ HVCC, the turning lane on Rt.#4 by Panera's. Councilwoman Sabo asked who will be collecting data and doing the study, Councilwoman Hoffman answered CDTC not us. There is grant money available to be investigated.



Comments from Residents on Agenda:

- 1.) Michael Myers asked if the agenda could be placed on the website as early as the Monday before the meeting, instead of Tuesday. Supervisor Bott said they could try, but usually that's the day as they are finishing up items needed for Thursday's meeting that late afternoon on Tuesday. Mr. Myers stated someone called him asking where to find the agenda and when he looked it was not up in the morning, but later in the afternoon it was. Councilwoman Hoffman said he should have them call the Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, or Supervisor Bott if they are to have questions on the agenda because they are the 2 that would know.

Discussions:

Status on residents of Dutch Acres and surrounding areas to access municipal water due to the completion of the water transmission project on Rt.#43 was the 1st thing to discuss. Councilperson Sabo asked if people could still hook into the line, Supervisor Bott said they could at their own cost, but it would be treated like an Out of District user and they would need to talk with Keith Hankle, the Water Supervisor, for the steps needed to be taken. Councilwoman Sabo said she believed there are grants to help deter the cost. Fred Kirwin, town Attorney, said that LaBerge compiled information and it would cost approximately \$1500.00 annually a household on their taxes for the bond to create a water district. The taxpayer would then still have to pay for usage and O&M plus the cost to hire a contractor to hook them up to the main.

- 1.) Lori, North Greenbush Resident, stated she has a water issue and would like to get on the town's water. Eric Westfall, town Engineer, invited her to come into the office and discuss with him her well issue.
- 2.) Marion, Van Dyke Drive, asked where that dollar amount came from? Supervisor Bott said it was a price compiled by the Comptroller. It would be easier and cheaper if a petition was gathered with the neighbors to get a district to reduce the dollar amount by adding more people in to lower the cost.
- 3.) Steve Gavitt, North Greenbush resident, asked why there is so much rock on just one side of the road, as the other side of #43 has water. Councilwoman Sabo mentioned he's on the North side. Supervisor Bott stated that they had lots of shale and rock, and the town has no control over the geography. The board depends on the firm they have been doing business with for years with the town's water construction projects. Councilwoman Sabo asked if the Town Attorney has town water, Fred stated yes, and it cost him a lot to hook up because of all the shale he had on his property years ago. Councilwoman Sabo asked



if the water pressure has improved with the transmission line being completed and Fred said yes.

The 2nd discussion item on the agenda was on allowing County residents to purchase passes to Snyder's Lake at a higher rate than town residents. Supervisor Bott stated that we do not offer outside residents a season pass as it is only for town residents. When the beach 1st opened, we had an influx of out-of-town people, and it was out of control. After this year, with all the enhancements we have made at the beach we could investigate this next year. Councilwoman Sabo brought up that at the North end of Rt.#4 there was a sign for 2/3-bedroom apartments. The PDD zone does not allow that there, it states owner occupied use. We will have to investigate why they are advertising this. The Local Law was passed in 2019 and was filed with the State in January of 2020. Supervisor Bott noticed the sign also today and said that the Building Department should be aware of the allowed buildings for that zone when they come in for a permit.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to table Resolution 2024-07-66, 2-year term to 4-year term, until they reviewed in detailed additional information on the Local Law that is on tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried to table the resolution.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to add Resolution 2024-07-69, hiring summer staff and Lifeguards to the agenda, Seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried to add resolution to the agenda.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-07-66: In the matter of adopting a Local Law #4 of 2024 increasing the term for the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Superintendent of Highways from two years to four years. **TABLED.**

Resolution 2024-07-67: **Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of Authorization of the execution of an "Out of District User Water Agreement", as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo** with a correction on the address and date of meeting. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.



Resolution 2024-07-68: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of The Board of Assessment Review Compensation, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Added resolution to agenda: Resolution 2024-07-69: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion in the matter appointing summer staff and beach staff, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Comments from Public:

- 1.) Joseph Cassino, Hidley Road, asked about the discussion the board had at a pass of a possible land swap with a developer. His land is next to the land that the town is interested in swapping. Supervisor Bott stated that it was just a discussion and they have not yet done this, as there are a lot of legal items that would need to be discussed before any action is taken. Mr. Cassino asked if he would be offered a chance to buy the land that borders his. Supervisor Bott stated no, as this is a swap because the town's land is locked right now with no access to get in or out if a park was created and proceeded to ask if there is access from Hidley to his land to the part they were discussing. Mr. Cassino said no, not without going through his yard. Mr. Cassino is very concerned about the land has approximately 1260 feet borders the town and if the builder clears it he will have additional drainage issues. Would the town also ask the other landowners that border the town's land a chance to purchase it too. Supervisor Bott told Mr. Cassino that after the meeting they could review his maps and continue the discussed after tonight's meeting, Mr. Cassin agreed to stay and discuss it after the meeting.
- 2.) Andy Mair, Defreestville, asked where this property was located, Supervisor Bott explained the area at the end of Pheasant Lane off Whiteview Road. The town owns 30 acres. Mr. Mair continued asking why the town could not put a park over in the Defreestville area. Supervisor Bott said because we have land located there and to purchase land for a park would not be cost efficient. Mr. Mair reminded Supervisor Bott that the Defreestville area pays a lot of tax revenue from all the development over on that side of town. Supervisor Bott agreed and said that is why it would not be cost effective, as the land is very expensive as companies purchase the land and then build businesses. Supervisor Bott included that the town has 3 major projects that are being worked on including the area over in Defreestville, the new satellite station for the Ambulance, which is a 3-million-dollar project, and we also have a playground that is going to start in the end of September and finally area over on Snyder's Lake, our new facility at the beach is almost completed. These 3 projects are in 3 different areas of town for all to



utilize. Councilwoman Sabo asked about the 3 acres of land the town owns on Bloomingrove, Supervisor Bott asked if she meant the parcel by Reynolds Road, and she said yes. We've looked at it before and it isn't right for most projects, it's long and narrow. We could have a search committee and or a development committee, as we are looking for a new Library location, the library at town hall is out growing their space.

- 3.) Susan McDonough, Van Winkle Drive South, wanted to talk again about the fact that there is no place for our lost dogs. Under the law, Article 7, Ag & Markets, the town must have a place for the animals. She knows that there are grants out there for Animal Shelters. Supervisor Bott told her once again that Bob Guyer could hold the dogs if needed. He also told her if she wanted to get a list of grants and start the process, he would work with her to get it built.
- 4.) Steve Gavitt asked if we could make the water amount and explanation of the price for the bond and hook into the water a public document. Eric Westfall, town Engineer, told Mr. Gavitt he could talk with him about the water extension process anytime.
- 5.) Michael Myers, Evergreen Lane, asked what the notification for Zoning Board signs is. He saw one while out jogging, it was on the ground, so he picked it up and saw that the property on Main Avenue was going to be discussed at the meeting. Councilwoman Sabo answered that it alerts that the parcel will be on the agenda. Mr. Myers stated he would like to know the actual process. Supervisor Bott said that he could look at the process of the sign notifications.

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 June 13, 2024 (Public Hearings and Town Board), seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Adjournment:

Bott made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members of the board present voted Aye: motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:45 P.M.



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

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