

**Town Board  
Town of North Greenbush  
Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2020**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment, as meeting is not open to the public due to COVID-19. The meeting is being streamed live on our Town's Website. Supervisor Bott did mention of a letter that was in each Town Board Member's packet. The letter from Ed Martin will be discussed later during tonight's meeting.

**Announcements:**

Supervisor Bott began the announcements with speaking of September 11, 2001, stating that tomorrow will be the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911's tragic event. This day should never be forgotten and we must always remember all the Police Officers, Firefighters and 1<sup>st</sup> responders that sacrificed their lives that day. He continued with saying that there were 2,977 deaths that occurred that day and 2,500 people were injured and continue still today with health problems from 911.

Councilperson Hoffman too wanted to mention that some of our town residents were present that day at ground zero and wanted acknowledge them and all that they gave. She mentions one town resident in particular, Richard French, who was there through the whole recovery.

Councilperson Rogers said that we must never forget this life changing event. He wanted everyone to be aware that these Police Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Service people ran towards the danger, with so many innocent lives being lost that day.

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Mark Premo reminded Supervisor Bott of the Steel at DFD. Supervisor Bott continued with the information about the memorial that is located at the Defreestville Fire Department, which has the original steel from the towers that fell. When the firehouse was built, they included the memorial in their plans as part of the design. Please go and see the memorial anytime. A moment of silence was taken for all those who lost their life and their family members effected by this 911 event, he also asked the Town Clerk to have the flags lowered to half-mast tomorrow in honor of those lives lost on September 11, 2001.

Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Rensselaer County Tourism for their help with advertising the concerts. He also wanted to make sure that people were aware that the Town of North Greenbush paid for and ran the concerts.

Our Town beach is now closed for the season and he mentioned how very appreciative our town residents were to have the beach open this year for them to use during Covid-19.

Our Rt. # 43 project is ready to do RFP, as all of the easements are in.

The Rt. #4 project is beginning with the Preconstruction meeting coming up very shortly this month.

Supervisor Bott said that he needs to set a meeting with the Town Board Members and the Town Clerk to present Janice Kerwin with the Town's Budget between the dates of October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>. All Board Members looked at their calendars and schedules and decided on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> @8:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 2020-9-53:** A motion was made by Councilperson Sabo in the matters of Adopting Revised Retention and Disposition Schedule for NYS Local Government Records, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All Town Board Members present voted Aye and the motion was approved.

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Tony Germano explained the Resolution by stating that NYS made changes to the time needed on containing legal minimum retention periods for all local government records for use by all town officers in legally disposing of valueless records.

**RESOLUTION 2020-9-54:** A motion was made by Councilperson Hoffman in the matters of a Memorandum of Agreement for a Detective position, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All Town Board Members present voted and the motion was approved.

Chief Keevern stated this needed updating as the Pilot Program had a 1 year expiration and wording changes were needed. Councilperson Rogers spoke with the Union and he felt good about the decision that was made. Councilperson Sabo too agreed it was a good thing.

**RESOLUTION 2020-9-55:** A motion was made by Councilperson Rogers in the matters of authoring the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of a Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli", Program Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds therefore to the Route 4 Highway Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project (PIN1089.75), seconded by Supervisor Bott. All Town Board members voted, Councilperson Sabo abstain from the vote; the remaining Town Board voted Ayes and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Bott asked Tony to briefly describe the savings from the Resolution 2020-9-55. He stated that it is a Federal/State agreement which they have amended and will save on the cost of the State's right a ways, which then in return that savings will then be added towards the construction cost of the project.

**Discussion:**

**Re-Opening procedure and protocol:**

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Supervisor Bott said that the Town of North Greenbush will follow Governor Cuomo's lead and keep with his State of Emergency, which is dated until October 4, 2020. He looked into other surrounding towns and feels we are doing exactly what we should. Our Live Streaming of meetings is a great way to inform the residents and is keeping everyone safe. The people who have been coming to town hall seem to be very happy with their curbside, door and window service they have been receiving. He has heard of no complaints and will continue with the closure. Councilperson Sabo asked if there was any way to open October's meeting to the public as she will be doing the Smart Climate Presentation. She asked about moving the meeting and streaming camera to the gym for a larger and safer area, that way we could open the meeting up to the public since it will be after the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Supervisor Bott asked Tony if the cameras can be moved easily and Tony said he would have to hire the company to come back and it would not be easy. No objections were made to stay closed and the decision was final.

**Ambulance Commission Committee discussion on appointments:**

Supervisor Bott announced that Councilperson Rogers and Councilperson Hoffman have been working on the committee seats and they were very close with the final seat. They were deciding on the additions and changes being made and would keep working together. Councilperson Rogers wanted to work on the Ethics Committee also and said they needed to agree as soon as possible because both committees were extremely important to complete. Councilperson Rogers wanted to vote tonight, but the committee seats need to be agreed upon and we did not have a written resolution made to actually vote tonight. They did not yet have an agreement, but they would get together and try to agree and have it completed for next month.

**Department Reports:**

Supervisor Bott asked the Board Members to look over the Department Reports. There were no comments from any of the board members on the Reports.

**Additional Comments:**

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Supervisor Bott discussed the letter that each Board Member received from Ed Martin. He stated that the Town's Highway Superintendent would be composing a letter to the Martin's for a sit down meeting to talk. All board members were in agreement of this decision.

Councilperson Rogers discussed a house on Crell Avenue and its deterioration. He has spoken to Bill Miller and Mike Miner in the Building Department about it and wanted to have something officially done, as he feels it is very unsafe the way it is at this moment.

Supervisor Bott agreed and said he too has a house in similar shape up on Oberlook Avenue that he wanted the same thing to be done. Supervisor Bott will follow up with the Building Department.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilperson Rogers made a motion to accept August 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All Town Board Members present voted Ayes and the motion was approved.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Hoffman and seconded by Councilperson Sabo to adjourn the meeting. All Town Board Members present voted Aye and the motion to adjourn was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW ON OUR TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Kerwin  
Town Clerk  
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Supervisor Bott asked all the Board members to look over the Department Reports. There were no comments from any of the board members on the Department Reports.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Supervisor Bott Made a motion to accept the minutes for July 9, 2020 meeting as written and also the Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Councilperson Rogers. All Town Board members voted Aye and the motion was approved. On file in the Town Clerk's Office

**Additional Comments:**

Supervisor Bott asked if the Town Clerk received any emails during the meeting, which she answered she did and the Town Attorney spoke. Fred stated he told the clerk to email back a response to The Martins that he would respond to their previous email and she did.

Councilperson Sabo asked when The Town Hall would be open to the public for meetings, as she's been asked by a town residents. An explanation of the reasons was listed and she agreed, but suggested we could try Zooming and even an App called Bang The Table for people to participate. Mike Miner noted there is a

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problem with the volume for those who speak other than the board members, so he has placed an additional microphone for that purpose.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Hoffman, seconded by Councilperson Sabo. All board members voted Aye and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:46 p.m.

- **A complete accounting of all discussions on the Town Board Meeting for August 13, 2020 is available to review on our town's website.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Kerwin  
Town Clerk  
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