

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2020

Supervisor Bott welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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| Supervisor Bott- | Present |
| Councilman Rogers- | Present Via Zoom |
| Councilwoman Sabo- | Present |
| Councilwoman Hoffman- | Present Via Zoom |

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No public present at meeting due to Covid-19

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott wanted to start meeting off with setting the date of the **January Organizational Meeting**. The date chosen will be January 14, 2020 @ 6:15 p.m.

Supervisor Bott wanted to remind everyone that the Christmas Santa Patrol will be starting this Saturday, December 12th, @ 2:30 p.m. with Santa leaving WFD and DFD to patrol around our neighborhoods. Please step out on your porches and driveways and give Santa a big wave and hello.

The town feels this will be the safest way to spread Christmas Cheer to our town children during the Covid Pandemic. Following the patrol we will be lighting our Town's Christmas tree later that evening @ 6:30 p.m. at town hall. Due to health and safety issues concerning Covid, we will not have our normal ceremony for the tree lighting. Please drive by and take a look at our Town Christmas tree that will be shining all season for everyone to enjoy.

Supervisor Bott wanted to take this time to thank the town staff for their support throughout this year due to Covid. He also wanted to thank Steve Mc Laughlin and his staff for taking control and organizing the supplies for our County. In addition he wanted to thank the Town Board for remaining focused and engaged throughout this 2020 year.

Finally he wanted to welcome Jessica Merola attended the meeting and looks forward to working with her on the board next year.

New Business

Resolution 2020-12-72: Supervisor Bott made a motion to table the resolution in the matter of accepting an easement, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All Board members voted Aye, and the motion was passed. Fred Kirwan, Town Attorney, mentioned that the party involved was not ready to accept the easement as written.

Resolution 2020-12-73: Councilwoman Sabo made the motion in the matter of accepting the Hudson Mohawk Humane Society contract for 2021, seconded by Supervisor Bott. All board members voted Aye, the motion was approved.

Supervisor Bott mentioned that the contract fees have gone up, but it was expected with all that is going on with Covid and felt it was acceptable.

Resolution 2020-12-74: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of supporting the Town of East Greenbush for their Traffic Study on Route 4 for Capital District Transportation Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Sabo. All board members voted Aye, and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Bott explained how they have been working together with East Greenbush trying to obtain a Grant for 2 years, which has been unsuccessful and perhaps if we write a formal resolution, and it is incorporated in their

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submittal packages it may finally be accepted. The other board members agreed and felt that sidewalks and safety needs for pedestrian travel was needed, along with support of smart growth in transportation.

Resolution 2020-12-75: Councilman Rogers made a motion to schedule a public hearing for proposed Buckbee Road Sewer Ext. of The North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. A roll call vote was taken; Councilwoman Sabo recused herself from the vote. All remaining board members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Mike Miner explained how the Developers have expanded the sewer districts allowing the town residence to have sewer available with an extension. In this situation a developer has brought it near the 4 remaining properties on Buckbee and 2 on North Road which will allow the homes to get sewer. This is at no cost to the town. The home owners will pay for the extension.

Resolution 2020-12-76: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of authoring an administration fee for Lake Meadow's water meters that have not been upgraded, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Bott mentioned he felt this was a fair fee and had Mike Miner explain reasoning for this resolution. Mike Miner explained that the meters need to be compatible with the town's billing software to read the meters. There are 104 homeowners and only 11 have not yet come in to get their meters. On January 6, 2021 the town plans on doing the Lake Meadows water transition to town water. The homeowner will have plenty of time to switch over before we actually do our first water reading and billing for Lake Meadows. The town bought the meters in a bulk shipment and received a very good price for which saved the homeowners money.

Resolution 2020-12-77: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matters of approving the purchase of TPE Livescan System, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Chief Keevern did a brief explanation of the TPE Livescan System. The system is used for finger printing electronically. We will replace the current unit which has reached end of life. We will receive 50% of the purchase price back from the awarded contract price.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bott asked the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, if there were any emails received during the meeting. Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, responded no, but that only one was emailed and received on December 3, 2020 from a town resident asking for information on the 2021 Highway Development Project. Her question was read by Supervisor Bott and is added into the permanent record. We have an email from Town Comptroller, Anthony Germano who answered her email questions on 12/08/2020. Supervisor Bott read the email and continued to answer her safety concerns.

The first discussion was to review and update the 2021 budget. Anthony Germano, Town Comptroller, explained how we set our O&M rates and we found that 100 properties were not coded at the County and needed to change areas. We changed the water and sewer repair line by the dollar amount needed to cover the O&M charges. He felt very confident that by reducing the water and sewer repair it will not cause any issues on the line. He wants the change to be transparent and will publish the amended budget online.

The second discussion was for Snyders Lake Beach. Councilwoman Sabo wanted to see if it was possible to remove the barriers and to keep the beach open for town residences throughout the winter months. During Covid it would be nice for more parks to be available for use. An extra basketball court for the kids and playground would be great for

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everyone to be able to walk along the beach. Supervisor Bott voiced his concerns about the ice, which could create a bad situation with no supervision, however he was all for extending the park hours, but closed it before the lake freezes over and then open it back up later after the ice was gone. Councilwoman Sabo asked about putting up a sign that would say STAY OFF LAKE. Supervisor Bott asked Fred Kirwan if he felt it was a liability and he stated yes, especially with no supervision.

Councilwoman Sabo also talked about adding handi-cap parking and accessibility to the beach for mobility impaired people to get down to the water. Mike Miner explained how the property is very wet and spongy during certain times of the year and it would very costly to do the grading and drainage, but would happily look into it again. Mike stated how he has looked into grants in the pass to do just this thing. She asked Town Comptroller how much we had in Greenspace and he answered about \$370,000.00. Councilwoman Sabo also discussed additional modular for the playground. She asked Mike Miner if it was something that could be done in house and have plans drawn up. Mike said he would look into pricing and a plan, but wasn't sure if the town would have the ability and time to do the work but would look into it with Larry, Bill and Keith.

Councilwoman Hoffman agreed that adding equipment to the playgrounds around town would be a great addition both at the beach and at town hall. Perhaps a pavement area and swing for mobility impaired children or even an area for wheelchair accessibility at a park tables.

Department Reports: Supervisor Bott asked for the board to review the Department reports.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by **Councilman Rogers** to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye and the motion was approved.

Before closing the meeting Councilwoman Sabo asked about the Tree Lighting gathering, Supervisor Bott said he will just light the tree after the Santa Patrol due to Covid-19 no gathering or ceremony.

Supervisor Bott wanted to recognize the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, for her 1st year in office and all her accomplishments and wanted to give her a shout out for the great job she has done this year during Covid-19.

Councilwoman Sabo seconded that and was very impressed on how Janice took the ground running. Councilman Rogers and Councilwoman Hoffman also said thank you and agreed.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye and the motion was carried.

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

***A complete accounting of all discussions on the agenda is available to review via Streaming on the Town's website.**

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Kerwin
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush