

Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
October 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM, having all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present.

Supervisor Bott
Councilwoman Hoffman
Councilwoman Sabo
Councilman Rogers
Councilwoman Merola

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott announced that the Town had our 1st ever Emergency Service Day here at Town Hall. He wanted to thank **Bonnie Pangburn** and **Lenny Johnson** for organizing the event. The event had our very own North Greenbush Ambulance, Police Fire Departments, Blood Hounds, Search and Rescue, Wynantskill Fire Department Ladies Aux., CDTA Electric bus and an actual Helicopter landed at Town Hall.

Supervisor Bott asked Councilwoman Merola to give everyone an update on the schedule of events for the Annual Halloween Parade that the town has every year. Councilwoman Merola stated that the Annual Parade will step off at the parking of the Family Dollar on Main Ave. The Wynantskill & Defreestville Fire Departments and North Greenbush Ambulance, along with the North Greenbush Police will direct the parade down to Town Hall. We will have a Trunker Treat this year after the parade. The Trunker Treat will be located in our back parking lot of Town Hall. We will be having it at the same time as Benetec's Annual Trunker Treat. Councilwoman Merola continued saying that we will also have our Annual Costume Contest.

Supervisor Bott discussed the Route #4 project. He stated it is 99% done. The design of the circle is flowing well. The North end opened Saturday and seemed to work with the weekend traffic flow. He added that it should be complete with top coat and markings within the next 20 to 30 days. The next project has just begun at Winter Street Ext. and Bloomingrove Drive. The road is closed at the intersection above, so you will only be able to make a left or right on Bloomingrove, and will not be able to continue to Route #4. We will post on the town's website to inform the town residence.

The water Transmission line project is happening, digging and laying pipe from the beach to Rt. #43 will hopefully be complete before winter Supervisor Bott said. It will start up again in the spring and continue down to Route #4.

Councilwoman Sabo raised a question about the sidewalks that go from Highland Avenue to Jordan Road. She wanted to know why they were not going to be done all the way down Route #4. Tony Germano stated that the swale that is located right after Jordan Road made it very expensive and he decided not to have the sidewalks done because of the cost, but DEC decided to kick in the \$450,000. The sidewalks in Phase 2 will be finished next year after all the utility work is complete.

Councilwoman Sabo asked about the other end of Route #4 by the old On Call, at the corner of Williams and Route #4. Tony answered that 2 contractor will be going in front of Planning Board and will be added to the decision to do them. Tony asked Councilwoman Sabo if she wanted a copy of the Comprehensive Sidewalk Plans to view and she stated yes.

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had any comments or questions on any of the agenda items. Mark Premo spoke up to let the board know that the Snyder's Lake drainage system will be finished tomorrow for the season.

No emails were received on agenda items Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin answered when Supervisor Bott asked.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to change next month's meeting to **November 4, 2021**, from **November 11, 2021**, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. The town board voted Aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-10-86: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion, to accept a resolution for SEQR determination for the proposed 32 North Road Sewer Extension of North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-87: Councilperson Merola made a motion, to accept the resolution to establishing the proposed 32 North Road Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-88: Councilperson Sabo made a motion, to set a Public Hearing for the establishment of the proposed 2 Ellen Avenue Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilperson Rogers**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-89: Councilperson Roger made a motion in the matter of authorizing a request for proposal for the construction of the Willow Lane Sewer Extension, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Mike Miner explained that this request will go out to bid for the infrastructure of the sewer extension.

The 11 residence can hook up, if they so choose to at their own cost.

Councilperson Rogers asked about a large tree on Willow lane. He was approached about by a woman on Willow Lane and wanted to know if the town could remove it when they start to lay the sewer lines as it looks close to falling down. Mike Miner was asked if it was possible by Supervisor Bott, and he stated that the tree is not on town property and the lines will not be going near that area where the tree is. He

would talk to the woman who would like it taken down and perhaps she could hire the contractors doing the line at that time, as they will be there placing the lines and because the equipment is already there she could hire them. The town could not pay for the removal, but he would help her explain the situation to the contractors.

Resolution 2021-10-90: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of an agreement with Rensselaer County for Interoperable Backup Communications, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye except for **Councilperson Hoffman** who abstained, motion carried. Chief Keevern mentioned how this was a win-win situation for all of us, as the upgrades are paid for by the County. Supervisor Bott stated that is saving the town money already.

Resolution 2021-10-91: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of approving a request for proposals for IT services to serve the Police Department, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All town board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Chief Keevern spoke of the retirement of Officer Eric Jukes and felt it was time for a company to be responsible for their cyber security rather than one of the Police Officers. Eric Jukes has given his input in the process and has been involved with the decision. Councilperson Rogers asked about the contract time. Chief Keevern said the company is pretty loose with the pricing by year and the town is allowed to pay monthly. This allows both parties to terminate if need be.

Resolution 2021-10-92: Councilperson Sabo made a motion in the matter of approving the purchase and install of replacement Police Server and Computers, seconded by **Councilperson Rogers**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-93: Councilperson Rogers made a motion in the matter of appointing Secretary to the Town Justice, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Judge Burke wanted to thank Felicia Dickinson for her years of service to the town and wished her well on her new endeavors. He continued to address the board with information on the newly appointed Court Clerk. Supervisor Bott added that he received a very nice note from Felicia to the Board thanking them for the opportunity to work for the town. Councilperson Hoffman said she agreed with Burke and wished Felicia the best, as she remembers that Felicia was one of her 1st appointments when she began as a Councilperson.

Resolution 2021-10-94: Supervisor Bott made a motion In the Matter of Appointing Michael Masone as a Zoning Board Member, seconded **Councilperson Merola**. All members voted Aye, except for Councilpersons Rogers and Sabo whom voted nay, motion carried 3 to 2. A discussion was begun on how the advertisement of the position was placed; Councilwoman Sabo wanted to make sure it was opened to all town residents. She was not questioning his commitment or ability, just if the public was notified properly.

Resolution 2021-10-95: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of appointing Richard McCarthy as a Utilities Laborer, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Councilperson Rogers asked if there is a probation period for hires. Anthony Germano said he would need to check the Union Contract but he does not believe so. Mark Premo spoke up and said that the Highway Department has a probation period in their contract for new hires and did not believe Utilities did.

Resolution 2021-10-96: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing for Operation and Maintenance Charges, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-97: Councilperson Sabo made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing for the Special District Assessment Rolls, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-98: Councilperson Rogers made a motion In the Matter of Scheduling a Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-10-99: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion In the Matter of Scheduling a Public Hearing for Vehicular Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Winter Street Extension and Bloomingrove Drive, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Chief Keevern said a study was conducted and that there are safety concerns at the intersection of Bloomingrove and Winter Street Ext. We will be placing a 4 way stop at the intersection. Mark Premo asked if the town was purchasing the stop signs. Anthony Germano answered yes, but the County will install and do all the ground white stripes. The Board members continued to discuss the angles of the road and the grading. All feel this is a good decision with the intersection.

Discussion:

A presentation from Bernie Wiesen from Cornell Cooperative Extension on Climate Visioning Project was done. Anthony Germano asked Bernie Wiesen how many points the town has as of right now. Bernie stated she believes the town is around 80 or 90 points. Bernie completed her presentation and wanted to let the board know that she will return in November with more information for next month's meeting.

Update on American Rescue Plan (Covid Relief Funds) was given by Anthony Germano, he handed out an outline of the planned use of the money the town received. (Attached to the October Minutes) Councilwoman Sabo asked about walking trails would be a great idea for some use for the money. Councilman Rogers asked if there were any available funds for the Ambulance, as with the increase in calls they still have an additional crew and will keep them on going forward. Councilman Rogers gave a quick rundown on Ambulance statistics of calls. This year they had 1418 calls as of September and last year's calls were 944 for the year. The Ambulance has surpassed last year's calls by 474 more calls to date and we still have 3 months left in the year.

Mike Donvito from Snyder's Lake Wynantskill, NY spoke up about the Lake Association Report and continued to discuss the Lake Management plan.

Comments From Public:

Supervisor Bott asked if there was any public comment on the agenda from anyone at the meeting. Mike Meyers from Main Avenue, Wynantskill, NY asked how the public knows about special meeting. The Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, explained that the Agenda is usually placed on the town's website on Tuesday. He asked where, as he did not see it and wanted to see the Budget. Councilwoman Sabo explained how to navigate the website. Anthony Germano offered a copy of the budget. Mike Meyers said he would email the Comptroller with his request. Mike Meyers also asked when the next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for. Councilwoman Hoffman stated there is no meeting scheduled and they would place it on the website to inform the public. When the next meeting is needed it will be placed on the town's website.

Mark Premo gave an update on East Avenue speed signs: they purchased 4 placed 2 on the street and gave the principal the other 2 to place on the school property entrance and exit, as it is on private property and they would need to put them up.

Route 4 Project was already discussed during the meeting, so no need to discuss again at this time.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott requested the board members to review Departmental Reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the September Regular Monthly Meeting minutes and both Public Hearing Minutes from September as written, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:33 PM, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk
Town of North Greenbush



PUBLIC HEARINGS MINUTES

Town Board

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October 14, 2021

6:45 PM

Consider a Petition for the Establishment of the Proposed 32 North Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Supervisor Bott opened the meeting by asking all to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Supervisor Bott	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilman Rogers	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>PRESENT</u>

Supervisor Bott asked Michael Miner for a background on the proposed sewer district. Mike spoke of all the development that has been going on up on North Road and the previous sewer extensions that was done on North Road.

This is just 1 single family home; the property was not included in the other extensions.

Supervisor Bott asked if there would be any cost from the town for this extension. Mike answered saying that the Comptroller has received payment in full for this single family home. It will not cost the town any money, as the homeowner has paid all costs up front the sewer extension.

Supervisor Bott asked if the board had a questions or comments, none were asked. No additional comments from the public.

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted AYE, meeting adjourned. The Public meeting adjourned @ 6:48 PM.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISSCUSSIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILBALE TO REVIEW ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk
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