



**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023
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 Hannigan Kerwin, to do roll call. All Board Members were present.

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

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin

Town Attorney, Fred Kirwin

Announcements from Supervisor Bott:

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence for all the Earthquake victims. The Supervisor stated he had a meeting with Carver pertaining to the Rt. #43 Water Project. It is scheduled for April 17, 2023, startup date. We are within the budget and funding for the project. He added that they discussed starting sooner if the weather allows.

Comments from Residents on Agenda:

- 1.) MaryFrances Sabo, Buckbee Road, North Greenbush. Mrs. Sabo wanted to ask the board to investigate the purchase of electric vehicles when purchasing the 2 new vehicles for the Building and Utilities Department. We should consider the 0 omission and there are actual rebates available.
- 2.) Mike Myers, Evergreen Lane, Wynantskill. Mr. Myers wanted to say that he is very much for the Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Workers Credit. He stated he believes it's a credit not an exemption.



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Supervisor Bott made an announcement that there are 2 changes to the agenda.

The 1st change is for resolution 2023-02-19, due to one of the vehicles we are purchasing was sold. We now have 2 vehicles locked in for purchase for no more than \$130,000.

Supervisor Bott made a motion for the change of resolution 2023-02-19, seconded by **Councilwoman Merlo**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

The 2nd change to the agenda was for resolution 2023-02-17, title change from Custodian/Groundskeeper to Laborer. Councilman Rogers asked if there is a probationary period? Michael Chaires said he would check.

Supervisor Bott made a motion for the name change to Laborer for resolution 2023-02-19, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All members voted Aye: motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2023-02-15 Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of The Town Board Receipt of the Annual Audit and Examination of Records of the Town Justice for the year ending December 31, 2022, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. Supervisor Bott asked Michael Chaires to explain exactly what this is. Michael stated that it is an internal Audit done by using the State Comptroller's check list and he found no discrepancies. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-02-16 Councilwoman Merola made amotion in the matter of the appointment of a part-time Finance Director, Jennifer Browe, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. Michael Chaires explained that 6 interviews were conducted, and Jennifer was the best fit for the position. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.



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Resolution 2023-02-17 Councilman Gordon made a motion in the matter of the appointment of a full time Laborer, Dylan Casey, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. Councilman Rogers wanted to make sure that it was a Laborer, and not Custodian Laborer which was said when reading the resolution. Supervisor Bott stated yes, just Laborer. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-02-18 Councilman Rogers made a motion in the matter of upgrading the Town Financial Management System, service agreement and support services, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. Supervisor Bott wanted to commend the new Comptroller and he has had enough time to look over to update the town's software. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-02-19 Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of purchasing vehicles for use in the Building Department, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. Michael Chaires wanted everyone to be aware that we do not need to borrow when purchasing new vehicles, as we have it in the fund balance. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2-20 Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of the appointment of the Assessor for the Town of North Greenbush, Patricia Rubino, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Discussion:

Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption

Supervisor Bott mentioned how the State passed it. The town attorney drafted a Local Law for it and wanted to do more research into it. The town's Attorney, Fred Kirwin described the process and spoke of the exemption for the volunteer workers. 10% of the assessed value will be taken off for tax purposes and the Application will be filed in the Assessor's office by the March 1st deadline. Each volunteer worker will need to decide if they want the 10% off or take the tax credit of \$200.00. They will not be able to use both. Proof of a 2-year volunteer statist will be mandatory when applying for the exemption.



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Councilwoman Hoffman stated that the County will be presenting it next week to pass at the County level. She wanted to thank Dave Wilson & Richard French for their help at the County level.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of approving the all Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023 (Organizational, Public Hearing and Regular), seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of adjourning the meeting, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk, Town of North Greenbush