



**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
March 09, 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 started off with his announcements. He was happy to announce that last Friday the town was presented an award for Rt.#4 work from the American Public Works Association. He wanted to thank everyone who was involved.

He mentioned how the Rt. #43 water project will kick start in early April.

Supervisor Bott asked Michael Chaires, Town Comptroller, to speak briefly on the new Financial system.

Michael stated that they began remote training, and that Oracle has been very helpful and readily available. They will begin to import all the OSC account codes and continue to work remotely



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and after that training will continue with Oracle being onsite here at Town Hall. The new process should be up and running completely by September of this year.

The rest of town hall will begin to accept Credit Card payments and be up and running by the end of March and mentioned that the town will receive 100% of the payment through this system, while the user will pay the fees associated with credit cards directly to the company. The ease of online and in person credit card use will be a plus for all.

Supervisor Bott spoke of the next step for the Electric vehicle charging station; the town should begin digging trenches as soon as the snow clears.

Councilwoman Merola announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1, 2023, Saturday here at town hall outside. If the weather doesn't cooperate, they will bring it into town hall like in the past.

Comments from Residents:

No comments were received.

New Business:

Resolution 2023-3-21: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of establishing an increase in town water user rate pursuant to an increase by the City of Troy for water purchased, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Councilman Rogers asked Michael Chaires why the rate wasn't done during budgets. Michael Chaires stated the City of Troy did not send the increase notice until after budgets were complete. Michael Chairs discussed the estimated bills that we receive from



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Troy due to the meter not functioning. Supervisor Bott stated that Keith is putting a new meter in that can be read, not estimated going forward.

Resolution 2023-3-22: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the Matter of the Authorization of the execution of an “Out of District Water User Agreement” for Donald Ackerman and Jodi Connors Bermann, 37 Geiser Road, Wynantskill, New York 12198, with the Town of North Greenbush Consolidated Water District, formally known as Water District No.13, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-3-23: Councilwoman Merola made a motion in the matter of appointing summer staff for 2023 per budget, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2023-3-24: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of an application for a variance, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Supervisor Bott felt this situation fits the criteria to be sent to the Planning Board, and for procedure it should be sent to the Planning Board. He spoke to Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, and Mark Lacivita, Planning Board Chairman, as it has been in the process before the Moratorium was passed. Supervisor Bott asked Mr. Dingley to speak about his plans. Mr. Dingley discussed the location of the 2 buildings. He said one building will have 3 apartments and the other would have 2 apartments above the building. Parking garages behind the creek with additional parking for tenants who rent. The buildings would have retail businesses below.

Councilman Rogers asked how close to the creek would the garages be, Mr. Dingley stated about 35-40 feet from the creek bed if allowed.



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Councilwoman Hoffman asked how much the apartments would rent for. He was thinking about \$1,800.00 to \$ 2,000.00. The apartments are approximately 1420 square feet with 2 car garage and a balcony, with terrace in front.

Mr. Dingley stated he may need a variance from the Zoning Board to allow 2 side setbacks in the rear for a common area between the buildings.

Supervisor Bott stated he personally feels it should go to the Planning Board for recommendations. Councilwoman Hoffman asked if the businesses would have a drive-thru, Mr. Dingley said he does not plan on any fast-food restaurant. Mr. Dingley asked what the time frame was on this process, Town Attorney Kirwin explained that it will be sent to Planning Board for their recommendations then back to town board for a Public Hearing before a vote is taken on the action. It usually takes 2 to 3 months.

Resolution 2023-3-25: Councilman Gordon made a motion in the matter of approving a waiver for William Miller, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Discussion:

A new town resident, Adam Toby, wanted to introduce himself and offer to volunteer on some of the town boards, as has a master's degree in environmental planning. He would be interested in the town's Disaster Planning committee or Open Space, Climate Smart. Councilman Rogers spoke up and invited him to his committee's next meeting and said to send in his resume. The entire town board welcomed him to our town.



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Department Reports Review:

The supervisor instructed the town board to review at their leisure, the Departmental Monthly Reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept February 9, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye; motion carried. The meeting ended 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