



**Town Board  
Town of North Greenbush  
MINUTES  
September 14, 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. The following Board Members were present.

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

Also present at meeting:

**Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin**  
**Town Attorney, Fred Kirwin**

**Announcements:**

Supervisor Bott started his announcements with how our fair went this past weekend. He mentioned how the weather didn't work in our favor on Friday, but we did make around \$7,200.00 dollars from the fair's weekend total.

He continued into a brief update on the Route #43 Water Project stating that we hope it will be finished in November due to some extensive rock in our way for the laying of the pipes.

Our Community Day will be October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 pm with EMS, Rensselaer County Sheriff, Rensselaer County Search and Rescue, North Greenbush Fire District #1, NGAA and our North Greenbush Police. We will be having the NYS Trooper helicopter landing here at town hall. Recognition of 3 Emergency Responders with the North Greenbush Ambulance.



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The Annual Halloween Parade will be on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> this year from 2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

He also wanted to let to announce that the Town of North Greenbush’s Highway Department was given the Best Highway Award.

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence for town resident and retired past Asst. Chief of our Fire Department, Donald Huerter.

The supervisor then presented 3 certificates to our very own North Greenbush Ambulance EMS workers for going beyond at a call. He read a letter that was sent from Larry Weaver who was having dinner at Lombardi’s and had an A-FIB episode. The letter will be included in the permanent September minutes. Pictures were taken for a moment of the EMS workers (Jordan Baldwin, Cylie Van De Wal, and Jake Kardish) receiving their certificates.

Supervisor Bott asked Bill Miller to briefly tell the board of the project out at the lake. Bill started off with announcing the project is ½ way completed. The town has spent a total of \$438,694.00. Bill mentions the cost analysis, comparing bidding out and doing inhouse work. The price they received from bidding out would be \$126,990.00. Our cost of doing the work ourselves (Utilities Dept. & Highway Dept.) was \$53,523.00 with a savings of \$73,467.00. This was all the work and manpower. Bill feels with the work continuing we could have the project completed sometime in November. Supervisor Bott thanked Bill for all his hard work with getting the summer camp up and running. It took some work with the portable bathrooms and set up, but it happened, and many town residents are happy for the town being able to have the summer camp for their children this year.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2023-09-67: Supervisor Bott** made a motion as it is written in the matter of making a SEQR determination for the establishment of proposed 24 North Road Sewer



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Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-68: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion as it is written, in the matter of the establishment of proposed 24 North Road Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-69: Councilwoman Merola** made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing for new income limits for the Senior Citizen Exemption and Low-Income Disability exemptions effective for 2024, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-70: Councilman Rogers** made a motion as it is written, in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing for proposed Pheasant Lane & Meadowlark Lane Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-71: Councilman Rogers** made a motion in the matter of recognizing September 11, 2023, as a day of service and remembrance, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-72: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of scheduling a meeting for the presentation of the 2024 Tentative Budget to the Supervisor, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-09-73: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of accepting The Audit of the Town Financial Statement for fiscal year 2022, The Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) for 2022 and authorizing the Town Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments for 2022, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.



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Michael Chaires explained why it was received later than usual, the firm was short on help. He continued with discussing the budget changes. He wanted the board also to be aware that the Sales Tax revenue was higher than expected and we are in great shape. We closed some accounts and switched to higher interest rate accounts, by doing this we are now accruing approximately \$700 a day in interest.

**Resolution 2023-09-74: Councilman Rogers** made a motion in the matter of approving a purchase of a police vehicle, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried. Councilman Rogers wanted to know if there would be any other charges for the vehicle added. The Police Chief stated the price was on the higher side just in case they added fees as he chose the higher end of the quote.

**Resolution 2023-09-75: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter authorizing the Town Comptroller to make necessary budget adjustments for 2023, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried. Michael Chaires explained that when they ever transfer funds you need to do a budget adjustment resolution.

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had any comments. Eric Westfall, Town Engineer, asked what time the Public Hearing for Meadow Lark & Pheasant Lane was next month so that he could contact them with the time. Town Clerk Kerwin stated it was @ 6:50 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He continued with information on the DEC audits he had and needed a few things to be finished with Hidley Road and The Meadows projects. He will be staying on top of DEC issues with both sites.

Councilman Rogers asked about taking over the roadways. Do we have enough manpower to do this. Mike Martinez was there filling in for Mark Premo and answered that we have filled the slots we have lost, but we are still looking to hire more positions to be able to continue doing everything that is needed by the Highway Department.



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- 1.) John Derosa, 423 Hidley Road had several comments about the Hidley Road development with Hodorowski Homes construction. He has major erosion and run off and the contractor is not taking care of any of it. Grading is not being done or done properly. He has discussed this with the Town Engineer, Eric, and he's been out to the homes several times now. Eric has spoken to DEC, and they came out to the site, and they are working on stabilizing the runoff due to the large amounts of storms we have had this year with the rain. Mr. Derosa asked if the board could give a stop work order until the matter is fixed. A discussion was made that DEC has inspections that need to be completed, and this will help the town to stop CO's going forward until the problem is corrected. Eric will be meeting with the construction company Friday to look over and agree on the corrections needed for volume and velocity of the water flow. This is a civil matter, but the town board will investigate going forward with DEC for the issue water getting of the work sites.  
Councilwoman Hoffman asked Bill Miller, building inspector, how did these homes get CO's with this issue? Bill stated that they received CO' s because all was acceptable and the storms this year are beyond, and the flooding happened after the time frame. Some of these homes were purchased in February and it is now September, and the rain and flash flooding is out of the norm this year.
- 2.) Barbara Quinn, 427 Hidley Road, spoke of the 2 swales that border her neighbors and all the water pools in her front yard and driveway. She has a pond after every rainstorm, which will be very dangerous in the winter when it melts and freezes.
- 3.) Janice and Sal Galazzo, 407 Hidley Road, said they have been in their home for over 22 years and their home has never had flooding. They went every Planning and Zoning Board meeting back years ago when the developer wanted to build there and was promised that they would build a berm so that nothing could affect them. The berm was never built, and they are now living in the bottom of a bowl, meaning their home is in the middle and they get surrounded by water after every rainstorm. Something needs to be done to stop water runoff to their property.

The residents went up to the board and showed them pictures of all the flooding and damage. One resident asked about a 4 way stop as the intersection at Hidley, Snyders Lake, Pershing and



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Troy are very dangerous, never does any vehicle seem to yield and then they drive across the section of her lawn to be able to see if anyone is coming as they pull out. The roadside needs to be maintained and brush cut back at one section of the intersection. Eric stated that sections are County Roads, and he will contact the County and ask for stop signs, as the yield signs are not working with the development now there.

**Department Reports Review:**

Supervisor Bott asked each board member to review the reports at their leisure.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Supervisor Bott** made a motion to accept the minutes of August 10, 2023, meetings, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye except for **Councilwoman Merola** who abstained; motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

**Councilwoman Merola** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried. The Town Board meeting ended at 8:15 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