

February 11th, 2021 Town Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held February 11th, 2021 at the Greenfield Town Hall with the following members present: Kevin Veitch, Deputy Supervisor; MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso and Ty Stacey, Councilpersons. Town Counsel, Mark Schachner was present via Facetime. Supervisor Daniel Pemrick was absent. Also present was Superintendent of Highways, Justin Burwell and approximately three residents.

On a motion by Capasso, C and seconded by Stacey, C the minutes from 1/14/2021, 1/28/2021 and 2/4/2021 were approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received from William and Deborah Stewart, Rev. John and Judy Ekman, Mary Sanders Shartle and Vernon Hinkle and Walter and Lisa Barss regarding a proposed project on Bumphill and South Greenfield Roads.

Letter was received from the Greenfield Lions Club asking for the Town's continued support for the annual Town Wide Garage Sale September 11 & 12, 2021.

Letter was received from Chuck Marshall regarding Stewarts Shops.

Letter was received from Molly Sheffield regarding a Silver Award Project for the Girl Scouts.

Deputy Supervisor Veitch asks Molly to explain her project. Molly states she would like to start a pen pal letter writing system. She notices loneliness during the pandemic has increased and would like help from the Town who to contact and how to have this work safely. She is looking for the Town's help to help organize names in a chart. She'd like to write hand written letters but not give out too much information. She is looking for assistance to this safely and who to contact. Recreation Director, Rebecca Sewell states that she has sponsored a Girl Scout troop and was involved in an Eagle Scout award and

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would be happy to help her. Town Board suggests getting in touch with the Senior group, possibly Prestwick Chase. Johnson, C states that the Greenfield Seniors group would be a good place to start. Capasso, C suggests the Historical Society would be interested. Stacey, C states that the Lions Club might be helpful in this project. He feels this is a great project and would offer his help. Veitch, C states that the Board feels this is a great project and offers their support.

BROOKHAVEN FULL MOON PARTY AND SLEDDING HILL – Recreation Director Rebecca Sewell states she has a Full Moon Party scheduled in two weeks, Saturday Feb. 27th. She put it on Social Media and has received over 7,000 hits. She checked around and no place is doing the full moon party this year. She feels it's a good idea not to have it this year. She is worried about the crowd and parking. Deputy Supervisor Veitch states that it would be uncontrollable. Johnson, C states that she would say no, even though it is an outdoor event but with the fire she feels it is not a good idea. Rebecca Sewell states that she will cancel the Full Moon Party. Rebecca mentions to the Board about a sledding accident in Lewistown, NY where a 16 year old was killed. Our sledding hill is not advertised, but she did put it on FB for hole 12. She made signs for the Parks that say you are at your own risk. Dept. Supervisor Veitch states that we should say no sledding allowed. Capasso, C states we had an accident some years ago. Johnson, C states it took years for that to be resolved and for the Town to rebound from that. Even with signs that say you are at your own risk, the Town is still liable. Town Counsel Schachner states NO sledding is the way to go. It is a Golf Course and a winter facility. We can run it by the Insurance Company but his opinion is no sledding. Rebecca asks if she should actually say no sledding? The Board states yes. They suggest putting up the own risk signs but add NO Sledding signs also. Town Counsel Schachner recommends the general signs and no sledding signs. Rebecca asks if she should put this on Social Media? The Board states yes and put up the signs.

U.S. LIGHT AND ENERGY- Mike Fingar is present from US Light and Energy. His company is proposing a community solar project on Middle Grove Road. He is here to make sure that the Board is aware of their application that has been filed with the Planning Board since August and no action has been taken . Deputy Supervisor Veitch asks if he has received a phone call from the Building Dept.? Mr. Fingar says he did speak with Kim who said he would be contacted. Mr. Fingar states they have had some contact and discussion but have not been placed on an agenda. Johnson, C states that there were no Planning Board meetings for a while. That put them behind. Mr. Fingar feels that here have been opportunities for meetings and have not been put on the agenda to present their project. Deputy Supervisor Veitch states that he was told they would be on the agenda in March. Mr. Fingar states he has heard that before and wants to make sure that is true. Dept. Supervisor Veitch states he understands. Mr. Fingar asks if anyone has any questions on the project ? Johnson, C states that we need to go through the process. He feels the company meets the requirements the Town has in place. They also put an application in with the ZBA in November and no one has heard their project. It has been 6 months and have invested money in just the application and would like the project to be heard at least. The Town Board agrees and will have The Building Inspector contact him.

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RESOLUTION #43-2021- TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS FOR VEHICLES OVER 4 TONS

Motion: Johnson, C.
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk give notice of the following:

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Subdivision II of Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield hereby directs and orders that all Town Roads will be temporarily closed to any and all vehicles having a gross weight of over four tons,

Such temporary restrictions shall become effective when notices are posted on the highways and continue until such time as conditions will permit opening.

Further notice is hereby given that any person or persons violating this order shall be subject to Punishment as provided in Section 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

RESOLUTION #44-2021- RE-APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion: Capasso, C.
Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Curt Kolakowski as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with term to expire 2/16/2021.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

Deputy Supervisor Veitch states we have Junk Yard licenses on the agenda but we do not have any information from the Building Department and one application we have not received as of yet. We will table Junk Yard applications until next month.

RESOLUTION #45-2021- SUPPORT GREENFIELD LIONS AND GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER USE FOR THEIR ANNUAL TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE AND CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Motion: Johnson, C.
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby grants permission to the Greenfield Lions Club to use the Community Center, parking lot and lot adjacent to the Town Hall for their 36th annual Town Wide Garage Sale to be held September 11 & 12th, 2021. The Town will provide advertising, picnic tables, porta-johns and the collection of monies for garage sale maps. The Town also permits the Greenfield Lions Club use of the same lot and red barn for their annual Christmas Tree Sale.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Abstain: Stacey

Absent: Pemrick

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Deputy Supervisor Veitch states that we received a letter from Stewarts Shops regarding an annexation. Town Counsel , Mark Schachner states they are approaching the Town of Greenfield and the City of Saratoga Springs to make an adjustment to the municipal boundary line. There is a process where the municipalities must participate and it is a convoluted and complex path under any circumstances. The paths may be that both agree to adjust the boundary line, that both municipalities agree not to do so or one say yes and the other does not. The standard phrase in law is it in the overall public interest. There are a lot of factors that go into that. The letter indicates they want to start the process. If the property owner wants to start it formally, there is a formal petition that they send it to both entities.

Town Counsel suggests an informal presentation to the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #46-2021- AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2021 NUTRITION AND TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby approves the 2021 Senior transportation and Nutrition agreement with the Saratoga County Office of the Aging in the amount of \$713.00 per quarter and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Supervisor be allowed to execute the same.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE- Stacey, C. states that he has begun the process of reviewing the prior reviews and surveys that were done. He also has some information from Unlimited Potential to have them help mailings, etc.

EMS COMMITTEE- Capasso, C states that he has started the process of reaching out to Matt Fogarty to see what they feel the costs would be to the Town of Greenfield. Due to the COVID problems its hard to set up meetings.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Dept., Bldg. Dept., UDAG Committee and Supervisor's Financial Report.

RESOLUTION #47-2021- TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be allowed to make the following transfer of funds:

\$ 1200.00

From: A1990.4

To: A1220.2

\$ 1200.00

From: A1920.2

To: A1920.4

\$ A8010.2 From: A8010.4 To: A8010.4
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\$ 7163.00 From: A4540.4 To: A9010.8
\$ 1376.96 From: CR9010.8 To: CR7180.4

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
 Noes: None Absent: Pemrick

RESOLUTION #48-2021- GENERAL BILLS

Motion: Capasso, C.
Seconded: Johnson. C.

RESOLVED, That the General Bills from # 60-122 in the amount of \$53, 679.51 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
 Noes: None Absent: Pemrick

RESOLUTION #49-2021- HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion: Johnson, C.
Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Highway Bills from # 18-42 in the amount of \$106,914.22 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
 Noes: None Absent: Pemrick

RESOLUTION #49-2021- PARKS BILLS

Motion: Stacey, C.
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Parks Bills from #16-42 in the amount of \$6438.68 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
 Noes: None Absent: Pemrick

On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Johnson, C. the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Town Clerk

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