

October 14th, 2021 Town Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Greenfield Town Board was opened at 7PM by Supervisor Daniel Pemrick with the Pledge to the Flag. Supervisor Daniel Pemrick welcomed Senator Daphne Jordon and her assistant to the Town of Greenfield. Senator Jordon commended and recognized the Town of Greenfield for becoming a Purple Heart Town. Senator Jordon states the Purple Heart is the oldest, most revered and esteemed Military decoration given out in the name of the President of the United States to those who are wounded or killed in battle for the United States. It is a symbol of heroism and courage and was created by General George Washington to honor and thank the brave soldiers that fought for independence. She has led an effort for towns in the 43rd Senate Dist. to become Purple Heart Communities to honor those who have given all. Senator Jordon presented the Town of Greenfield with a Senate Proclamation honoring the Greenfield's recognition becoming a Purple Heart Community.

CORRESPONDENCE

EAGLE SCOUT KING'S STATION PROJECT- Town Clerk, Louise Okoniewski states that Ron Tremper Troop 16 Saratoga will have the project at the Caboose finished October 16th. They have built and installed new stairs, platforms and a base for the steps to enter the Caboose.

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER RATE- Town Clerk states she has received the County Sewer rates for 2022.

WILTON PUBLIC HEARING- Town Clerk states she has received Notice of a Public Hearing from the Town of Wilton for an application from John Witt for variances on Woodard Road that borders the Town of Greenfield.

OLD BUSINESS

VETERANS LUNCHEON- Supervisor Pemrick state the Town would like to have a veteran's luncheon on November 11th, 2021 at the View at Brookhaven from 12-2PM. Supervisor would like to send out invitations to the Veterans in Town. They would need to sign up first. Dan will get a list of Veterans that live in Town. Johnson, C. asks if it would be for Veterans and spouses or just veterans. Capasso, C states just Veterans. Supervisor will obtain a list of the Veterans and send out the invitations for the Veterans luncheon, November 11th at the View at Brookhaven.

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RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER 11TH TOWN BOARD MEETING- Supervisor Pemrick states that he would like to change the November 11th, Town Board meeting to November 10th as it is a federal holiday and the Town will be holding the Veterans Luncheon. The next Town Board meeting will be held November 10th at 7PM at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #116-2021 CHANGE JOB TITLE FROM BOOKKEEPER TO PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

CLERK

Motion: Stacey, C

Seconded: Veitch, C

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby adopts and changes the Job Title of Bookkeeper to Principal Account Clerk and follow the job description of the Principal Account Clerk.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #117-2021 – ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE HERO ACT

Motion: Veitch ,C

Seconded: Capasso, C

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenfield hereby adopts the New York State Hero Act recognizing the NYS Safety Plan.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #118-2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADOPTION AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING

THEREON

Motion: Capasso, C

Seconded: Veitch, C

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby prepare and approve as the preliminary budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2022, the itemized statements of estimated revenues and expenditures hereto attached and made part of this resolution and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such preliminary budget be filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it shall be available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk give notice of such Public Hearing in the manner provided in Section 113 of Town law and that such Notice be published in the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that the preliminary Budget of the Town of Greenfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2022 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Greenfield Center, NY , where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

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FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield will meet and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Greenfield Center, NY at 7PM on the 4th day of November, 2022 and at that Public hearing any person may be heard for or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items as therein contained.

PURSUANT to Section 113 of Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor - \$27,749.00; Councilpersons(4) each- \$9,124.92; Town Clerk- \$60,786.90; Town Justices(2) each- \$18,325.32 and Superintendent of Highways- \$81,400.00

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #119-2021- DECLARE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Stacey, C

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby declares the 2001 SPEC Trailer- Dump Trailer and the 2018 John Deere 55K Dozer as surplus, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Highways be allowed to put the equipment on the auction website and out to bid.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

EMS COMMITTEE REPORT- Capasso, C states the lease for the building is almost complete. The landlord will be responsible for the heat and electric and we would be responsible for the rent. Mr. Cornell would like section 8 taken out of the agreement. He is looking for a commitment letter from the Town. Town Counsel states he has not been a part of any provisions of this lease. What is in there is what he was told to put in. Town Counsel also states the lease is the commitment. He also received an email sent to the Board members, (excluding Johnson, C). Counsel reads the email stating that Mr. Cornell is not happy with section 8, there should be no separate electric needed, there may or may not be separate heating needed. In prior discussion on this project he made it known that the building was heated with one heat source and did not include the garage. We must still be able to heat the living spaces with the current heat source, this is to be determined either way if another heat source or electrical heater is installed. This will be the cost of the tenant and not the land lord. Johnson, C states she is not in favor of that. If it is going to be the cost of the tenant now, we are paying \$30,000 for the lease agreement, and that \$30,000 is going to include the electric and heat why are going to pay for heat again. We would be paying for heat twice. It is already included in the \$30,000 plus we are paying extra. That's why she asked before if any of this becomes our responsibility as tenant then there has to be a reduction of the \$30,000 or you are paying for heat twice. Part is the \$30,000 and part as a bill. Veitch, C says the building inspector will have some say. The large area where the ambulance is going the heating system in place may not be able to maintain the heat that is needed, so a second smaller source may be

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needed. Capasso, C states that Mike Waldron said with the build out, walls etc, it may require 2 separate heating systems. He says that if he puts a heating system in then the rent would need to go down. That's not going to be required. The heating system will be one heating system. Johnson, C says that is not what was just read. That's why she is confused. The email says if a second heating system is put in it's the tenants' responsibility. That goes back to where we were, we would be paying twice, once in the rent and then for the extra source. Supervisor Pemrick states that Mr. Cornell's attorney suggested that everyone sit down and talk it out. Capasso, C states the need to get this done and if we can't look for another building.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE- Stacey, C states that they will meet again in a month. They are just brain storming and reaching out to get ideas.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Dept., Town Justices and Building Dept.

DISCUSSION BROOKHAVEN PARK- Recreation Director , Rebecca Sewell, states she wrote a grant and won it through Game Time. The Town would need to match the grant. There are two companies that would like to provide the playground equipment, Game Time and Kopman. She discusses the differences between the two companies equipment. She feels the Town is getting a \$160,000 - \$200,000 playground for \$130,000 installed. Veitch, C asks about wheelchair accessibility. Rebecca states that all playgrounds are ADA compliant. Town Counsel states he did not hear where we went through a competitive bidding process. We are thousands of dollars over the competitive bidding thresh hold. Rebecca states the bidding process is two vendors. Johnson, C states those are quotes. It would be a sealed bid. There no hurry to rush into this and asks what she means when she got a grant through Game Time? Mrs. Sewell states that Game time offered a grant process where she had to tell why our Town would be a good place to give money to. Three towns won, Albany, Ballston Lake and Greenfield. Counsel Schachner state his concern is there may be another vendor who did not get a chance to bid. Under State Law you need to put it out to bid formally.

RESOLUTION #120-2021- TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Stacey, C

RESOLVED, That the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the following transfer of funds:

\$67, 147.74

From: DA 3501

To: DA 5110.4

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION #121-2021- GENERAL BILLS

Motion: Capasso, C

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, That the General Bills in the Amount of \$86,576.11 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #122-2021- HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Veitch, C

RESOLVED, That the Highway Bills in the amount of \$488,551.26 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #123-2021- PARKS BILLS

Motion: Veitch, C

Seconded: Stacey, C

RESOLVED, That the Parks Bills in the amount of \$28,065.77 be paid.

On a motion by Capasso, C and seconded by Stacey, C the meeting was adjourned at 8: 07 PM.

Town Clerk

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