

Town of North Greenbush
February 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Bott welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of Janice's sister Colleen who passed away earlier today.

Motion: Supervisor Bott – to temporarily appoint Kathy Allen as acting Deputy Clerk just for the purpose of this meeting. No compensation. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. All approved.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Bott – present
Councilwoman Hoffman – present
Councilwoman Sabo – present
Councilman Rogers – present

Presentation: Jennifer Ozga – U.S. Census Bureau.

The 2020 Census is mandatory for everyone to complete a census, regardless of citizenship. The census is just for a head count of everyone living in the United States. Answering the survey will be done electronically this year. Rensselaer County has established a committee called: Rensselaer County Complete Count Committee, to coordinate efforts to get everyone counted. The U.S. Census is looking for local residents to assist with this project. Can go on-line at: 2020census.gov/jobs to apply. Will pay \$20 hr and .85 cents per mile for travel. The Census surveys will arrive by mail in early March. Would like to have everyone complete them by the end of March. In May or June Census workers will be going out into the field to try to make contact with households who did not complete the survey. The Census Bureau is asking all levels of Government to do what they can to assist in getting this project completed and get every resident counted.

Comments on Agenda Items:

Charles Smith – 50 North Greenbush Road project. Concerned about traffic with all those new townhouses. The new Roundabout on Route 4 at Williams Road could become a “parking lot”.

Carl Yager – 50 North Greenbush Road – What school district is this project in? Supervisor Bott indicated that the new townhouses will be split between North Greenbush Little Red School House and Troy School District.

Motion: Supervisor Bott – to remove from the agenda establishing Public Meetings with Planning Board to discuss Flag Lot regulations. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. All approved.

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Resolution 2020-2-12: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of authorizing Real Property Tax Law Settlement. Second: Councilwoman Sabo. All approved.

Resolution 2020-2-13: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of amendment to Planned Development District at 50 North Greenbush Road project. Determined to have no negative effect on the environment. Second: Supervisor Bott. All approved.

Resolution 2020-2-14: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of an amendment to Planned Development District at 50 North Greenbush Road Resolution. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. Vote: Supervisor Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Hoffman – Aye, Councilman Rogers – Aye, Councilwoman Sabo – Abstain. Resolution approved.

Resolution 2020-2-15: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion in the matter of the Williams Road Sewer District Extension and schedule a public hearing. Public Hearing set for March 12, 2020 at 6:50 pm. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. All approved. Have Town Clerk do legal announcement.

Resolution 20-2-16: Councilman Rogers made a motion in the matter of a Hold Harmless Training Agreement with Zone 5 Law Enforcement Training Academy. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. All approved.

Resolution 20-2-17: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of approving an agreement with A. Wheelock Rides and Concessions for the 2020 Town Celebration. Second: Councilwoman Hoffman. All approved.

Resolution 20-2-18: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of Proclaiming the Town of North Greenbush as a Purple Heart Community. Second: Councilman Rogers. All approved.

Approval of January 9, 2020 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion: Supervisor Bott. Second: Councilman Rogers. No changes. All approved

Approval on January 9, 2020 Town Board Organizational Meeting. Motion: Supervisor Bott. Second: Councilman Rogers. No changes. All approved.

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Discussion Items:

Town Committee Appointments: Supervisor Bott indicated that a number of people have expressed interest in several of the committees. Hope to finalize the Committees by the March monthly Board Meeting. Councilman Rogers indicated that he has received interest from a number of people. He is trying to put people on the committees that they requested. Councilwoman Sabo indicated that she has also received a number of requests. She is encouraged by the number of people expressing interest in a volunteer committee.

Proposal for video streaming of Town Public Meetings: Councilman Rogers gathered information regarding Town Hall Streaming. Cost: \$3,000 annually or \$250 per month. The company can do all public town meetings in addition to the IDA meetings. The recordings will be held for 5 years. Both East Greenbush and Schodack use this company. This project will need to work through the Town procurement process.

Open Comments:

Joe Sparaina – DOT Engineer. Addressed comments made earlier about traffic congestion at the new Route 4 Roundabout.

Carl Yager – Video Streaming will be eventually be out of date. May want to rent equipment.

50 North Greenbush Road Project- How many of the homes in the project will be in North Greenbush and Little Red School House District? Mike Miner indicated that the project is split between North Greenbush and Troy. This project will now start the approval process all over again and will go to the Planning Board. All of that information will be contained in that process. Mr. Yager indicated that this project should affect all tax payers, not just the Little Red School House. Compared tuition rates to Gardner Dickinson School.

Gerry Moscinski – Rensselaer County Sewer District

His office has found 8 more properties that they were not informed were hooked up to the County Sewer system. Many in the Kent Place area. These homes were built around 2007. The County is now sending bills to these residents for their sewer hook-up. Councilwoman Sabo asked how the County was able to find these residents that weren't reported. The County can print out a report by street and cross reference information with the Town. Mr. Moscinski expressed concern that residences are continuing to be missed. Mike Miner indicated that the Town is looking into new GPS mapping to assist with this project.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 pm: Councilwoman Hoffman. Second: Councilman Rogers. All approved.

