

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
May 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present.

**Supervisor Bott
Councilwoman Hoffman
Councilwoman Sabo
Councilman Rogers
Councilwoman Merola**

Comments from Residents: No emails received on Agenda items.

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott started off the meeting with several announcements starting with the following:

Recognizing Police Week. He wanted to thank each and every one of them for all they do in our Community.

He continued with letting everyone be aware of the time frame of opening Town Hall and stated we are shooting to open back up as of June 1st.

He mentioned how he spoke to the President of the Senior Group who meets in the Annex and expressed how happy they are to begin meeting again next month.

Our Route 4 Project is moving nicely along and the Route #150 project materials has been ordered, but there is a 6 week lead time on delivery due to the Pandemic and are about a month and ½ out for construction to start.

The Town Board is sorry to say that we will not be having the Memorial Day parade this year, but be assured that next year the Board will be having the parade.

We will be having our Wreath Laying Ceremonies on Memorial Day; it will star at Bloomingrove Cemetery and continue throughout the town to honor our Veterans.

We are having Summer Camp this year, but are have difficulty finding staff. If anyone knows of anyone interested please spread the word. We are very optimistic that we will have enough staff and will be able open the beach and summer camp.

Summer Concert Series start at July 11th through August 29th, Sundays 6:00pm. To 8:00 pm.

Supervisor Bott wanted to give a big shout out about the Tuesday Night Food Truck Night Event. It's been a huge hit. Residents have been very appreciative for the chance to be out and socialize with some normalcy. He continued that it's every Tuesday night, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Bott wanted to thank the Town Clerk for her putting it together, along with the other town staff for the inspections that needed to be done and the help setting up the trucks. Councilwoman Hoffman, Councilman Rogers and Councilwoman Merola also mention how packed and great it has been and how everyone seems so receptive to finally being out and having normalcy back in their lives. Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin mention how great it worked out the 2nd week by placing all the truck vendors on the lawn, which opened up so much more parking. The picnic tables were a great addition to the event Councilman Rogers added. Supervisor Bott continued with mentioning the tentative wish list, himself and the Comptroller put together for the Rescue Fund money. He asked Anthony Germano, Comptroller if we would receive any additional guidance for the fund. Anthony Germano said the Treasury Department has send guidance that he is now looking at.

Supervisor asked if he could get a motion to move the Resolution 2021-5-244 and Resolution 2021-5-45 to the head of the agenda. **Councilwoman Hoffman** made the motion, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Board members voted Aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-5-44: Supervisor Bott made a motion in The Matter of the Appointment of a Police Officer, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-5-45: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in The Matter of the Appointment of a Police Officer, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

All Board members welcomed the 2 Police Offers to our Town.

Chief Keevern swore in both Officers and pictures were taken from 7:14 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. outside on front lawn due to Covid.

Resolution 2021-5-41: Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept SEQR Determination for the Proposed Cass Rand Extension of North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-5-42: Councilman Rogers made a motion to Establishing of the Proposed Cass Rand Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-5-43: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In The Matter of the Appointment of the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. Councilwoman Sabo stated she did not understand why she was not appointed as the Coordinator, as she had been spear heading the committee from the start and wanted to make sure that they realized all the work and effort she has placed into this committee for the last 3 years. Supervisor Bott explained that he knew it was a lot of work and that is why they were appointing Councilwoman Merola as Coordinator to help Councilwoman Sabo and take some of the stress and work from her. Councilman Rogers felt that this was a slap in the face of Councilwoman Sabo for not making her Coordinator. He said why not make it a Co-Chair position for the both of them if the intention was truly to take some of the work load off of Councilwoman Sabo. Supervisor Bott asked for a vote, **Councilman Rogers and Councilwoman Sabo** both opposed the vote by voting nay, the remaining board voted Aye, motion was carried 3 to 2.

Resolution 2021-5-46: Councilwoman Merola made a motion In The Matter of an Agreement with the Tri City Valleycats and North Greenbush Police Benevolent Association, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-5-47: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion In The Matter of Standard Workday and Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried. Anthony Germano explained briefly about this resolution process and on the recertification process of Elected Officials time. These reports will be placed into each appointed and Elected Official's personnel files with the exception of Councilman Rogers as he is not back into the retirement system.

Resolution 2021-5-48: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion In The Matter of Authorizing a Request for Proposal for Town Website Re-Design, Software Maintenance and Updating, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott commented that this has been long overdue for an upgrade to the Town's Website, Councilman Rogers completely agreed. Anthony Germano explained where he would be publicizing the posting and asked the Board if they had anything they wanted to add anything in the website design to send him their requests so that when he is talking with the web designers he can include their input.

Resolution 2021-5-49: Supervisor Bott made a motion In the Matter of Continued Aquatic Invasive Weed Mitigation for Snyder's Lake, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Anthony German explained the process we did last year at the lake. Councilwoman Hoffman added that they have been working with the Association for years and they have requested grants in the past for the growth and Algae. She wanted to thank Pat & Michelle Nolan for all their involvement with the Association.

Resolution 2021-5-50: Councilwoman Merola made the motion In the Matter of Appointing Summer Staff, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott expressed again that we are in need of summer employees, Councilman Rogers asked if the only way summer camp will open up this year is if we get additional staff, and the response was yes.

Resolution 2021-5-51: Supervisor Bott made a motion to Set a Public Hearing for the Establishment of the Proposed Whiteview Road Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-5-52: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to Set a Public Hearing for the Establishment of the Proposed North Road Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Sabo gave an update on Natural Resources Inventory. She stated that the committee has sent in the

paperwork on May 2, 2021, asking for Grants. Councilwoman Sabo added they are looking for additional funding and help from DEC.

Supervisor Bott discussed the tentative date for the opening of Town Hall for public meetings; Town Board, Zoning and Planning. Anthony Germano discussed some of our drafted procedure. We will need to modify the sanitation with additional guidance for cleaning when we open. Councilman Rogers asked for an update on the Gym's condition, and if it will be fixed for Primary Day. The Town Clerk spoke up and relayed that she sent a request to DFD for use of their facility if need, just as a backup for Primary day to stage voting there. They have not yet responded, but would look into if the Annex is acceptable with the Rensselaer County Board of Elections.

Town Engineer, Eric Westfall, discussed the updating of our Local Law for Storm water. Our current law is from 2008 and needs to be updated; he has been working with Fred Kirwan, Town Attorney on this and hopes to have the law ready for next month.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott asked the Board members to review the Department reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All Board Members presented voted as follow: 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention. **Councilwoman Hoffman** abstained from the vote, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m., seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried. The Town Attorney, Comptroller and Board Members entered into back meeting room for Executive Session.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:47 p.m., seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott asked if we had any emails from the public. Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, responded that no emails were received during the meeting, but the emails that she received during the week placed into each Councilperson's packet and will also be placed into the permanent records for this meeting.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Board Members voted Aye, motion carried.

- **ACOMplete 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