

**Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
November 4, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott opened the meeting @ 7:03 pm. He spoke of the upcoming Veteran's Day and wanted to acknowledge all the men and woman who have served for our Country. He went directly into asking the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, to do Roll Call.

Supervisor Bott	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Rogers	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>

Announcements:

Supervisor Bott then called on Councilwoman Merola for a report on the Halloween Parade. She wanted to express her thankfulness to Stewarts for donating the donuts and single size apple cider jugs for all the participants of the parade. Councilwoman Hoffman thanked Councilwoman Merola for putting it together this year. She added that Benetec did another phenomenal job with their Truck or Treat this year with adding to their event with their Petting Zoo and pony rides. Supervisor Bott mentioned how good the Roundabout is flowing. The Winter Street and Route #4 is in progress and on schedule. The Water Transmission line on Geiser Road is almost completed to Route #4. The start of the Rensselaer County Training Tower has begun out at the County site on Macha Lane.

Comments from Residents:

No comments or questions were received from the public on Agenda items.

Supervisor Bott made a motion to add **Resolution 2021-11-107** in the matter of purchasing a John Deere Loader to the Agenda, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All Town Board members voted Aye, motion carried.

He also added a presentation from the Climate Smart Committee to the agenda.

Presentation:

A presentation for Quakenderry Commons PDD Amendments Proposal started @7:09 PM. You may see all presentation information attached with permanent monthly minutes. Presentation ended @ 7:35 PM.

A presentation for the **Climate Smart** guidance process started @ 7:36 PM. All information will be attached with permanent monthly minutes. Presentation ended @ 7:47 PM.

**All questions and comments for both presentations will be available
Streaming on the Town's website.**

Supervisor Bott made a motion to add the PDD Amendments to the agenda and refer to the Planning Board, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. A vote was taken, **Councilwoman Sabo** voted **Nay**, the rest of the Town Board voted **Aye**, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-11-100: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of the authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2022 Animal Shelter agreement between the Town of North Greenbush and the Mohawk and Hudson Humane Society, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-101: Councilwoman Merola made a motion for SEQR Determination for the Establishment of proposed 2 Ellen Avenue Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-102: Councilwoman Sabo made a motion establishing the proposed 2 Ellen Avenue Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-103: Councilman Rogers made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the establishment of proposed 9 Teliska Avenue Sewer Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-104: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of the adoption of the 2022 Annual Final Budget, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-105: Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion in the matter of Vehicular safety improvements at the intersection of Winter Street Extension and Bloomingrove Drive, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members voted **Aye**, motion carried. Councilwoman Hoffman wanted to thank the Chief of Police for all he has done to get this going. Councilman Rogers agrees with the need, but is concerned with the 4 way stop signs and hopes this should be done immediately while the one section is closed with the construction at the end. He just wants his concern to be known. Education will be needed with this type of change. Mark Premo already has the 2 new signs and will let the County know so that they can install them immediately.

Resolution 2021-11-106: Councilwoman Merola made a motion in the matter of the Bid Acceptance for Willow Lane Sewer, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All members of the board voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11-107: Supervisor Bott made a motion In the matter of purchasing 2021 John Deere 544 P Wheel Loader for the Town Highway Department, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted **Aye**, motion carried.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bott opened up the floor to comments or questions pertaining to the agenda. Mike Miner spoke up and wanted to let the Board be aware that his office has received several calls pertaining to parking problems on Thompson Court. This has become an issue since the new medical building, WellNow has opened. The residents are upset with all the cars that are parked on both sides of the road and is blocking and or having it very difficult to enter or exit the side street. Mike Miner and Fred Kirwin will discuss no parking or hourly parking signs/laws for the street.

Town resident Mike Meyers asked about the California Sewer issue. Mark Premo said it was addressed and will be completed shortly. The drainage system and pipes were extended and they are now working on the pump station.

Supervisor Bott thanked Janice Kerwin, Town Clerk for her time and all that she did for Election Day. It was a long day and all ran very smoothly. Supervisor Bott wanted to congratulate and welcome newly elected Town Councilman, Jim Gordan who was in the audience.

Department Reports Review:

Supervisor Bott requested all board members to review their Departmental Monthly Reports in their packets at their leisure.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to accept the October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members present voted Aye, motion carried

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:11 PM.

- **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

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1.) 6:35 PM Public Hearing: Vehicular Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Winter Street Ext. and Bloomingrove Drive

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Supervisor Bott opened the meeting by asking all to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Supervisor Bott	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilman Rogers	<u>PRESENT</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>PRESENT</u>

Councilwoman Hoffman spoke of the Traffic Study research and asked Chief Keevern to speak about the study. The Chief wanted to let the public know that the report can be viewed anytime on the Police website.

Supervisor Bott asked the public if they had any comments or questions on the agenda items.

Alex Omecinsky- 78 Bloomingrove Drive wanted to express that he thought it was good idea to have a 4 way stop at that intersection of Bloomingrove and Winter Street Ext. and was happy to hear it is going to happen.

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Councilwoman Hoffman stated that they would place the information on the Town's website and also on Social Media, so that all would be aware of the new 4 way stop.

Councilman Rogers wanted to make sure that stop a head signs and red flags would be put up to warn drivers of the new 4 way stop. Councilwoman Hoffman said they would have that plus the white lines on the ground at each stop sign. Mark Premo already ordered the 2 new stop signs.

Councilwoman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All Town Board members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned @ 6:40p.m.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILBALE TO REVIEW ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Each Public Hearing will continue into the next with the Pledge of Allegiance said from the 1st meeting. Roll call provide from 6:35 pm meeting with all 5 Board members for each additional meeting.

2.) 6:40 P.M. Public Hearing to Consider a Petition for the Establishment of Proposed 2 Ellen Avenue Sewer Ext. of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District

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Supervisor Bott continued the next Public Hearing starting @ 6:41 PM. Asking Mike Miner to explain this Extension. Mike Miner stated that this is a single family home located on Ellen Ave. and is surrounded by a Sewer District. The home owner has paid all fees upfront to the town and is looking to be added to an existing sewer district.

Supervisor Bott asked if there were any questions or comments on this agenda item from the public or town board. None were received and he entertained a motion for adjournment.

Councilwoman Merola made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILBALE TO REVIEW ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

3.) 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing for Special Improvement Districts Assessment Rolls

Supervisor Bott started the 3rd Public Hearing @ 6:45 P.M. Anthony Germano explained what the Special Districts were the Special Improvement District on the Roll. He started off with explaining about lighting, water and sewer , then went into numbers and how and why Fire and Library create their own budgets and gives the town their numbers to include into the town's budget. Anthony added that the Ambulance has increased due to the volume of calls for the need of additional staff. Supervisor Bott asked if there were any comments or questions on this agenda item, none were received.

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Councilman Rogers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members vote Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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4.) 6:50 P.M. Operation & Maintenance Charges for Special Districts

Supervisor Bott opened the 4th Public Hearing @ 6:50 PM, by asking Anthony Germano, Town Comptroller to explain Operation & Maintenance charges for Special Districts. The Comptroller explained how all the operational costs for water & sewer went down this year. The only number that increased was the Town Wide Water, due to the Route #43 project. We did stay below the 2% cap for the Town's budget.

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone had questions or comments on the Public Hearing Agenda, none were received. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Hoffman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned @ 6:53 PM.

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5.) 6:55 P.M. Public Hearing on the North Greenbush Preliminary Budget

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Supervisor Bott asked the public if anyone had comments or questions on the public Hearing Agenda. Michael Meyers of Main Avenue, Wynantskill, New York asked a question, it was on Page 2 of the budget. He wanted to know how the town knows if the 2022 sales tax is 2 million. Supervisor Bott said that we try to show 2 years of projected dollar amounts in advance. His next question was on the contractual street lights. Again he was told it was an estimated dollar amount.

The final question was on the line item or funds for the fair, where was it listed? Anthony Germano stated it was listed under Celebration. This was the 1st year that the town put in on in a while as Youth Makes a Difference always ran the fair. This group was a 5013-C. He was only questioning the estimated number for 2022 was listed for \$60,000. He was happy with the answer and thanked the board for the chance to ask.

A motion was made by **Councilman Rogers**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hoffman**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Supervisor Bott wanted to thank Tony Germano on his work on the budget and with his projections and estimating, it is a lot of work and he did a great job the last Public Hearing ended @ 7:03 PM.

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