

**TOWN OF GREENPORT
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Greenport Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7pm at the Greenport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Edward Nabozny. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Also present at the meeting: Councilman Clayton Clark, Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker, Town Clerk Sharon Zempko, Councilman Keith Mortefolio, Councilman Guy Apicella and Attorney Carl Whitbeck.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 6th was made by Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker and seconded by Councilman Clayton Clark. All in Favor and so moved.

A motion to make any necessary budget transfers was made by Councilman Guy Apicella. All in Favor and so moved.

Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker made a motion to pay the audited vendor's claims. Councilman Clayton Clark seconded the motion. All in Favor and so moved.

A motion was made by Councilman Keith Mortefolio to accept all correspondence and seconded by Councilman Guy Apicella. All in Favor and so moved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Reports 7 page report on file in Clerk's office for the activity for January.

Code Enforcement Report John Florio read his January 2016 report.
(John Florio stated he gave a letter to the Supervisor and to the Town Board to request permission for a company electrical inspections for the town. Also the insurance certificates were submitted for approval by the Supervisor and the Board. The company was approved.)

Court Report for January 2016 was reviewed by Judge Francis Abitable.

Highway Superintendent Mark Gaylord reviewed activities for January 2015.

Planning Board Report for January 2016 was reviewed by Co-Chairman Robert MacGiffert. Report is on file in Clerks Office. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30pm at the Greenport Town Hall.

Water & Wastewater John Mokszycki reviewed the report for January 2016. Report is on file in the Clerks Office.

Police Activity for January 2016 was reviewed by Chief Kevin Marchetto.

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was so moved by Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker and seconded by Councilman Clayton Clark. All in Favor and so moved.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Nabozny asked Ray Jurkowski to go over the 2 bridge projects in the town. One is located on Route 66 and the other is on 9H. This is a NYS Dept of Transportation project not the towns. The Route 66 bridge is scheduled to start work in April and last over a year. The other bridge project on 9H will be taken out of service in April. There will be southbound traffic. With the alternate truck route for 9H Supervisor Nabozny would like the Board to check with Dept. of Transportation about the heavy truck traffic that the road would be destroyed. He will also speak to Chief Marchetto about Police presence there. Councilman Keith Mortefolio asked about a traffic light there to slow traffic down.

Highway Superintendent Mark Gaylord said there will be a light on Route 9.

Supervisor Nabozny said there was a question at the last meeting about the Hudson Valley Fish Farm and the start up of New York what tax benefits were all about. We are not losing any money on this project. The business would apply to the tax dept to receive a credit or a refund for sales and use taxes paid for goods. They will still pay their taxes on sales tax. As far as property taxes they are exempt from NYS Real Estate transfer tax. Employees will pay no state or local income tax for the first five years and for the second five years employees will pay no taxes on income up to \$200,000 for individuals, \$250,000 as head of household and \$300,000 for taxpayers filing a joint return.

He also went on to say the Town is still looking for a resident to serve on the Environmental Management Council. Please contact the Town Hall if interested.

Peter Tenerowitz did a update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. 3 new members were added to the committee. Workshop meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month at 3pm at the Town Hall in the conference room.

Ray Jurkowski added he would like to get the information on the Web Site about the Comprehensive Plan.

Peter Tenerowitz would like to have a member of the Planning Board attend the Comprehensive meeting for their input.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #34 – 2016 Sandy Kipp be re-appointed to the Greenport Town Planning Board to serve a five year term to expire on December 31, 2020. Councilman Keith Mortefolio made a motion and seconded by Councilman Clayton Clark. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #35 – 2016 Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci, CPA's be engaged to conduct an audit of the Justice Court, Tax Collector and Town Clerk. The audit will cover the period from January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015. Councilman Guy Apicella made a motion and Councilman Clayton Clark seconded it. All in Favor and so moved.

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Resolution #36 – 2016 Morris Associates be appointed to provide Consulting Engineering Services to the Town of Greenport for the year 2016. Councilman Keith Mortefolio made a motion and seconded by Councilman Guy Apicella. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #37 – 2016 The Secretary of the Planning Board and the Planning Board members be paid \$85.00 per meeting payable monthly. Councilman Clayton Clark made a motion and seconded by Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #38 – 2016 Robert Gagen of Greenport be appointed Town Justice for a term expiring December 31, 2016. Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker made a motion and seconded by Keith Mortefolio. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #39 – 2016 Town of Greenport is planning to refinance the bond anticipation note issued for the Police and Senior Citizen Building. Councilman Clayton Clark made a motion and was seconded by Michelle Ublacker. All in favor and so moved.

Resolution #40 – 2016 Town of Greenport has several full-time employees who are not members of the Columbia County Local 811 Bargaining Unit; and whereas, it is desirable to assure that the benefits provided to such employees are uniform. Councilman Clayton Clark made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker. All in Favor and so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Irwin Diamond questioned why switching Insurance company and Attorneys would the Town save any money?

Supervisor Nabozny answered yes we did save by going with Fingar Insurance. Supervisor Nabozny hopes to save money with the Attorneys also. However you don't know what's down the rode.

Resident John Mausolf questioned about the time for the Comprehensive meeting?

Peter Tenerowitz answered it is not a public meeting it is a working one. When we have public meetings it will be scheduled in the evening.

Irwin Diamond had a question for the Planning Board. The Mental Health Association had to meet all the requirements that was set by the Planning Board. If all the requirements are met then it moves forward?

Chairman Ed Stiffler answered yes.

Mr Diamond also asked about the expense to the taxpayers?

Supervisor Nabozny answered that he thought it would be a expense. Road maintenance and etc.

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Supervisor Nabozny introduced Robert Gagen as our new Judge for the Town.

Councilman Keith Mortefolio spoke about our Police force that we have lost a lot of our veterans and we have quite a few new officers. Starting in March at the Town Board meetings there will be a officer introduced and will meet and greet our residents. If anyone has concerns or questions they can ask.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm on a motion by Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker and seconded by Councilman Keith Mortefolio. All in Favor and so moved.