

**TOWN OF GREENPORT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 1, 2016**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:30pm by Supervisor Edward Nabozny. Town Supervisor Edward Nabozny read the Notice of the Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is for the Prevention & Control of Backflow of Sewage.

Resident Paul McKay asked if it was mandatory for the homeowner to install?

Supervisor Nabozny answered yes. The homeowner has it installed. There is paperwork that needs to be filled out and then the homeowner is allocated a certain amount.

Mr. McKay also asked who was going to maintain the backflow preventors?

Supervisor Nabozny and John Mokszycki both answered the homeowner would have to maintain them.

There was a discussion between Attorney Carl Whitbeck and Paul McKay and John Mokszycki.

Ray Jurkowski also went over other options the homeowner would have to install backflow preventers.

Tom Fleming asked where the grant money was coming from. The Federal or State Government?

Supervisor Nabozny answered the town.

Beth MacGiffert asked if this program was only for residents that had problems with backups?

Attorney Whitbeck answered as it is written now it's only for homeowners that has a history of back up problems.

Ray Jurkowski also mentioned the homeowner would have needed to document the backup with paperwork and photo's with the town.

Attorney Whitbeck said he could go back to the DEC for notification of the plan if the circumstances call for it.

Supervisor Nabozny agreed that would be a good idea.

The Attorney heard suggestions he could write in to the stature. With the homeowner's information from a particular property we could go back to the DEC for approval for the change.

The Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Nabozny at 6:51pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:52pm by Supervisor Edward Nabozny. Town Supervisor Edward Nabozny read the Notice of the Public Hearing for the Creation of Surcharges for Town inspections. To simplify sanitary sewer inspection procedures. The law also creates financial surcharges for those who do not cooperate with the Town inspections.

John Mokszycki the Water/Sewer Superintendent said they would like to modify the law. When a resident is in violation the only recourse we have is take them to court. If we could have a surcharge until they fix the violation.

Resident Louise Bliss asked why the people are objecting to fix their pumps?

John Mokszycki answered the residents don't want to spend any money.

Louise Bliss also asked about the hardship cases. If the residents didn't have the funds to cover the project.

Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker answered they would extend the time to 6 months. That way the resident would have ample amount of time to fix the problem.

Resident Jerry Grossman asked how long would you let the \$100.00 surcharge go on before you brought them to court?

Attorney Carl Whitbeck answered there are additional surcharges and it does increase over time. The statute also has a provision they can lump these fees in and seek an injunction and force these people to pay.

Resident Joe Kenneally asked when we collect these fees and surcharges where are the funds going?

Attorney Whitbeck answered Water/Sewer fund.

Beth MacGiffert went on to say that out of 1,034 basements that the water dept. has contacted she has 80 people that spent the money to have the problem corrected. There are 55 people maybe still in violation. Some people stated they were not doing it. She has 1 resident that calls every month and says she is trying to find someone to do it and she is trying to get the funds together. However she went on to say she is working on it. There is 1 person that refuses to have the inspection so this account has \$100.00 placed on their sewer bill. At the end of the year if they haven't paid it will be relieved to their tax bill.

The town does get their funds in the end.

Resident Louise Bliss said it was good information and thanked Beth.

The Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Edward Nabozny at 7:01pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm by Supervisor Edward Nabozny. Town Supervisor Edward Nabozny read the notice of the Public Hearing for the Moratorium on Solar Facilities & Solar Farms.

The Moratorium would be on Solar Farms that are ¼ of an acre and above. This would not prohibit anyone from putting Solar Panels on individual's homes and businesses.

By putting this moratorium in effect it would allow the board to look at what other towns have done and the rules and regulations.

Resident Mike Zibella asked if this would cover windmills? He also went on to say would it be worth incorporating windmills?

Attorney Carl Whitbeck answered they certainly could. However he is not sure if the Planning Board has any family to wind farms.?

Planning Board Co-Chairman Robert MacGiffert said as of now the Planning Board has nothing on the wind generating facilities. He went on to say it is bound to come here just like the solar fields that are popping up all over. The town should look at the laws on the books and the Town Code and see what has to be changed so we have some guidelines. We also should look at Cell Towers. We did have someone present with plans for cell tower but when they found out they couldn't just put one up they needed site approval we haven't hear from them.

Councilman Guy Apicella mentioned he thought there was something about cell towers.

Co-Chairman Robert MacGiffert answered the only thing was they wanted to know if they needed site plan approval in order to put a tower up. It was decided they did need approval. Ray Jurkowski sent them a letter and we have not heard from them since.

Councilman Guy Apicella asked what would be about the height and the appearance of the towers?

Attorney Whitbeck said those would be all normal site plan provisions. Standards that are already in our site plan law. There are specific provisions to cell tower applications which we do not have in our Site Plan Law. Lots of municipalities in Columbia County do have cell tower laws, but we do not.

Supervisor Nabozny asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Edward Nabozny at 7:08pm.

**TOWN OF GREENPORT
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JUNE 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Greenport Town Board was held Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:10pm 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 Guy Apicella, Councilman Keith Mortefolio and Attorney Carl Whitbeck.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2016 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 and seconded by Councilman Keith Mortefolio. All in Favor and so moved.

Councilman Keith Mortefolio made a motion to pay the audited vendor's claims. Councilman Guy Apicella seconded the motion. All in Favor and so moved.

Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker made a motion to accept or direct all correspondence. Councilman Clayton Clark seconded the motion. All in Favor and so moved.

Animal Control Officer	4 page Activity for May on file in Clerk's Office
Code Enforcement	John Florio reviewed the May report
Court	Judge Francis Abitabile reviewed the May report
Highway Dept.	Superintendent Mark Gaylord reviewed May report
Police Dept.	Supervisor Nabozny reviewed the May report
Water & Waste Water	John Mokszycki reviewed the May activity
Planning Board	Co-Chairman Robert MacGiffert reviewed the activity For May. Next meeting June 28 th at 7:30pm

Robert MacGiffert spoke about Pulcher Motors exit and entrances to the new business.

Resident Mike Zibella asked about the issue of Pulcher Motors. Are they going to be directed on Joslen Blvd. for the entrance and exits?

Robert MacGiffert answered the plans are showing the entrance will be on Joslen Blvd. and the main entrance on Route 9.

Mike Zibella asked is the state going to allow that?

Robert MacGiffert said the State DOT already has the plans on it. We are waiting for letter back from them. They are going to have to do curbing and there's going to be one major entrance into that facility.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Guy Apicella asked about Lorenz Park who will do the maintenance?

Superintendent of Water & Waste Water John Mokszycki responded that they normally mowed the lawn in the circle so they would continue to care for it.

The Supervisor asked if Peter Tenerowitz would give us an update on the Coimprehensive Plan.

Peter Tenerowitz reviewed his report.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Nabozny went over the Annual Financial report for 2015. Patterson & Koskley completed this under contract. The board was briefed at the workshop meeting. The highlight's are Total Revenues for 2015 exceeded the budget expectations by \$172,000.00. Sales Tax for 2015 was up from 2014 by \$26,000.00. Building Permits and Clerk fees increased over the budget figure by \$60,000.00. Highway Dept. had a \$380,000.00 reserve. Equipment is always a big expense for Highway Dept. Lighting, Refuse and the Sewer fund has a strong balance. \$272,000.00 in reserve for the sewer department for repairs. Over all the town is in good physical shape over 3 million dollars in cash on hand.

Councilman Keith Mortefolio wanted to thank Mark & John for staying within their budgets. They are doing a great job. Councilman Clayton Clark also agreed.

Supervisor Nabozny also went on to say John Florio the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer looked into the property issue. The board wants to look into the code for abandoned properties. We need to track owners down along with the banks. If we could have the grass cut and the garbage picked up. In return - bill the owner if they don't pay it then roll it over on to the tax bill.

Supervisor Nabozny said that Olana has been around for 50 years. He also mentioned they are having a segment on TV on June 5th, 15th and the 28th on Channel 17. It's a true asset of Greenport.

We received a mortgage check form the county for \$76,094.00. It is over the budget amount of \$65,000.0

Resolution #56 – 2016 To appoint Brian Laurange, Chad Shumway and Michael Ryan to the Greenport Police Dept. Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Keith Mortefolio. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #57 – 2016 To support Designated Inland Waterways. Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Keith Mortefolio. All in Favor and so moved.

Resolution #58 – 2016 6 month moratorium on Solar energy facilities & Solar Farms. Councilman Keith Mortefolio made a motion and Councilman Guy Apicella seconded it. All in Favor and so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tom Fleming mentioned that the Hudson Senior Center receives 20 hours a week from the County? He wanted to know if Greenport could receive the same with our Community Center?

Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker answered we already do receive the 20 hours at our Community Center. Fran at the Center receives it.

Mike Zibella had a question about his water bill. His question was about the reading of the meter and the rental fee?

John Mokszycki answered that it is a maintenance fee for the water meter that was replaced. The water dept. can now read the meter from the outside of your home by a remote.

Resident Joseph Kenneally asked if we had a rate increase as of Jan 1st of 2016 on the water bill?

John Mokszycki answered yes the Resolution was passed in December 2015. So the water/sewer bill in May did reflect the increase.

Resident Kathy Eldridge asked if the Bank of Greene County charged the town for taking the water bills?

Beth MacGiffert answered they did not charge the town anything.

Resident Kathy Eldridge went on to ask why we couldn't take water payments at the Town Hall?

John Mokszycki answered the accountants & auditors recommended the town to do this.

Councilman Guy Apicella wanted to thank Supervisor Nabozny, Town Clerk Sharon Zempko and Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Mausolf for the organizing a very nice Memorial Day Service in Lorenz Park.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no comment from the Board Members.

Councilman Clayton Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm and Councilman Guy Apicella seconded it. All in Favor and so moved.

