

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GREENPORT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 39 2017 DATE: April 5, 2017
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker
SECONDED BY: Councilman Clayton Clark

WHEREAS, the Water & Wastewater Superintendent has requested that the Town of Greenport enter into agreements for implementation of payment processing services via an online portal for residents for payment of utility bills; and

WHEREAS, residents will be able to make utility bill payments via an online portal by credit card, debit card, or automated clearing house/e-check; and

WHEREAS, a processing fee will be charged to the payor in the form of a non-refundable service fee which is set and retained by the servicer; and

WHEREAS, approval of these services will improve the Water & Wastewater Department's billing systems and internal operations in order to provide residents with added value services and another payment method.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby finds that it is in the public interest and hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Business Automation Services Inc. ("BAS") for configuration and hosting of an utility billing online module for the amounts set forth in the purchase order attached hereto, in accordance with General Municipal Law § 5-b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby finds that it is in the public interest and hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter an agreement with Forte Payment Systems, Inc. ("Forte") for payment processing services for collection of utility bill payments via the internet in accordance with General Municipal Law § 5-b; and

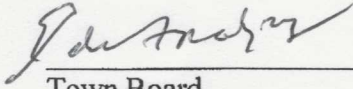
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board grants the Supervisor authority to execute any documents necessary in furtherance of said agreements and any extensions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water & Wastewater Superintendent and Water & Wastewater Clerk are hereby authorized to (a) accept credit cards as a means of payment of utility bills pursuant to General Municipal Law § 5(f) and (b) accept payments for utility bills via the internet in accordance with General Municipal Law § 5-b(5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these agreements will be administered by the Water & Wastewater Superintendent and Water & Wastewater Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town will be responsible for software/services provided by BAS and payors shall be responsible for payment of any and all fees charged by Forte for processing of payments via the online portal.

APPROVED:

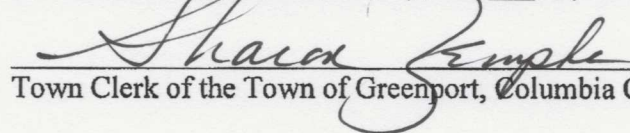


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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA) SS:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Greenport, County of Columbia, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original and original minutes thereof, now remaining on file of records in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Town and County, this 5 day of April, 2017



Town Clerk of the Town of Greenport, Columbia County, NY