



# The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

## TOWN BOARD MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING March 17, 2021

To view a recording of the full meeting, please see YouTube link below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI520sIXdUU>

The following is a summary of the Town Board Public Hearing as recorded by the Town Clerk.

**Call to Order**                                **6:30 PM**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Town Board Meeting:**

### Members of Town Board

Present	Absent	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor J. Conway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor T. Tierney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor H. Kennedy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor R. Matters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor B. Fritz

### Information for Public Hearing – 3/17/2021

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 203 issued by Governor Cuomo, each local government entity which has a police agency must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan for improvement to address the particular needs of the community, promote community engagement, foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color. The draft plan shall be offered for public comment and shall be presented to the Town Board to ratify or adopt no later than April 1, 2021.

In response to the Executive Order, the Town Board convened a committee of community stakeholders to develop such plan (the "Plan"); the committee has performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices; and the

committee has developed a draft Plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. The Town Board will offer the Plan in draft form for public comment to all residents in the Town and will consider all public comments prior to adoption of the Plan.

The Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush will hold a public hearing to consider comments on the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by remote means.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the Town Board will convene its March 17, 2021 Public Hearing remotely.

### **Communications/Announcements/Reports**

Supervisor Conway – Introduced members of the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan Committee who did this work – Deputy Supervisor Tina Tierney, Chief of Police Elaine Rudzinski, Assistant Chief of Police Jon Reickert, Maria Barrington, Roger Johnson, Aaron Matthews (CHS Senior), Ingrid Werge, and Robin Cole.

Supervisor Conway and Councilor Tierney – Addressed their comments and commended this committee and their great work.

### **Open Public Privilege**

Resident, David Terpening, stated his comments and mentioned they (the committee) did a good job with a lot of detail.

Committee member, Jennifer Hixon, stated her comments, and mentioned she was very impressed with the thoroughness of the report.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 6:47 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn  
East Greenbush Town Clerk