



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD AGENDA December 16, 2020

Call to Order **7:00 PM**
Pledge of Allegiance
Town Board Meeting:

Members of Town Board

Present

Absent

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

Communications/Announcements/Reports

An update from East Greenbush Town Court on behalf of Town Justices Jessica Mocerine and Kevin Engel.

Based on the recent uptick in COVID-19 positive cases in the State of New York, the Unified Court System has moved to again reduce foot traffic in courthouses to protect the health and safety of litigants, lawyers, court staff and judges. For Town Courts limits have again been placed on what types of cases or matters can be conducted in-person.

In East Greenbush Town Court, Judge Mocerine currently has the capability to hear cases virtually and since the end of November has begun conducting virtual arraignments when necessary.

Justice Mocerine also recently held two nights of criminal court virtually allowing cases to move forward toward disposition.

With regard to vehicle and traffic matters, there are instructions of the Town Court webpage for sending in traffic tickets and how to have your ticket processed through the mail.

Currently all civil actions are stayed as no bench trials or hearings may be conducted.

Continuing in 2021, the East Greenbush Town Court will continue to hear criminal cases by conducting criminal conferences virtually with attorneys and litigants through the use of Microsoft Teams or by phone.

Town Justices Engel and Mocerine would like to thank their court clerks for all of their hard work this year, as court protocols have changed frequently and they have kept the Court running smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you.

Commissioner of DPW, Dan Fiacco: Reminded residents of snow emergency that was issued today at 4:00 pm through tomorrow night until 7:00 pm. Emphasized that all vehicles, along with garbage cans and basketball hoops are to be off the road. Stated we're expecting 10-15" of snow. Mentioned if you go out shoveling to make sure someone else knows in case of any fall or accident. Councilor Tierney thanked Dan for very helpful reminders, and wished him and his team a safe overnight.

Supervisor Conway: Stated that Town Hall had a tremendous outbreak of COVID, with 12 positive tests for employees and 9 for relatives of employees. Mentioned we're doing the best we can with that. Extended thanks and appreciation to Councilor Tierney for taking over, and also thanked Meaghan Hart for always being in the game. Pointed out that tomorrow will be 3 years for when Adam Yagelski started with the Town of East Greenbush. Stated this is one of our best hires. Thanked him for his remarkable work.

Councilor Matters: Echoed Supervisor's comments and thanked Councilor Tierney for stepping up once again in support of the Supervisor. Mentioned this challenging time for 9 months and how it's become so much more real now the past couple of weeks, yet we will get through this. Indicated we are now in snow season and that Dan Fiacco is at the ready and doing one of the many things he does best dealing with snow removal. Stated everyone in Town Hall has been stepping up during this time, and thanked Meaghan as well as Adam for their work.

Councilor Kennedy: Announced Community and Recreation events. Holiday House Lighting Contest, so 30 homes have registered. Also, Letters to Santa mailbox is out in front of Town Hall, several letters received to date. Police Department also working with our Community and Rec staff to deliver meals to senior citizens residing in town who have expressed a need or have been participating in any of our programs. Meals were donated by a restaurant in Albany, Stella Del Mare. Informed residents that our library is starting a Short Story Contest, a work of fiction. Story has to take place in Rensselaer County during the pandemic consisting of 1,500-2,000 words. Information will be out in January in East Greenbush Community Library's newsletter. Recognized and thanked DPW staff - Dave Williams, Jim Hempstead, and Mason Albert for keeping our trails and parks maintained, and for their site work for new bathroom building going up at Town Park. Also extended thanks to Councilor Tierney, wished everyone who has not been well a speedy recovery, and happy holidays to everyone.

Councilor Fritz: Mentioned she received a call from Twin Bridges today stating they will pick up Friday for anyone scheduled for Thursday (due to snow storm.) Also commented on Town Park trails and the great condition they are in. Extended holiday wishes and to be safe with snow coming.

Councilor Tierney: Mentioned our thoughts are certainly with our colleagues who are not well and their family members and wished them a speedy and full recovery. Very difficult situation. Stated the numbers in Rensselaer County and within East Greenbush are astounding and jaw dropping for Covid. Encouraged everyone to continue to remain diligent and take precautions. Thanked Meaghan Hart for working quickly to put together the resolutions from department heads and post on website as soon as agenda was finalized. Appreciate the public's patience with a little bit of a delay on agenda but we feel we got it out as soon as possible. Thanked

Police Department in advance for driving during the snow and keeping our community safe. Also thanked Commissioner of DPW and his team.

Open Public Privilege: NOTE – Each speaker may choose to state name and address prior to addressing the Board and shall be granted the floor for up to five minutes. The Board thanks everyone in attendance for their understanding and also for their desire to actively participate in the decision making process. All speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.

Councilor Tierney: Welcomed CHS Participation in Government students and invited them to comment if they choose.

David Terpening: Stated it was good to see some students on and how it's a good way to participate in government. He hopes they learn a lot of good lessons. Pointed out Jack was back. Glad to see K-9 Police initiative is going forward. As a resident, he is very happy to see this back in service again. Regarding Comprehensive Steering Plan, he hasn't seen any remarks online from the public with any input. He's interested in any information that could be made public on the website. Mentioned his issue with rezoning and stands by his comments made at last Special Meeting.

Supervisor Conway: Responded to David Terpening and stated he agrees with virtually everything he said, however, mentioned the problem with rezone is that there is statute that really prohibits you from prohibiting churches. Our very smart attorney with Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna and her advice to us was that this is not a planning or zoning issue, this is a legal issue. She could not find a single case for a municipality block the church and won. This church still has to go through the site plan like you, and we need to monitor and enforce any conditions that are imposed.

David Terpening: Mentioned there is a group of some individuals in this town that are putting a lot of pressure to basically make the zoning war to benefit them than anybody else, not really a benefit of the church per say. You see this going on in a lot of business transactions in East Greenbush. Thinks apathy in town is opening up a loophole for people to change things to benefit a few.

Supervisor Conway: Stated that is the prime reason we're redoing the zoning map. Zoning map is critical, yet it has to be fair and right.

Councilor Tierney: Mentioned we are clearly talking about a couple of different things. First added that we're talking about rezoning a B-2, which is a general business district, and making a change to general business district, not residential. Allowed uses are clearly outlined in the zoning law that can be reviewed. It seems to be, based on Adam Yagelski's review, expertise and consultation with attorney's, an omission of allowing churches. This is not a PDD that we're trying to do a spot zone. This is the entire need to zoning as it exists now, adding this additional use of a church which might have been an omission. Secondly, the church put this forward, and a request and it opened the door to noticing this might have been an omission in the zoning.

They happen to be represented by a person who represents other businesses including family businesses. We need to separate the applicant from the law. As we move forward with redoing the zoning map as Supervisor Conway mentioned, these are important discussions we have to have. Councilor Tierney hopes that added clarity and not confusion.

David Terpening: Said it would be very interesting to have research available (for everyone) going back in history of the Town of East Greenbush zoning laws and how things have changed and modified over the years, and where they are today. Especially with new zoning laws in the future, he would like to see how things are regulated to hopefully have residents protected against certain changes.

Councilor Tierney: Mentioned there is one very easy way to look at the map and look at the spot zoning that has been done. Particular zones were changed for a particular project.

Resolutions and Proposals by Town Board Members:

244-2020 A Resolution to Approve Meeting Minutes

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of Town Board meetings, as provided in §106 of Article 7 of the New York Public Officers Law, shall be approved by the Board prior to them being finalized, deemed official and disseminated to the public by the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, that the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on November 18, 2020 have been presented; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed these minutes and any necessary corrections have been made;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on November 18, 2020 are hereby approved as submitted.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

245-2020 A Resolution to Schedule the 2021 Organizational Meeting

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush is required to schedule an Organizational Meeting for 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will have no material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush shall conduct the 2021 Organizational Meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush, County of Rensselaer and State of New York;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of East Greenbush is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such Organizational Meeting.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Fritz and seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Councilor Tierney: The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM. It will be held most likely via Zoom.

246-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a 2021 Animal Shelter Agreement with Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town has certain statutory obligations relating to dogs, pursuant to the Agricultural and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, such duties include the obligation to seize certain dogs, and to assure that the dogs are properly sheltered, fed and watered; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush desires to enter into an agreement for such services for 2021 with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into an agreement for services in 2021 with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, upon approval as to form by the attorney to the Town.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Fritz and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway: Indicated at some point we need to add a clause to this that if a dog bites an East Greenbush Police Officer we are not paying for it, under any circumstances.

Councilor Matters: Mentioned this is a great corollary to our contract with Bob Guyer, Dog Control Officer.

**247-2020 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Rensselaer County
Concerning 2020 and 2021 Snow and Ice Removal**

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this agreement between the Town of East Greenbush and Rensselaer County for the Town to provide snow and ice removal on certain county roads has existed since 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of East Greenbush and will provide more responsive service during snow and ice storm conditions; and

WHEREAS, continuance of the co-operative agreement is in the best interest of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that this resolution has no material impact on to the Town's finances; and

WHEREAS, we have negotiated an agreement with the Rensselaer County Highway Department concerning said snow and ice removal for the 2020 – 2021 season;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Rensselaer County concerning snow and ice removal for Phillips Road, Sherwood Avenue, Hampton Avenue and Old Red Mill Road as defined in Schedule A of said agreement.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor J. Conway

VOTED: YES

248-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for a Pickup Truck for the Water Department

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Water Department has a need for a new Pickup Truck to replace the current Pickup Truck which has been in service since 2012 and is used on a daily basis for maintaining and reading water meters; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public works has developed specifications for a pickup truck that will perform the aforementioned functions and has requested monies in the 2021 budget for purchase of this item; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms this resolution has no material impact at this time because it is merely requesting the authority to solicit bids; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Authorizes the Director of Finance to Solicit Bids for procurement of a new Pickup Truck for the Water Department.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

249-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Grinding of Wood and Brush

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Transfer Station receives wood and brush from the residents and from the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, the wood and brush must be ground and removed from the Town of East Greenbush Transfer Station when deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is responsible to pay for half of the cost of grinding and hauling this material away; and

WHEREAS, the Town solicited bids and received one bid submission from Troy Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$35,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Purchasing Policy requires purchases of \$10,000 or more require approval by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that the financial impact of this resolution is \$35,000 from the Transfer Station account for this expense, with an anticipated \$17,500.00 in revenue from the City of Rensselaer for their half of the cost;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with Troy Sand and Gravel to grind the wood and brush, and remove it from the Transfer Station to a permitted dump site in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

250-2020 A Resolution to Appoint Gary S. Blowers to the Position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has an existing vacancy for the position of Laborer at the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works reviewed our file with applications for jobs within the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Applications were received and reviewed, and an interview conducted by the Commissioner of Public Works, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and the Highway General Foreman; and

WHEREAS, Gary S. Blowers was unanimously selected as the most qualified candidate for the position due to his experience in the public works field; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that this appointment can be funded with the 2020 budget code 81601.01.01;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board confirms the appointment of Gary S. Blowers to the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works, Transfer Station, at the rate of \$21.2326 per hour as specified by the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. This appointment will be effective as of December 22nd, 2020.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

Councilor B. Fritz
Supervisor J. Conway

VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES

Supervisor Conway: Pointed out Gary comes to us with an interesting amount of experience. This is another huge gain for the Town of East Greenbush with a lot of experience and skill.

Councilor Matters: Thanked the commissioner and deputy commissioner for forwarding information on Gary. Very appropriate and helpful in reviewing this.

251-2020 A Resolution to Accept the Comprehensive Plan Update Recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, to Initiate the Required Environmental Review Under SEQRA Referral Required Under Town Law Section 272-a, and Schedule a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush is currently in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution number 21-2019, the Town Board authorized creation of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) as a special board under Section 272-a of the NYS Town Law to prepare a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment thereto and appointed members to join the CPSC; and

WHEREAS, the CPSC has prepared a Comprehensive Plan that involved the consideration of substantial public engagement including an online community survey, two public open houses, stakeholder group meetings, and a public hearing, as required under Town Law Section 272-a; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 24, 2020 the CPSC by a Resolution duly adopted by the CPSC recommended the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for its consideration and potential adoption in accordance with Town Law Section 272-a;

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 272-a requires that the Town Board conduct a Public Hearing prior to adoption of such proposed plan or amendment and that the proposed Comprehensive Plan be referred to the County planning agency for review and recommendation, as required by Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), adoption of a Comprehensive Plan by the Town Board is classified as a Type 1 action;

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has determined that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's Finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Town of East Greenbush hereby accepts the proposed Comprehensive Plan prepared by the CPSC; and
be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges substantial effort put forth by the CPSC volunteers in the course of preparing the Plan, and hereby expresses its gratitude for their time and hard work;

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby classifies adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan as a Type 1 action under SEQRA and directs that the required coordinated review with involved agencies initiated; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan adoption at 6:00 PM on January 13, 2021 at the East Greenbush Town Hall located at 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York or by remote means.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway: Extended many thanks to John and the committee for a lot of work and it's a really good plan. Also thanked Jackie Hakes and Andrew Gilchrist from MJ Engineering. Public Hearing is scheduled for January 13th, 2021. Affirmed this will get a very careful review at the Town Board level and if that Public Hearing doesn't yield some kind of finality, if there are still issues, Public Hearings will continue.

Councilor Matters: Also stated that MJ Engineering did a very competent job in bringing this end of the undertaking to the steering committee. It's great that the steering committee underscored the public process component of this undertaking. This document serves as a back drop for what will eventually be a zoning review. Added how instrumental Adam Yagelski was to this. Also thanked Deputy Supervisor Tierney in her liaison role.

252-2020 A Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Dalia Szarowicz

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Planner Dalia Szarowicz has now accepted employment with the City of Buffalo, NY and submitted her resignation to the Town; and

WHEREAS, this Board extends its good wishes to Dalia Szarowicz, for the successful pursuit of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the provisions of this resolution will have no material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Dalia Szarowicz is hereby accepted, effective December 18, 2020.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Fritz and voted as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway: Wishes her well.

Councilor Tierney: Extends best of luck to her.

Councilor Matters: Sorry to see her go as she was an enhancement to Planning and Zoning.

253-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Essential Equipment to Outfit the Police K-9 Patrol vehicle

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the purchase of the lights and sirens, push bumper, graphics and lettering for the 2021 Chevy Tahoe Police K-9 vehicle to the Town Board as necessary equipment that will outfit the East Greenbush Police Department's K-9 vehicle as deemed necessary for the use of the said vehicle in the performance of the K-9 officers lawful duties in enforcing the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the Chief of Police that these are important pieces of safety equipment in realizing its commitment to public safety in the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town's Purchasing Policy, the Town requested quotes from three different vendors; the lowest response quote came from Niskayuna Tire & Service INC., for light bar lights, sirens, emergency lights, a push bumper, a console and lettering and graphics; and

WHEREAS, quote #3812 as submitted by Niskayuna Tire & Service INC. in the amount of \$9,503.59; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that funding for K9 Vehicle outfitting will be from the K9 Donation Fund 3010.4. This fund consists of donations from Regeneron, the Public and anticipated Stanton Grant funding.

	Transfer Out	Transfer In
2707.01 – K9 Donations	\$9,503.59	
3010.4 – K9 Expenses		\$9,503.59

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the expenditure of \$9,503.59 to purchase of the safety equipment as described above.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Kennedy and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

254-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Essential Equipment to Outfit the Police K-9 Patrol vehicle

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the purchase of the K-9 Transport System with the No K-9 left behind option for the 2021 Chevy Tahoe Police K-9 vehicle to the Town Board as necessary equipment that will outfit the East Greenbush Police Department’s K-9 vehicle as deemed necessary for the use and safety of the K9, and in the performance of the K-9 officer’s lawful duties in enforcing the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the Chief of Police that these are important pieces of safety equipment in realizing its commitment to public safety in the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the Town’s Purchasing Policy, the Town requested quotes from three different vendors; the lowest response quote came from Niskayuna Tire & Service INC., for the K-9 Transport System with the No K-9 left behind option; and

WHEREAS, quote #3813 as submitted by Niskayuna Tire & Service INC. in the amount of \$9,605.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that funding for K9 Vehicle outfitting will be from the K9 Donation Fund 3010.4. This fund consists of donations from Regeneron, the Public and anticipated Stanton Grant funding.

	Transfer Out	Transfer In
2707.01 – K9 Donations	\$9,503.59 \$9,605.00	
30104.01 – K9 Expenses		\$9,503.59 \$9,605.00

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the expenditure of \$9,605.00 to purchase the K-9 essential equipment as described above.

Councilor Tierney made a motion to amend the foregoing resolution to update the amount entered into the Account Transfer Box to accurately reflect the amount of Quote #3813

to \$9,605.00 and not \$9,503.59. The motion to amend was seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote as follows:

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

The amended resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway: Indicated to Chief, Assistant Chief, and Meaghan Hart that we need to do a review of the financing for the K9 Program.

255-2020 A Resolution to Approve the Annual Appointment of Part-time Police Department Interns

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently retains the services of Part-time Police Department Interns throughout the year to assist in addressing the backlog of preventative maintenance of records, purging of records and compliance with new judicial reforms; and

WHEREAS, these individuals currently have prior experience with the Town, have the ability to handle confidential and sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that the provisions of this resolution were planned for in the current Budget and will have no material impact on the Town Finances; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Chief of Police the Town Board confirms the appointment for hours worked, hours paid, with no benefits, of Paige Breig, Seana Yeates and Cole Daniels effective January 1, 2021 at the rate of \$11.80 per hour. The total amount of this resolution is not to exceed \$10,000 as reflected in the 2021 budget. All appointments are consistent with all terms and conditions as previously set forth by the Town Board, for a term to expire at the Town’s next organizational meeting, or otherwise at the pleasure of the Town Board,

Seana Yeates	Paige Breig	Cole Daniels
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and be it further

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Fritz and seconded by Councilor Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway: Mentioned these are three (3) really good young people.
Chief Rudzinski: Updated Town Board on Ron Yeates. He is feeling and doing well.

256-2020 A Resolution to Approve the Annual Appointment of Part-time Police Dispatchers

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently retains the services of Part-time Police Dispatchers in the Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, these individuals currently meet the presumptive, non-competitive qualifications for this title as established by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission and whose names are listed in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has certified that the provisions of this resolution were planned for in the current Budget and will have no material impact on the Town Finances; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Chief of Police, each of the individuals so listed be, and the same hereby is appointed to the position of Part-time Police Dispatcher, consistent with all terms and conditions as previously set forth by the Town Board, for a term to expire at the Town's next Organizational Meeting, or otherwise at the pleasure of the Town Board,

Timothy E. Boel	Steven C. Schongar
Michael J. Benson	Daniel P. Farnan
Robert G. Lehmann	Jeffrey G. Tooker
Cody M. Seeberger	Jakeb Boniface
Kara Blakeman	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that said part-time dispatchers be compensated as set forth in the appropriate Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

257-2020 A Resolution to Schedule the Continuance of the Public Hearing for a Proposed Local Law Amending Section 2.7.3(B) of the Comprehensive Zoning Law to Provide that a Religious Facility Will be a Permitted Use Within the Commercial Business District (B-2)

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting December 9th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on December 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2020 the Town Board opened a Public Hearing to consider a proposed local law amending section 2.7.3(B) of the Comprehensive Zoning Law, to provide that religious facilities will be a permitted use within the commercial business district (B-2); however, in order to receive comments from the East Greenbush Planning Board as well as the impact of social distancing and other requirements occasioned by the Covid-19 emergency impacting public participation, it was decided that the public hearing should remain open so that more residents could be given the opportunity to comment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has determined that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's Finances;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush schedules the continuation of the public hearing to consider a proposed local law amending section 2.7.3(B) of the Comprehensive Zoning Law, to provide that religious facilities will be a permitted use within the commercial business district (B-2) on for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6: 30 p.m. at the East Greenbush Town Hall located at 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York or by remote means.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Councilor Tierney: Meeting on Wednesday, January 20th, most likely via Zoom.

Supervisor Conway: Mentioned during this meeting he received an update from Rensselaer County regarding Covid cases – 119 positive cases in county and 15 positive cases in East Greenbush.

Councilor Kennedy: Thanked Meaghan Hart for her diligence and hard work and getting agenda out to us. As agreed by Town Board.

Chief Rudzinski: Added that Meaghan is their lifeline downstairs now and they appreciate her. Wishes everyone well and said Assistant Chief is working out very well so far. He's doing great and already taking on numerous projects.

Assistant Chief Reickert: Mentioned he is enjoying working with our Chief and thinks they'll make a great team. Looks forward to seeing where it goes in the future.

Councilor Tierney: Stated to move into Executive Session to conduct interviews with potential Conservation Advisory Council members.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 PM

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

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

Executive Session:

Ended at 9:24 pm; Moved by Councilor Tierney, Seconded by Councilor Kennedy; 4-0 Vote
Adjourned at 9:24 pm; Moved by Councilor Tierney, Seconded by Councilor Matters; 4-0 Vote

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn
East Greenbush Town Clerk