



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING July 14, 2021

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Call to Order **6:00 PM**
Pledge of Allegiance
Town Board Meeting:

Members of Town Board

Present	Absent	
<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

Schedule of Meeting:

The Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush will hold a Special Meeting on July 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144 to appoint a new police officer to the K-9 Unit and attend to any other matters that may be brought to the Board’s attention.

170-2021 A Resolution to Appoint K9 Bear to the Position of Police K9 for the East Greenbush Police Department

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board to maintain a professional police canine unit of the East Greenbush Police Department; and

WHEREAS, K9 Bear has satisfied the requirements with his handler and partner, Officer Edward J. Witko, set forth by the North American Police Work Dog Association; and

WHEREAS, K9 Bear and Officer Edward J. Witko have, on the 29th day of June, 2021 met all the standards to be accredited for Obedience, Article Search, Area Search, Tracking, and Building Search respectively; and

WHEREAS, K9 Bear and Officer Edward J. Witko will be an integral part of the continued professional services provided by the East Greenbush Police Department, and will continue to enhance and advance their training; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms the financial impact of this appointment resolution is to be determined;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that K9 Bear is hereby appointed to the position of Police K9 Officer of the East Greenbush Police Department effective immediately upon swearing an oath of office;

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway, seconded by Councilor Tierney and voted as follows:

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

Supervisor and Town Board Members – all extended congratulations to Officer Josh Witko for all of his hard work, dedication, and fundraising efforts to our Police Department’s new K-9 Unit and Officer Bear.

Chief Rudzinski – Noted Officer Josh Witko knows how proud they are of him, and how his Dad would be ecstatically proud. Commended Officer Witko’s wonderful job, and also thanked the Town Board for all of their support.

Judge Jessica Mocerine – Performed swearing in ceremony.

171-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Demolition of 10 Smith Lane

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has inspected the house at 10 Smith Lane and identified it as an unsafe structure and issued an Order of Condemnation to the property owner on June 17th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, with 10 Smith Lane being identified as an Unsafe Structure, the structure requires immediate action to avoid a direct hazard or imminent danger to health and safety, and it is recommended that this structure be demolished; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Town declared an Emergency and held curbside bids to demolish 4 Arizona Avenue as the property posed imminent danger to the health and safety of the neighboring homes; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has prepared a Invitation to Bid to submit to local companies that specialize in the demolition of properties and believes that with a quick bid period (meets publication minimum requirement of 5 days after publishing) that the Town would be able to demolish the structure in a timely fashion without the need to declare a formal emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that there is no material impact in soliciting bids for demolition.

now, therefore, be it

RESOVLED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the solicitation of bids for the demolition of 10 Smith Lane.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy 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