

The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD MINUTES October 21, 2020

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

Members of Town Board Present Absent Supervi

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

Summary of Town Board Meeting in Minutes below. Please see following link for full meeting content - <u>https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=119&id=32974</u>

Communications/Announcements/Reports

Councilor Tierney - Update on East Greenbush Town Court on behalf of town justices Jessica Mocerine and Kevin Engel. Under guidance from the office of court administration we have started back towards some form of normal court operations. The court is operating on a much smaller scale and taking all necessary precautions to protect attorneys, court staff and the litigants who appear before it. The court has held conference nights for vehicle and traffic matters, criminal cases and small claims. The court is also processing many traffic tickets through a mail in process to avoid having people appear in court. Criminal and civil cases are also being conferences virtually as needed to accommodate individuals from out of state and with health issues. If you have any questions about a town court matter the phone number for town court is 518-477-5412. Thank you.

Councilor Kennedy – Community and Recreation held movie night which was a major success. More will be pursued next year. Extended thanks to Dispatcher Pool and Officer Belardo for manning the cider and donut table, which were donated by Windy Hill Orchard. Spotlight on Youth nominations are still being accepted until October 23, 2020. Veterans Day leaf raking still taking volunteers. Mentioned Water Department working really hard. Nick Marino and staff commended for their efforts.

Councilor Matters – Congratulated Supervisor Conway and staff for formulating our 2021 preliminary budget.

Councilor Fritz – Reminded everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween. Mentioned Community and Recreation are having Trunk or Treat in Town Park on Friday, October 30th. Contact department if there are still openings.

Supervisor Conway – Mentioned he has received several calls, texts, and emails asking if Halloween will be cancelled in East Greenbush. He stated that this is not how this town works and doesn't believe he or the Town Board has the right to tell people how to live. There will be Trick-or-Treating, however, we need people to stay safe and not to hassle those who don't want to participate. If a house has their lights off, please leave that house alone. Please be respectful of others and do this safely, and let the kids have some fun. Commented that we will get candy out to the kids.

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.

David G. Terpening, Jr. – Stated he is awestruck of the population of the public here tonight. He mentioned he had a bunch of questions regarding certain resolutions, in which he gave a copy to each board member to review. He requested that this be included in the Minutes. Mentioned he submitted to public meeting on 9/16/20 his concerns about the growing debt in East Greenbush and he mentioned he did not get a response yet.

Supervisor Conway stated there is a lot of long term debt which is in the annual report and in the budget message every year. Mentioned it will be a very important part of the public hearing on the budget on November 5th. Supervisor brought up two main borrowings that the town did and said in his opinion were not the best idea, which put the town in a hole and it will be 30 years before we fully get out of. We had to understand what our debt service obligations are year to year, and that's \$1.1-\$1.2 million of services or extras we can't provide to our residents. He explained the \$14 million borrowed in 2008 for Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority through a service agreement. It's been refinanced and debt payment has been reduced annually.

Mr. Terpening mentioned he would like to see the PILOT's in the budget.

Supervisor Conway – Responded to David Terpening's request and reminded him that Public Comment is a residents' time to make a statement. Mentioned that in 90% of towns and villages in Rensselaer County, public comment is simply a comment period, not question and answer.

David Gruenberg, Esq. – Responded to David Terpening's question of how to make his information public, and said it's not really the board's job to publicize that information. Residents may make comments, and email Town Board members any questions.

Resolutions and Proposals by Town Board Members:

198-2020 A Resolution to Approve Meeting Minutes

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, the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on September 16, 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 September 16, 2020 are hereby approved as submitted.

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

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

199-2020A Resolution Recognizing November as "Adoption Awareness Month" and
November 21, 2020 as "Adoption Awareness Day"

WHEREAS, each year November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption-related issues are important, National Adoption Month is about spreading awareness. It is a month to encourage others to learn about adoption, and to acknowledge the people in this country whose lives have been impacted by adoption. The mission of National Adoption Month is to celebrate the families who have grown through adoption, and to recognize the many children who are still waiting for forever families; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the first major adoption related effort occurred in 1976 in the state of Massachusetts. Then Governor Michael Dukakis proclaimed the first week of November "Adoption Week", to promote the need for more adoptive families to care for the large number of children in the foster care system. In 1984 President Ronald Regan made Adoption Week a national event; and

WHEREAS, by 1995 the week had become so widely recognized there were too many events to fit into seven days so President Bill Clinton extended the week-long event into National Adoption Awareness Month, which is what we celebrate today; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Awareness Day also occurs during National Adoption Awareness Month. Typically held on a Saturday, National Adoption Awareness Day is observed across the country in court hearings where thousands of adoptions are finalized simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 125,000 children in the United States still waiting in foster care for an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS, the average wait is 3 years for a child in foster care to be adopted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares November to be Adoption Awareness

Month and November 21, 2020 to be Adoption Awareness Day.

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
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

Councilor Fritz – Commented that this is an issue near and dear to her, with multiple children adopted in her family. Stated awareness is very important to her.

200-2020 A Resolution Proclaiming October, 2020 as Bullying Prevention Month in the Town of East Greenbush

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and via social media; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of New York state children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, bullying prevention activities in October include #BlueUp on Monday, October 5th; Make Friends with Someone You Don't Know and Challenge Others to Be Kind during the week of October 5th; Stand Up for Others during the week of October 12th; Week of Inclusion beginning October 19th; and Start Conversations: Change the Culture beginning October 26th;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Greenbush proclaims October as Bullying Prevention Month;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that residents in East Greenbush are encouraged to engage in awareness and prevention activities so that we can work together to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

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

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

Councilor Matters – Thanked Councilor Tierney for advancing this resolution, and that a resolution like this underscores things in our community that need to be highlighted.

Adam Yagelski, Director of Planning and Zoning – Shared comments/updates on last weeks' presentation by Steven Hart, Hart Engineering, and Pastor Brad Gunther on a proposed church on Onderdonk Avenue. The area is currently zoned B-2, and churches are not allowed in this zone. This would involve rezoning, an amendment to the zoning law or a use variance and a major site plan approval. Further details were discussed regarding Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, or RLUIPA. Stated a compelling public interest must be addressed. Mentioned a text amendment addressing the entire zone makes sense. Possible concern for neighborhood compatibility. Stated the process (2-3 months) would be a zoning text amendment (Local Law), require referral to county planning board, possibly a SEQR review, and a public hearing would be required.

David Gruenberg, Esq., commented to look at changing the zoning requirement for each of the different zones – doing it all at once. Stated the language is such a high bar as to why we wouldn't allow it.

Councilor Matters – Brought up Comprehensive Plan currently under review that will presumably lead to zoning changes down the road. Thought of having it all rolled up into the larger ongoing process.

Supervisor Conway – mentioned the bar for a use variance is very high and very specific. Asked Adam to email the board and lay out the issues and process and what we would have to do specifically. Mentioned for the board to have a workshop to discuss further.

Councilor Tierney - concerned about proposed driveway to 9&20 and slope and grade of it.

201-2020 A Resolution to Reschedule the November Pre-Board Meeting

WHEREAS, the Town holds its Pre-Board meetings on the second Wednesday of every month; and

WHEREAS, the second Wednesday of this November falls on November 11th which is also Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a Town Holiday and the Town Board wishes to reserve that day for the honoring of the many veterans in Town who have served our country; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the November Pre-Board meeting of the East Greenbush Town Board is rescheduled to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 to begin at its normal starting time of 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush.

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

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

202-2020 A Resolution to Adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2021

WHEREAS, the Supervisor submitted the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk on September 30, 2020 and the Town Board met on October 1, 2020 so that the Town Clerk could distribute copies of the Tentative Budget to the members of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had time to review the Tentative Budget and seek additional information by meeting and asking questions of Town staff, and suggest revisions and additions to the Tentative Budget; and

WHEREAS, based on this review the Tentative Budget has been amended to produce the Preliminary Budget that is appended hereto and made a part of this agenda; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Preliminary Budget will be subject to a public hearing on November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller asserts the resolution for adopting the 2021 Preliminary Budget will have revenue offset by appropriations and use of fund balance;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts the 2021 Preliminary Budget as appended hereto and directs the Town Clerk to keep copies in her office for public review and post it on the Town website.

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

Councilor Tierney – reiterated comments by Councilor Matters, this is tremendous work and task and thanked Supervisor Conway for his diligence and hard work.

Supervisor Conway – extended thanks to George Phillips and Meaghan Hart.

Councilor Fritz – mentioned their work is appreciated.

203-2020 A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the CDPHP Medicare Advantage Plan as One of the Health Insurance Options Offered for Retired Employees

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has worked closely with the Town's Insurance Agent, Amsure, in recent months to collect data and obtain quote information for a CDPHP Medicare Advantage Plan in order to analyze the benefits of a Preferred Provider Organization (hereinafter PPO) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently offers the CDPHP Medicare Advantage PPO Plan at a monthly premium of \$294.90, and which the Town can renew for the 2021 calendar year with no monthly increase in premium; and

WHEREAS, offering the CDPHP Medicare Advantage PPO Plan in 2021 (monthly premium of \$294.90) would continue to provide the Town a cost savings and would provide enrollees with the many benefits that are associated solely with PPO Plans, including out of state coverage and the ability to obtain specialized medical services without the need for a referral and/or plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution was adequately budgeted for in the 2021 Preliminary Budget;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve renewing the proposed CDPHP Medicare Advantage PPO Plan to the Health Insurance Options offered for Retired Employees.

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

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

204-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight (8) Revision Stinger Hawk Laser Eyewear

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the purchase of eight (8) Revision Hawk Laser Eyewear in order to ensure that in the event any person or persons may attempt to use lasers against a police officer in the Town of East Greenbush during the course of an assembly, an arrest or during the course of routine police duties all officers will have the equipment needed to protect their vision and ensure their safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the Chief of Police that these are important pieces of personal safety equipment needed to ensure the safety and well-being of the police officers in the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush requested a quote through Atlantic Tactical, a preferred contracted vendor, for eight (8) Revision Stinger Hawk laser Eyewear; and

WHEREAS, quote SQ-80650203 as submitted by Atlantic Tactical is in the amount of \$1,629.97; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$1,629.97 from the A-917 Fund Balance transferred to 31204.01.04 Police CE; and covered by the following budgetary transfer;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Town General Fund balance A917(1)		\$1,629.97
31204.01.04 Police CE	\$1,629.97	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the expenditure of \$1,629.97 to purchase eight (8) Revision Stinger Hawk Laser Eyewear.

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
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

205-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Six (6) GETAC S410 Semi-Rugged Laptops and Two (2) HAVIS Docking Stations

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the purchase of six (6) GETAC S410 Semi- Rugged Laptops and two (2) HAVIS Docking Stations to the Town Board as necessary equipment that will assist the East Greenbush Police Department in enforcing the Vehicle and Traffic Laws of New York State, in accessing the e-justice portal in the patrol units and in apprehending violators of the laws of the State of New York, while helping to make the residents of the Town of East Greenbush safer; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush requested a quote through Diagnostic Services & Installations, LLC., a preferred contracted vendor, for six (6) GETAC Semi-Rugged Laptops and two (2) HAVIS Docking Stations; and

WHEREAS, quote #4009 as submitted by Diagnostic Services & Installation, LLC. is in the amount of \$26,910.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$26,910.00 from the A-917 Fund Balance transferred to 31204.01.04 Police CE; and covered by the following budgetary transfer;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Town General Fund balance A917(1)		\$26,910.00
31204.01.04 Police CE	\$26,910.00	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the expenditure of \$26,910.00 to purchase six (6) GETAC S410 Semi- Rugged Laptops and two (2) HAVIS Docking Stations as described above.

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

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

206-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Three (3) Stalker Radar Units WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the purchase of three Stalker Radar Units to the Town Board as equipment that will assist the East Greenbush Police Department in reducing traffic speeds, enforcing the Vehicle and Traffic Laws of New York State, and helping to make neighborhoods quieter and safer; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush requested a quote through Stalker, Applied Concepts, Inc., a state contract vendor (#PC68529), for three (3) Stalker Patrol Radar Units; and

WHEREAS, quote #2040419 was submitted by Stalker, Applied Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$6,495.75; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$6,495.75 from the A-917 Fund Balance transferred to 31204.01.04 Police CE; and covered by the following budgetary transfer;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Town General Fund balance A917(1)		\$6,495.75
31204.01.04 Police CE	\$6,495.75	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the expenditure of \$6,495.75 to purchase three (3) Stalker Radar units.

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

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VOTED: YES

207-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Enter Into an Agreement with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) for the Proposed Construction of a Bus Shelter to be included with Construction of Sidewalks Along US 9 and 20 Sidewalk from Bruen Court to the City of Rensselaer Line

WHEREAS, the Town has transmitted final plans, specifications, and estimates ("PS&E") to NYSDOT for approval in connection with a transportation federal-aid project for the construction of sidewalks and certain related improvements along Columbia Turnpike (i.e., US 9 and US 20) from Bruen Court to the Rensselaer County Line NYSDOT P.I.N. 1043.58 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project involves construction of a new ADA-compliant sidewalk with curb, new pedestrian ramps, accommodations for a bus shelter, and related drainage and other improvements in the existing right-of-way to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the accommodations for the proposed bus shelter included in the Project are specifically related to grading and concrete pad construction and have been reviewed and approved by the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), NYSDOT, and Town DPW; and

WHEREAS, as specified in the PS&E, the final estimated cost to construct the bus shelter accommodations is \$5,620.00, and the accommodations are to be included in the Project, paid for in the first instance by the Town, and the Town reimbursed by CDTA as set forth in the proposed Memorandum of Agreement, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, CDTA shall be responsible for construction costs associated with the CDTA related improvements and will reimburse the Town in full for such costs within sixty (60) days of the Town invoicing CDTA for said improvements; and

WHEREAS, CDTA wishes to defer payment to the Town until after April 1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town shall submit any field adjustments or change orders that result in an increase in cost for CDTA to CDTA for its approval, or their designees, prior to commencing with the additional work; and

WHEREAS, CDTA shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the physical structure of the shelter, and bear no responsibility of the maintenance of the adjoining sidewalks, including the removal of snow and ice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the A-917 Fund Balance transferred to 80204.01.04 Planning CE designated for the 9&20 Sidewalk Project only; and covered by the following budgetary transfer;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Town General Fund balance A917(1)		\$10,000.00
80204.01.04 Planning CE	\$10,000.00	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the aforementioned Agreement upon approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

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

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

208-2020 A Resolution Amending Town Board Resolution 167-2020 To Indicate GEIS Committee Approval to Expend GEIS Water/Sewer Funds for Certain Improvements to be Installed at the Corliss Pump Station

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed resolution 167-2020 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with certain vendors to purchase and install control valves and flow meters at the Corliss Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, resolution 194-2018, which is referenced by resolution 167-2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to solicit bids to upgrade the Corliss Pump Station and the use of GEIS funds for upgrades to the Corliss Pump Station as recommended by the GEIS Committee; and

WHEREAS, at its September 2018 meeting, the GEIS Committee recommended that the proposed upgrades submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works were an appropriate use of GEIS Water/Sewer funds; and

WHEREAS, in addition, at its September 2018 meeting, the GEIS Committee also indicated that final cost amounts for the upgrades would be determined upon receiving bids for the work necessary to complete the proposed upgrades and that these costs would, in turn, require GEIS Committee approval prior to expenditure of GEIS Water/Sewer funds; and

WHEREAS, the GEIS Committee has voted to approve the expenditure of GEIS Water/Sewer funds for the Corliss Pump Station improvements authorized by resolution 167-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the expenditure of GEIS Water/Sewer funds to contract with certain vendors to purchase and install control valves and flow meters in accordance with Town Board resolution 167-2020;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Town Board resolution 167-2020 is hereby amended to provide that the GEIS Committee has voted to approve the expenditure of GEIS Water/Sewer funds for the improvements to the Corliss Pump Station indicated therein.

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

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

209-2020 A Resolution to Appoint Members to the Steering Committee to Update the Town's Comprehensive Plan

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 seven (7) members to join the CPSC; and

WHEREAS, by resolution number 41-2019, the Town Board subsequently appointed two (2) additional members to the CPSC, bringing total CPSC membership to nine (9) members; and

WHEREAS, since their appointment, two (2) appointees are no longer members and have left the CPSC, reducing current membership to seven (7) and leaving two (2) vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due consideration and deliberation, has reviewed a list of potential appointees to the CPSC in order to fill the two (2) vacancies with the goal of facilitating efficient conduct of CPSC business; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Town of East Greenbush desires to and does hereby express its gratitude to CPSC members Maira Martinez Senick and the late William Perkins, who served as CPSC Chairperson, for their service to the Town and significant contributions to the Plan Update effort as members of the CPSC; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Town of East Greenbush does hereby approve appointment of the following members to the CPSC in order to fill the two (2) current CPSC vacancies:

Maria Barrington

Marc Iorio

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Supervisor Conway 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

Supervisor Conway – mentioned last meeting was cancelled as we didn't have a quorum. The original committee was 9 members. Bill Perkins, the chair, tragically passed away suddenly and another member had to resign because her husband was sick. We needed to fill these two seats so we can always have a quorum. Stated these are two excellent appointments.

210-2020 A Resolution Appointing Victoria Manieri and Jennifer Dean to the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council and Approving the Solicitation of Additional Members

WHEREAS, the Town Board created the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council (the "Council") by adopting Local Law 2 of 2020 on May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Local Law 2 of 2020 provides that the Town Board appoint no fewer than five (5) and no more than seven (7) members to the Council to serve for terms of two (2) years with the first three (3) initial appointments being staggered and consisting of terms of one (1) year each; and

WHEREAS Local Law 2 of 2020 also provides that persons residing within the Town of East Greenbush who are interested in or have specific skills and training relative to preservation of natural resources, open space conservation and the improvement of environmental quality shall be eligible for appointment to the Council; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Manieri is a Town resident, served as Chairperson of the Natural Resources Work Group (NRWG), which prepared the Town's Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), serves on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC), which is a Special Board created to assist with preparing an update to the Comprehensive Plan, and is therefore eligible for appointment to the Council; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dean, Ph. D., is a Town resident, served as a Member of the Natural Resources Work Group (NRWG), holds a Ph. D. in entomology from Penn State University and a BS in plant Biology from Ohio University, and brings specific and related knowledge, skills, and experience from her current position as Invasive Species Biologist with the New York Natural Heritage Program, and is therefore eligible for appointment to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town finances;

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Victoria Manieri to the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council for a term not to exceed one (1) full year;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Jennifer Dean to the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council for a term not to exceed one (1) full year;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the solicitation of additional members via the Town's website, social media accounts, paper of record, and/or other means as determined by the Town Supervisor and Director of Planning and Zoning.

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

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Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES

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

Councilor Tierney – Commented on this fantastic endeavor that we've been working towards this for several years. Very happy to now have two over qualified candidates.

Supervisor Conway – Stated he and Councilor Tierney back in 2015 wanted to encourage more good people to come into the process in town government. Great appointments in these last two resolutions.

211-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Procurement of Screened Gravel and Crusher Run Aggregate for the Water Department

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14th, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 15th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to several, significant water main breaks and the replacement of the water main on Lakeview Avenue, the Department of Public Works in-stock supply of screened gravel and crusher run aggregate is becoming low; and

WHEREAS, due to a shortage of available manpower and trucks because of recent storms and truck failures, it was deemed necessary to have these materials hauled in using the Rensselaer County Contracts RFB 19-33 (Coarse Aggregates) and RFB 20-15 (Gravel and Ice Control Sand) from Rifenburg Construction Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Rifenburg Construction Inc. for \$17,430.00 for 700 Tons each of Screened Gravel and Crusher Run delivered to the DPW Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Purchasing Policy requires that purchases of \$10,000 or more must be approved by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is not to exceed \$17,500.00 from the Water Fund balance SW915(5) transferred to 83404.05.04 Transmission CE and covered by the following budgetary transfer;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Town Water Fund balance SW915(5)		\$17,500.00
83404.05.04 Transmission CE	\$17,500.00	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with Rifenburg Construction Inc. to deliver 700 tons of Screened Gravel and 700 tons of Crusher Run to the DPW Garage for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

This resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

212-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Additional Land Surveying Services Required to Complete the Design Phase of Upgrades to the Third Avenue and Barracks Road Pump Stations

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in connection with growth and development along the Tempel Lane corridor, including the construction of Regeneron's Tempel Lane Campus, the agreement with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the Amended SEQRA Findings Statement for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Tempel Lane Campus (November 20, 2018), and the Western East Greenbush GEIS, the Town is upgrading the existing pump stations known as the Third Avenue Pump Station and the Barracks Road Pump Station (hereinafter "the pump stations"); and

WHEREAS, the pump stations are part of a program of infrastructure upgrades, aimed at supporting the Town's need to address growth and support economic development in the Tempel Lane Corridor, and which is being funded by Regeneron, Empire State Development, and the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a recommendation from the Town's GEIS Policy Committee, the Town Board previously authorized the use of a portion of the SEQRA mitigation fees paid to the Town by Regeneron for these mitigation projects (resolution 132-2019), including replacement of the pump stations, as set forth in the Regeneron Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Town Board resolution 75-2020, the Town has engaged H2M Architects and Engineers ("H2M") to provide final design, bid support, and construction phase services; and

WHEREAS, H2M and the Commissioner of Public Works have identified the need for additional property boundary, topographic, location, and subsurface facility location/mapping land surveying services as necessary to advance the design phase portion of the pump stations upgrade project (the "additional survey services"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms 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 hereby authorizes the solicitation of proposals from qualified firms to provide the additional survey services required to complete the pump station upgrade project design phase.

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

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VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES

Councilor Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor Fritz	VOTED: YES

213-2020 A Resolution to Reorganize the Finance Office and Adjust the Salaries of Finance Office Employees

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office previously consisted of the Director of Finance, Human Resources Manager and Bookkeeper to the Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office is responsible for critical functions of Town government, including but not limited to: preparing and tracking the Supervisor's budget; managing the Town's insurance programs; reviewing, validating and ensuring the accuracy of payroll information for all departments; preparing reports for the Town Comptroller and Supervisor; managing the Town's Information Technology (IT) functions; overseeing recruitment and training programs for employees; coordinating purchasing and ensuring compliance with the Town's purchasing policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has identified Purchasing as an area that needs greater attention and tighter internal control; and

WHEREAS, the functions of the Bookkeeper to the Supervisor can mostly be incorporated into the work done by the Human Resources Manager and Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 190-2020, the Town Board appointed Mary Hendrick to the position of Clerk within the Finance Office to handle all purchasing issues; and

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

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Finance Office is reorganized to include the Director of Finance as supervisor of the Office, the Human Resources Manager, the clerk within the Finance Office, and the Bookkeeper to the Supervisor on an as-needed basis;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salaries of the employees in the Finance Office are adjusted as follows: Meaghan Hart - \$53,250.00; Lisa Borst - \$44,750.00; Mary Hendrick - \$40,000.00; and Florence Taylor - \$16.75/hour as needed;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect as of October 19, 2020.

This 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 R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES

Supervisor Conway – mentioned our finance office, which consists of Meaghan Hart, Lisa Borst, and Mary Hendrick is a very strong office for the town. Commented on Mary finishing draft of General

Code. Also commented on Lisa as HR Manager, especially becoming more complex and having to learn more. Commented Meaghan on all that she does in many areas.

214-2020 A Resolution Adopting the Retention & Disposition Schedule for New York Local Law Government Records (LGS-1)

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, New York State Archives has resolved and consolidated its local government records, retention and disposition schedules and issued a single comprehensive retention schedule for all types of local governments on August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said new schedule, retention and disposition schedule for New York local government records, known as LGS-1, will supersede and replace previous schedules MU-1, MI-1 and MI-1 as applied to towns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to adopt said schedule for minimum retention of records; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has determined that this resolution will not have a material financial impact upon the Town;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that only those East Greenbush Town records shall be disposed of that are described in the retention and disposition schedule from New York local government records (LGS-1) after they have met the minimum retention described therein;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Kennedy and seconded by Councilor Matters and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

215-2020 A Resolution to Adjust the Salary of the Secretary to the Supervisor

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Supervisor, Lisa O'Brien, has taken on additional responsibilities during the Covid-19 crisis, including managing the building, scheduling and monitoring the screening for Covid of employees and visitors to Town Hall, ensuring an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and organizing the renovations to Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, these new responsibilities have been undertaken in addition to her regular duties as Secretary to the Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this salary increase will be funded by an equivalent reduction in the salary of the Town Supervisor charged to account code 12210.01.01 Supervisor PS;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the salary of Lisa O'Brien be increased from \$39,078.00 to \$41,078.00;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this adjustment in salary will take effect as of October 19, 2020.

This resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES

Supervisor Conway – stated Lisa O'Brien is my Administrative Assistant and more generally my Assistant.

216-2020 A Resolution to Approve the Completion of Paving on Madison Avenue West

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Madison Avenue West has experienced a string of water main breaks which required the Department of Public Works to dig up the pavement to make the repairs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these breaks has been that we have left the pavement in that section of the road in unacceptable condition; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Manor Water Improvement Project was created to solve a number of issues facing the residents of Hampton Manor, including the repair and replacement of water lines with remedial paving that would be required by work on the lines; and

WHEREAS, prices for the paving were solicited from three vendors and Valley Paving submitted a bid of \$8,377.65, which was the lowest price; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution was budgeted in and will be paid out of the bond proceeds for the Hampton Manor Water Improvement Project charged to account code 83204.03.04.60.

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Valley Paving be retained for the purpose of paving a section of Madison Avenue West for a price not to exceed \$8,377.65.

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

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES

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

217-2020 A Resolution to Acquire a K-9 Police Patrol Vehicle

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it's in the Town's best interest to equip and supply a new K-9 unit to enhance public safety and the safety of our police officers; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town to provide a police vehicle for the East Greenbush Police Department that can be utilized as a K-9 vehicle that is in a safe and mechanically efficient condition and that can retrofitted to accommodate and transport a trained K-9 partner; and

WHEREAS, Van Bortel Chevrolet, of Macedon New York, an authorized New York State Contractor through the Onondaga County bid, has quoted a one-time total cost of \$37,322.07 for one new 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Utility Vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution can be charged to 30104.01.04 Canine CE offset by revenue to 2707.01 Canine Donations/Grants;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Police Chief to purchase one (1) new 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Utility Vehicle from Van Bortel Chevrolet Inc., as per the Onondaga County bid #8771 in the amount of \$37.322.07.

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

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

Supervisor Conway – mentioned how impressed he is with Officer Witko and how much work he has put into this. Very proud of him.

Councilor Tierney – commented she agrees with Supervisor and complimented our Chief for giving Officer Witko the opportunity to research and present this, and give him the support to do this. Brought to attention the community support and the relationships the officers have formed.

Chief Elaine Rudzinski – extended thanks to the board as well for their support.

218-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Certain Offer of Cession From Greenbush Associates, LLC, for a Road Known as "Tech Valley Drive" Located in the Town of East Greenbush

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Greenbush Associates, LLC, is the owner of the bed of Tech Valley Drive, located in the Town of East Greenbush, and more fully bounded and described on Schedule "A" annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, said LLC has irrevocably offered to grant, cede and convey to the Town, all said parcel or tract of land as more fully described on Schedule "A", to be used as a public roadway and for utility easements; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has determined that said road has been completed in final form, and meets the criteria for a town road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will have a material impact as the cost of maintaining this road through future years will exceed \$10,000.00;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby accepts said offer of cession from Greenbush Associates, LLC;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the acceptance of the deed conveying the property described in Schedule "A" annexed to this resolution after the form and content of said deed and a policy of title insurance to the benefit of the Town for said property have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney to the Town

Councilor Matters made the motion to table the foregoing resolution and was seconded by Supervisor Conway and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

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

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VOTED: YES

219-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Grant Agreement with the Stanton Foundation for the K-9 Unit

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it's in the Town's best interest to equip and supply a new K-9 unit to enhance public safety and the safety of our police officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Josh Witko, acting on behalf of the Town Board and Police Department, applied to the Stanton Foundation for a grant to help fund the K-9 Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Stanton Foundation awarded a grant of \$27,000.00 to the East Greenbush Police Department to help cover the expenses of the K-9 Unit; and

WHEREAS, in order to accept the grant and access the funds, the Supervisor must execute a grant agreement with the Stanton Foundation; and

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

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Grant Agreement with the Stanton Foundation after the Attorney to the Town approves it as to form and content.

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
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

220-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Certain Offer of Cession From East Greenbush Lodging Associates, LLC for a Road From Tempel Lane to Troy Road, Adjacent to Hotel Premises

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted in time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of October 14, 2020 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on October 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, East Greenbush Lodging Associates, LLC, is the owner of the bed of a certain road, running from Tempel Lane to Troy Road, adjacent to certain hotel premises, located in the Town of East Greenbush, and more fully bounded and described on Schedule "A" annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, said LLC has irrevocably offered to grant, cede and convey to the Town, all said parcel or tract of land as more fully described on Schedule "A", to be used as a public roadway and for utility easements; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has determined that said road has been completed in final form, and meets the criteria for town road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will have a material impact as the cost of maintaining this road through future years will exceed \$10,000.00;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby accepts said offer of cession from East Greenbush Lodging Associates, LLC;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the acceptance of the deed conveying the property described in Schedule "A" annexed to this resolution after the form and content of said deed and a policy of title insurance to the benefit of the Town for said property have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney to the Town.

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
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES

Supervisor Conway – Described how this had to be brought up to our standards before the Town was going to take this road. Between Deputy Commissioner Scott Gallerie, DPW Commissioner Daniel Fiacco, Adam Yagelski, David Gruenberg, Esq, and Supervisor, they put in a lot of time and answered a lot of questions. Stated it now meets our standards and we're ready to take the road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn is made 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 R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES

Executive Session – ended 8:45 PM. Supervisor Conway moved it, Councilor Kennedy second, 5-0 Vote. Adjourned at 8:45 PM – Supervisor Conway moved it, Councilor Tierney second, 5-0 Vote.

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn East Greenbush Town Clerk