

The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING February 22, 2022

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The following is a summary of the Town Board Special Meeting as recorded by the Town Clerk.

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Town Board Meeting:	6:00 PM			
	Members of Town Board			
	Present	Absent		
			Supervisor J. Conway Councilor T. Tierney Councilor H. Kennedy Councilor B. Fritz Councilor E. Nestler	

Schedule of Meeting:

The Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush to conduct business. The previously scheduled Public Workshop will begin, as scheduled, at 6:30 p.m. on the same night but will also take place at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush. It was originally scheduled as a remote workshop but due to the relaxing of some Covid protocols, the meeting will be held in person.

Open Public Privilege: Resident, David Terpening, addressed his comments to the Town Board.

Town Board Workshop on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Town received \$828,000 in ARPA funds in 2021 and we expect to receive the same in 2022. There is no expectation of any further funding through this program.

Supervisor Conway – Stated for the record we have received the first tranche of funding for 2021, and should receive about the same amount this year in 2022. Mentioned the ARPA was set up during Covid to help mitigate the effects of Covid on town municipal finances. Noted the Town Board has received a 400-page document from the Department of Treasury explaining eligibility of funds. Talked about key eligible categories such as water and sewer infrastructure and paving that the board should look at. Pointed out Cross Street pump station should be considered as well.

Councilor Tierney – Mentioned to come up with categories and their estimated expenses, taking into consideration inflation, and prioritizing them.

Town Board further discussed options for funding and will start the process by creating a list ranking each of their suggestions, taking into consideration needs and wants of the town as well as respective department heads. George Phillips, Comptroller, discussed documentation and justification needed on funds.

6:30 p.m. Public Workshop on the Tempel Lane Extension Project.

Presentation by Chris Cornwell, P.E., Greenman-Pederson, Inc. followed by public discussion.

Supervisor Conway – Stated this is a town project, although Regeneron is paying for it. Mentioned after several studies through the years, the town is requiring this road to be built.

Adam Yagelski, Director of Planning & Zoning - Discussed overview of project.

Open Public Privilege: Gerry Underwood and Kyle Cherry of Regeneron along with residents addressed their comments and questions.

ADJOURNMENT – To Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session 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 B. Fritz	VOTED: YES
Councilor E. Nestler	VOTED: YES

Executive Session ended at 8:10 PM; duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Tierney; 5-0 votes.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM; duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Fritz; 5-0 votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Pangburn Town Clerk