

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY and County of Greene, NY held a Monthly Meeting at the Prattsville Town Hall on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk
	Crystal Cornell	Councilperson
	Bill Sutton	Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Theresa Whitworth, Dave Whitbeck, Carole Cangelosi, Connie Briggs, Debbie Dymond, Charlie Santos, Dave Rikard, Jim Thorington
Zoom: Tal Rapplezea, Monica Mindt

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Clerks minutes for July 11, 2022 regular meeting and July 14, 2022 Special meeting.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the monthly Financial Report.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin
Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident Connie Briggs asked what and when repairs to the Town Green playground are going to be made. The slide is broken, steps are cracked and the play house needs to be painted. Supervisor Cross replied that it was up for discussion on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Highway – everything running at this time
2. Water District – New well Report – Tal is still working on easements with Young's.
3. Code Enforcement report – Building permits – 1 New Lodge, 2 new Garages, 2 New Decks and 1 CO search
4. Tax Collector report – all funds are now being sent to Greene County
5. Water & Sewer Billing report – there are 47 water bills unpaid and 75 sewer bills unpaid
6. Supervisor's report – Broadband Cty Rte 10 side fees have been paid to Verizon and NYSEG, making ready so Mid Hudson can get their lines up,
Bill Sutton got 1 bid for the firehouse road blacktopping, 2 bids are required.

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7. Waste water treatment plant report – Average flow for July was 24,000 gallons a day, Loss of power to the SBR caused loss of function on auto, it erased the program and a new program was downloaded and a new SD card sent. The WWTP got a quote to replace the unit of \$289,644. WWTP also got a quote of \$60,900 just to fix the problem not including labor. Taking the best option they decided to continue manually operating the J-Press. Monthly samples have been delivered to Phoenix Labs and Monthly reports have been sent in and accepted for June and July.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CON for Ambulance service – Resolution #13-2022 **RESOLUTION #13-2022 SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A MOUNTAINTOP AMBULANCE AND ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IN RELATION THERETO BY THE MOUNTAINTOP AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Mountaintop Towns of Greene County including the Town of Prattsville and others have traditionally utilized volunteer ambulance companies or other similar organizations for its ambulance and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, due to a severe shortage of trained emergency responders, many of the Greene County Mountaintop Towns, including the Town of Prattsville have resorted to obtaining their own Certificate of Need and contracted with nearby Town to provide such service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsville recognizes that such arrangement cannot be a permanent situation; and

WHEREAS, many of the Greene County Mountaintop Towns, including the Town of Prattsville, have caused to be created a NYS not-for-profit corporation entitled Mountaintop Ambulance Service, Inc., which has received IRS Code §501-c-3 tax exempt recognition; and

WHEREAS, the said Mountaintop Ambulance Service, Inc., has or is intending to apply to the NYS Department of Health to obtain a Certificate of Need for the establishment of an emergency medical and ambulance service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Prattsville hereby announces its' full support of the efforts of the said Mountaintop Ambulance Service, Inc., and specifically supports the issuance of a Certificate of Need; and it further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to assist in such application.

OFFERED BY Supervisor Cross, SECONDED BY Councilperson Peckham.
CARRIED August 8, 2022

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	AYE	NAY	ABSENT/OTHER
SUPERVISOR CROSS	X		

COUNCILPERSON SOULE-CORNELL

Abstained

COUNCILPERSON MARTIN X

COUNCILPERSON PECKHAM X

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2. CWC Septic Program – DEP is considering towns that have the capacity to take sewage sludge from haulers. Our operator believes if it happens it would be in the best interest of the town. They are working on filing out the application for the town. Due date is September 1, 2022.

3. CWC Resolution #12-2022 Flood Mitigation Grant – **RESOLUTION #12-2022 AUTHORIZATION FOR APPLICATION TO CWC FOR FLOOD MITIGATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE TOWN HALL**

On motion by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, THE Town of Prattsville sustained devastating damage as a result of Hurricane Irene in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsville Town Hall is located within the mapped 100 year floodplain and sustained substantial damage as a result of Hurricane Irene, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsville desires to apply to the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) for construction costs to raise the Town Hall to at least two feet above the base flood elevation of the 100 year floodplain, and

WHEREAS, CWC flood mitigation grants require the Town to contribute 25% of the construction costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsville authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply to CWC in an amount not to exceed \$291,961 representing 75% of construction costs including contingency.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

4. County Resolutions ABC – bids awarded

Propane – Nolan Bottled Gas Company

Diesel Fuel – Main Brothers Oil Company

Gasoline – Main Brothers Oil Company

5. LVDV Amendment – A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilperson to approve of the following Amendment No. 1 --Agreement Between the Town of Prattsville and LVDV Operations, Inc. for the Testing and Reporting for the Prattsville Water District.

1. The Basic Services (section I.) are hereby amended by adding the following scope of work items:

Operation, Maintenance, & Adjustment of Chlorination System including procurement of hypochlorite therefore.

Serving as Operator of Record for the Prattsville Water District.

2. The Payment for Services (section V.) Annual Upset Fee is hereby changed from \$10,000 to \$11,500

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Cornell

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Martin

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6. Resolution for William G. Pomoroy Foundation Grant – **RESOLUTION #14-2022 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR WILLIAM G. POMOROY FOUNDATION GRANT**

WHEREAS One of the Town of Prattsville's core values is the celebration of its centuries' old history. The Town strongly believes that historic markers play an important role in local historic preservation by serving a dual purpose. They educate the public and foster historic tourism, which in turn can provide much needed economic benefits to the towns and villages where the markers are placed.

WHEREAS The William G. Pomoroy Foundation's New York State Historic Marker Grant Program commemorates historic people, places, things or events within the time frame of 1740-1922, the Town of Prattsville wishes to make application to the Foundation for three historic markers to mark several important buildings and/or events in the Town's history, including the 18th century skirmish between British soldiers and residents of Schoharie Kill (present day Prattsville) on the banks of Schoharie Creek near Devasego Park; the Commercial Building across from the Reformed Dutch Church, once the site of Zadock Pratt's earliest dwelling and workshop ca. 1825 when he first began what would become the largest tannery in the world; and the Prattsville Academy, now the Town Hall, built in 1842 through contributions by Zadock Pratt and town residents; and Pratt Rock Park, the "Mount Rushmore of the East," one of America's earliest man-made Civil War monuments, a historic example of an early 19th century pleasure park and Zadock Pratt's gift to the Town,

THEREFORE, The Town of Prattsville wishes to apply to the William G. Pomoroy Foundation for our (4) historic markers to celebrate these examples of Prattsville's distinguished American History.

RESOLVED that the Supervisor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to make such application.

OFFERED BY Supervisor Cross, SECONDED BY Councilperson Peckham,
CARRIED August 8, 2022

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	AYE	NAY	ABSENT/OTHER
SUPERVISOR CROSS	X		
COUNCILPERSON SOULE-CORNELL			Abstained
COUNCILPERSON MARTIN	X		
COUNCILPERSON PECKHAM	X		

Supervisor Cross brought forward that the Town has been offered a donation from Nicholas Juried the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the playground on the Town Green. It is with the understanding that the money be used for repairs to the existing playground and anything else. Mr Juried has requested that a sign be erected in his honor for the donation.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to approve of the donation with those stipulations.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

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A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to move to an Executive session for contract negotiations at 8:14pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to come out of the Executive session and go back to a regular session at 8:31pm

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin Nd seconded by Councilperson Peckham to pay the bills on abstract #8 for August.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk

