

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
December 9, 2024

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, December 9, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Mason Chase	Councilman
	Heidi Ruehlmann	Councilperson
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Theresa Whitworth	Town Clerk

Others Present: Debbie Dymond, Dan Peckham, Connie Briggs, Kathy Sherman, John Lane, Dave Whitbeck, Jin Rion, Jim Thorington, Diana Santo (Lawyer)

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the Clerks minutes for Regular Meeting of November 11, 2024 and Special Meetings of October 24th, October 29th and November 6th 2024.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Chase, Martin Ruehlmann

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the Monthly Financial report.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Planning Board secretary would like to reschedule their meeting from January 1st to January 8th 2025. Resident Jim Rion brought up the question about getting water and sewer to his vacant property. The shut offs for the trailer he owns have been paved over and now they can not be located in case of a water leak. There is no curb stop, and there is no meters to measure water usage. Jim would like this to be taken care of within the next two weeks. Diana Santo has been working on the situation and is to get the maps from Theresa.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Highway – They have had a lot of breakdowns and have had to borrow a truck
2. Water District report – average daily flow of water was 30,433 gallons, average daily chlorine residual was .94mg/l, bacteria sample was (absent), monthly report submitted to NYSDOH.
3. Code Enforcement report – 3 permits, 1 inspection, 2 classes
4. WWTP report – average daily flow was 23,000 gallons, replaced Magnesium Hydroxide Chemical Peristaltic Pump Tube, ordered and installed a (UPS) Uninterrupted Power Supply, started quarterly Commercial Water Meter Readings, troubleshoot Tim Road Pump Station #1, unable to determine the cause, monthly samples delivered to Adirondack Labs, monthly reports sent in and accepted.

5. Zadock Pratt Museum report – on file in the Town Hall, Councilman Chase received a call from Ann Donovan about getting some volunteers to help digitize documents to preserve Town records.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CST quote – we lease the phones that the Town has now and if we purchase the system from PBX phone system they would pay for themselves within 3 months. This is from the same company we have for the computer system (CST Group). A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to accept the quote of \$2029.37 to purchase the phone system from CST Group to be installed after January 1, 2025.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

2. LVDV Water and Sewer 5yr Contracts – A 10 percent increase was requested for the year 2025 making the total \$344,128 for basic services and \$86 per hour for additional services. For subsequent years, LVDV requests that its fees increase at the rate of inflation as calculated by NYCDEP.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the LVDV proposed Wastewater Contract.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Martin

LVDV has submitted the 5yr contract for the Water service at a rate of \$10,500 annually for 2025 and subsequent years at the same annual rate as previous years.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the LVDV proposed Water Contract.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Martin

3. Solar on Earth contract – the Board decided not to go with this company

4. Pratt Rock Park – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of Councilman Chase working with Carolyn Bennett and Steve Whitsell to apply for the Mellon Grant to secure funding for Pratt Rock Park.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

5. Town Hall lift – FEMA has agreed to pay 100% of the cost of elevating the Town Hall, the project would need to be completed by February 2026.

6. State reclaim – the final repayment terms were an amount of \$26,656.66 annually for 20 years. With a total of \$533,133.14

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of terms of repayment amount of \$26,656.66 annually to the State of New York on April 1st.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

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7. Ambulance Contract – to be continued at a later date

A representative from Laberge group contacted Supervisor Cross about the Towns Comprehensive Plan and the Smart Growth Grant, He is scheduled to come to the End of the Year meeting.

The End of the Year meeting will be set for December 26, 2024 at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to move to an Executive Session at 7:58pm

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

With no decisions made a motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to go out of the Executive Session and back to the Regular Session at 8:37pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #12 for December.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Deputy Town Clerk