Town of Prattsville

Reorganization Meeting

January 2, 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present: Greg Cross Supervisor

Eli Martin Councilman

Joyce Peckham Councilperson

Heidi Ruehlmann Councilperson

Mason Chase Councilman

Theresa Whitworth Town Clerk

Others Present: Kathy Sherman, Connie Briggs, Donald Rion, Dan Peckham

Supervisor Cross called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

CWC would like to see the Town Hall lift continue and hoping to convince the Town Board of continuing the process. The Board after a short discussion decided to have Jason Merwin, representative from CWC come to the next Board meeting to present ideas of funding the project.

A short discussion about the Ballfield involved the taxpayers paying all the expenses and not getting anything in return. It was mentioned that a fee should be charged for anyone using the concession stand.

**Resolution #1-2024 Approval of the following appointments and salaries.**

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Peckham to accept the following appointment and salaries.

1. 2024 Vital Statistic salary and appointment Theresa Whitworth $150.00/year

2. 2024 Court Clerk salary and appointment Jim Baltz $4500.00/year

3. 2024 Supervisor’s Clerk/Bookkeeper Kathy Sherman $10,000/year

4. 2024 Appointed Assessor’s salary Nancy Bower $12,848/year

5. 2024 Water District Clerk’s salary and appointment Theresa Whitworth $2,210.00/year

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the following appointments and salaries.

6. 2024 Conine Road Water Issue R/O Superintendent salary and appointment: \_Jim Dymond $3,290/year

7. 2024 Building Inspectors salary and appointment: \_Don Schoenborn\_\_\_\_ $10,000/year

8. 2024 Water District Superintendent salary & appointment: \_Jim Dymond\_\_\_ $3,740/year

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the following appointments and salaries.

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9. 2024 Cemetery Internment Officer salary & appointment: \_Greg Cross\_\_\_\_ $1,200/year

Ayes 4 Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Cross

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the following appointments and salaries.

10. 2024 Cemetery Secretary: Theresa Whitworth $800/year

11. Youth Program Director Salary &amp; Appt: \_Robin Haight $2,000.00/year

12. Youth Program Assist. Director Salary &amp; Appt.: \_Tabled\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $16/hour

13. and Junior Assistant(s), as needed based on # Tabled at minimum wage

14. 2024 Attorney for the Town: \_\_Tal Rappleyea\_\_\_\_ $150/hour

15. 2024 Historian appointment and Compensation: \_Carolyn Bennett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $400/year

16. 2024 Health Officer appointment: Bonnie Diamond\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$108/year

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the following Appointments and salaries.

17. 2024 Cleaning Personnel appointment and compensation: \_\_Robin Haight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $18.00/hour

18. 2024 Planning Board Chairman Appoint &amp; Compensation: \_Jim Dymond\_\_\_$450+training/yr.

19. 2024 Planning Board Secretary appt. & compensation: \_Deb Dymond\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $1,400/year

20. 2024 Dog Control Officer appt. & contract: \_Jeremy Marsh\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $1,200.00/year

plus mileage and extras

21. 2024 Planning Board Members compensation: $30.00/meeting/training, max $1,100/year

22. 2024 Deputy Town Clerk: \_Kathy Sherman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $50.00/meeting

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the following appointments.

23. 2024 Planning Board appointment: \_\_Tom Briggs\_\_\_

24. 2024 Records Management Officer: Theresa Whitworth\_

27. 2024 Fair Housing Officer appointment: \_Theresa Whitworth\_

28. 2024 Inventory Clerk Appointment: Theresa Whitworth

29. 2024 Cemetery Records Officer: \_Theresa Whitworth\_

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the following appointments.

25. 2024 Engineer for the Town Lamont Engineering\_

26. 20224 Attorney for WWTP/Infrastructure Program: \_Kevin Young\_\_\_

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Recused 1 Martin

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A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the following appointments.

30. 2024 Everett Conine Memorial Ballfield Chairman: Mason Chase\_

31. 2024 Deputy Town Supervisor: \_Joyce Peckham\_

32. 2024 Deputy Highway Superintendent: \_Peter Diamond\_

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

The following are Tabled until the next meeting

33. 2024 Audit of Town Books: Court, Bookkeeper, Town Clerk

34. 2024 Sexual Harassment Policy

35. 2024 Contractor&#39;s Policy

36. 2024 Procurement Policy

37. 2024 Credit Card Policy

38. 2024 DELETED

39. 2024 Code Of Ethics and Disclosure Law

41. 2024 Full time Benefit Schedule

42. 2024 Part time Benefit Schedule

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the following:

40. 2024 Investment and Cash Management Policies: NBT – Current Bank

Add the following banks: Bank of Coxsackie, Bank of Greene County &amp; Wayne Bank

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded By Councilperson Ruehlman to approve of the following as is

43. 2024 Building Permit Fees

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlman and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the following

44. 2024 Mileage – IRS Rate (effective 1/1/2024 - $.67/mile)

45. Return Check Fee: $25.00 + protest fees

46. 2024 Petty Cash Fund: $100.00 /each Justice

47. 20224 Payment of certain bills in advance of audit: Phone, Cell Phone, Health Insurance,

Fuel Oil and Diesel Bills, SPDES Permit, Copier, Insurance and Postage/Box Rent

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the following;

48. Vouchers: Submitted by the Thursday prior to the 2 nd Monday of the month

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49. Official Town Newspaper: Mountain Eagle and The Oneonta Daily Star

50. Town Board Monthly Meeting, set date and time: 2 nd Monday at 7:00 pm

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

51. 2024 Senior Citizens Tax Exemption: \_Tabled\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (was $29K) maximum income limit

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the following.

52. 2024 Highway Department Wing Man-Laborer: $\_18.00\_\_\_\_\_/hour (was $18.00 last year)

53. 2024 Board Assessment and review Compensation: $\_18.00\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (was $18.00 last year)

Hughes Energy contacted the Office to inquire about the balance in their escrow account, but did not want to close it.

Resident Michele Brainard mentioned how Ambulance District taxpayers were pleasantly surprised that the taxes were not raised much.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to move to an Executive session to discuss contractual obligations at 7:47pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to go back to a regular session at 8:09pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth/ Town Clerk