

**GREIG TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 2015**

The Regular May 2015 meeting of the Greig Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Patterson at 6:00 PM in the small meeting room.

Present: Councilman Mallette, Arthur and Knapp, Supervisor Patterson, Superintendent Watson and Clerk Gunn.

Also present: David Meade, Town CEO and Jefferson Community College presenters – Professor Joel LaLone and Student Patrick Crane, Members of the Town Comprehensive Plan Committee, County Planner Frank Pace and Brantingham Community Association President Eric Martin

Presentation of results of the Town Comprehensive Planning Survey took place. Mr LaLone described the original survey as being well constructed and able to generate results that could be analyzed in many ways. He described it as though a politician would poll to see how they would fare in an election against candidate A or candidate B, and then want to know within the persons answering the questions how many were male or female, or between the ages of 18 to 40 and between 40 to 80 and so on. There were 620 respondents answering 155 questions providing 95 thousand pieces of data. It took over 100 man hours to enter the data, and Mr. LaLone and the team created the categories to describe each respondent. The results will be provided in a PDF to the Town , which will then be available to be viewed at the Library, Town Clerks Office or Town Website. Everybody agreed it was a very well done study and presentation, and Mrs. Patterson extended the town's gratitude to Mr. LaLone and Mr. Crane. The Board moved into the large meeting room to conduct the regular board meeting at 7:15 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Patterson noted the April minutes had been distributed prior to this meeting and asked for comments or changes, and approval.

**Motion 15-05-01:** made by Councilman Knapp, Seconded by Mallette

Approve minutes as presented

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Meade requested the Town Board grant an easement on the former Parson's property, requested by Jeffery Petroski, on North Shore Rd. Owner of 277.10-01-25.000 also owns the parcel across the street and wishes to place 3 pipes under the road to facilitate septic, water and electric because of space restrictions on the Brantingham Lake side of the road. Mr. Petroski is asking for two 5' easments.

CEO Meade noted the Planning Board has made some changes to the proposed Zoning Law changes and has made a hand-out of these changes. The changes must go to the County Planning Board prior to any town public hearing. This will be done for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> County Planning Board meeting. The Town Board would then be able to set a July Public Hearing at it's June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Other activity items are noted on the hand-out which will appear on the town web-site.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Patterson introduced Mr. Eric Martin, President of the Brantingham Community Association. He spoke on the idea presented last summer about the need for a launch steward. It is an increasingly discussed issue within the Adirondack Region because of the potential of invasive species being introduced into our lake. If this were to happen, it has been demonstrated that assessed asset values would drop by 10 to 20 percent. Mr. Martin will speak to the BCA Directors at their board meeting next week about funding a steward for a number of Saturdays this coming summer. If this happens, he is asking if the Town would handle the employment issues for this person. The Board generally agreed this would be a doable action. The County Soil and Water Department has a “materials collection” box that could be placed at the launch and the steward could make use of this item. We will continue to discuss this action at the next board meeting.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Gebo could not attend this meeting, but did call in on a speaker phone to listen to the Board's concern that it had missed the date to repeal the 2014 Law to Authorize Exceeding the 2% Tax Cap. Mr. Gebo did not have reference documents on hand, but did remember that the State phased this requirement in and, in his memory, the Towns were not included in the repeal requirement until the 2016 Budget was being prepared. He will have to research and get back to the Board on the status.

## **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Patterson presented the “Town Hall Building Use Policy” as passed by the Board. This answers the question presented at the last meeting about the Library group serving wine at a future function. The use policy indicates the Town Board would grant permission for food and beverage at the time of use application. This should encourage the Library Planning Committee to make application for its function.

Mrs. Patterson also presented copies of:  
Town of Martinsburg and Town of Greig Procurement Policy  
Village of Carthage Use of Credit Cards Policy  
OCS.state.ny.us Model Code Of Ethics for Local Governments  
Town of Martinsburg Investment Policy  
General Municipality Policy against Sex Discrimination  
General Use of Social Media Policy

Mrs. Patterson noted a visit from a member of NYMIR, the Town Insurance Company, who spoke of the need for policy, and the recent Tog Hill Local Government meeting where the need for these

policies was addressed. Mrs. Patterson will be working with the Town Attorney to address the policies and prepare them for the Greig Town Board to approve them for local use.

Supervisor Patterson distributed examples of what the sign might look like for the front of the Town Hall property. These were prepared for estimating purposes by Peebles Sign Painting Shop. Some discussion took place resulting with the decision that Superintendent Watson obtain a quote from the Lewis County Sign Shop for signs that will meet the needs.

Mrs. Patterson noted that Greig does not have a copy of the approved Fire Contract with Lyons Falls for 2015. We will have to research the minutes to see what was approved.

DEC reported Greig township passed inspection of the green dump.

Attorney William Riley addressed a letter to the Town Board on behalf of his clients, the Szykowski's who recently purchased a camp on the Lily Pond. They wish to have a property line adjustment made, giving the Town of Greig extra land on it's parcel 277.19-01-18.000 to include the entire Spillway Building and Spillway outlet from the Lily Pond. The Board indicated they would accept the change if the Town does not incur any charges. Attorney Gebo should proceed with this matter.

Supervisor reports the Town has received it's share of the:

Mortgage Tax for the quarter	- \$10,581.45
Snow Removal Payment	- \$48,000.00
Insurance Co. Accident Payment	- \$26,300.00

Mrs. Patterson requested permission to purchase 12 flags and mounting rods and fixtures enabling them to be mounted on the power poles from the Burdicks Crossing Rd to Brantingham Rd intersections, along the Greig Rd.. She stated she has the "right to use the power poles" form from National Grid. Superintendent Watson said his crew would mount them. Money to come from the A1640.4 Bldg Maintenance budget line.

**Motion 15-05-02:** made by Councilman Arthur, Seconded by Knapp

Allow Supervisor to purchase 12 American Flags, \$36 each, for display along the Greig Rd.

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

Councilman Mallette reported he has obtained a second opinion from a local water filtration professional as well as an estimate on installing equipment proposed by the first vendor spoken to. He says the second expert stated the salt is so concentrated in the Town Property Well that it could not be entirely removed. Even the well on the newly acquired next door property would not be cost effective to make it potable. Mr. Mallette will continue to study the situation.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Watson reports road paving will begin 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. Eagle Dr., Kirch Hill Rd, Lower Fish Creek Rd. and a double coating of Donnattsburg Rd are planned. DEC has approved Greig to build a plow turn-around at the end of Donnattsburg Rd.

CHIPS will be \$150,000 but Greig still has a balance of \$14,000 to be added to it.

NY State plans on GPS'ing every road in the town soon. You may see a car with the GPS Pole on top of it, so be aware of what they are doing. This will verify the amount of town roads that qualify for CHIPS support.

Greig crew will repair the truck that was involved in the accident.

Clay Duncan has been hired to replace Steve Skiff. He should start within the next two weeks.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Mrs. Patterson handed out copies of the April 2015 Monthly Report, but the financial report from the accounting software is not included because of another problem that has been reported to the vendor. Bank statements show detail of correct cash position.

**Motion 15-05-03:** made by Councilman Knapp, Seconded by Mallette

Approve the Supervisors Report

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

## **CLERKS REPORT**

Mr. Gunn handed out the clerk / collector report for April 2015.

There was 1 certified copy and 3 dog licenses and 9 Building Permits. He took in \$1961.40. He expended \$1954.40 to the Supervisor, and \$7.00 to NYS Ag & Markets.

Tax collections to date amounted to \$2,072,292.17. There are 1710 bills collected.

**Motion 15-05-04:** made by Councilman Knapp, Seconded by Mallette

Approve the Clerk/Collector Report

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

## ABSTRACTS REPORT

Total spent in April 2015:

General Fund	\$ 5,690.14
Highway Fund	\$10,102.18
Trust & Agency	\$ 6,436.43
Total April      Vouchers	\$22,228.75

**Motion 15-05-05:** made by Councilman Knapp, Seconded by Arthur

Approve Abstracts allowing payments

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

Being no further business

**Motion 15-05-06:** made by Councilman Arthur, Seconded by Mallette

Motion to adjourn 9:05 PM

Vote:

Mayhew	Absent	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Aye	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Aye		

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Gunn, Clerk