Town of Prattsville

Monthly Meeting

March 14, 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, March 14, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present: Greg Cross Supervisor

 Joyce Peckham Councilperson

 Crystal Soule Cornell Councilperson

 Eli Martin Councilman

 Kathy Sherman Town Clerk

 Bill Sutton Highway Superintendent

Absent: Andrew Rikard Councilperson

Others Present: Melissa Peters, John & Jim Young, Theresa Witworth, Connie Briggs, Dan Peckham, Debbie & Jim Dymond, Dave Whitbeck, Carole Cangelosi, Heidi Ruehlman, MaryLou Kenny, John Lane, Dave Rikard,

ZOOM: Mike Ryan, Tal Rappleyea, Roger Middleton

Supervisor Cross called the meeting to order 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 February 14, 2022.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

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

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR / CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Supervisor Cross received an email from the Attorney representing Arthur J. Young & Sons concerning proposing Eminent Domain. John Young requested to speak on the matter. He presented the original proposal that they did not sign concerning the easement. There were sections with specifications that

they could not possibly control. He does not want to have these restrictions, and the compensation of $17,000 was not comprable. Supervisor Cross said that the letter was supposed to be more specific and list the items that could be stored next to the property when the easement was purchased.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – New Truck is being built hopefully done in April-- all good

2. Water District –

3. Code Enforcement – nothing at this time

4. Tax Collector – all local taxes are paid – rest being sent to the County

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5. Water Billing – bills have been sent out – money coming in already

6. Audit of Clerks Books , Court Books – postponed until April meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coalition of Watershed Towns Executive Committee Vote -

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to vote as proposed on the Ballot.

Two Year term – David Kukle & Steve Walker

Alternates---- Greg Cross & Rich Tompkins

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

2. Ballfield Permit application from WAJ Varsity Softball team – The Board approved of the application for use of the Ballfield on April 24, 2022 by the Windham Ashland Jewett Varsity Softball Team.

3. Primax/Dollar General application withdrawal and fee objections – The negotiations between Primax and John Young have ended and Primax no longer has access to the site. They are withdrawing their Site Plan Application and is requesting a refund of the escrow account. A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to refund Primax the amount of $3,206.86 from the Escrow account.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

4. Elevation Grant Resolution – A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to continue with funding through CWC applying for a $350,000 Grant for the Elevation of the Town Hall.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

5. Site Plan Review Law – The County does not have any issues on their side with the revised Site Plan Review Law. A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the Revised Site Plan Review Law #3-2022.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

6. Battery Storage Law – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of Local Law # 5-2022 Battery Storage Law.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

7. Solar Energy Law – A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to approve of Local Law #4- 2022 Solar Energy Regulations.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

8. Hudson River Greenway Grant – The Town has applied and been accepted for a $10,000 grant through the Hudson River Community program. In order to be a member of the Greenway program a Memorandum of Understanding has to be signed.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the

Supervisor signing the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hudson River Greenway Community Program to become a member.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

9. Phone System upgrade – 8x8 proposal – Installing a new system would upgrade the phone system making it more efficient and save some cost.

10. UHY CPA Engagement – A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to hire accountant firm UHY for the year 2022.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to move to an Executive session at 7:25pm to discuss a potential Legal problem.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to leave the Executive session at 7:40pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

At the last Monthly meeting the understanding was that with the water well project any legal expenses would be covered by the grant. Acquisitions of properties would be covered by the Water District Grant. The information was submitted to the grant funding source and was denied. The legal expenses for the Land Acquisition would have to be paid by the Water District.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross to rescind the Boards previous vote on February 14, 2022 to hire Young Sommer for $24,500. not to exceed the contract seconded by Councilperson Cornell.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Cornell

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Martin

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross to hire Young Sommer at an hourly rate to proceed with the acquisition of easements for the PW1 project. The estimated cost would exceed $25,000. seconded by Councilperson Peckham.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Cornell

Nays 0

Abstained 1 Martin

WWTP – Dave Whitbeck noted that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is looking for a Sludge hauler. He has been having a problem finding someone for the job. They must have a special permit to haul Bio Solids.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #3 for March.

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 7:45pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk