

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
October 15, 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, October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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

Absent:	Eli Martin	Councilman
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Others Present: Dan Peckham, Carolyn Bennett, Franklin Marquit, Kathy Sherman, John Lane, Bonnie Chase, Dave Whitbeck, Karen & Doug Johnson, Shelly Brainard, Tim Furstmau, Connie Briggs, Scott Tyree, Michael Miano, Steve Whitesell

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the clerks minutes for the regular monthly meeting of September 9th 2024.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Naye 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the monthly financial report.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Abstain 1 Chase

Comments from the floor/ correspondence from the community

Timothy Furstnau gave a project update on the radification of the Japanese Knotweed along the creek. They have removed many yards of the knotweed and planted willow trees to stablize the land. He has trained dozens of people on the knotweed and its management. There are two grants of funding that can be applied for. One for ongoing stewardships and one for alternative land base initives.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – no report
2. Water District report – average daily flow for September was 32,590 gallons, bacteria sample was “absent”, submitted expsence sheet and quote for 2025 water budget
3. Code Enforcement report – 1 COO, 3 permits
4. WWTP report – average daily flow was 25,000 gallons, a new transducer is needed and ordered, received quote from Aqualogics of \$52,000 for a new SCADA system, received approval from DEP to purchase the new SCADA, received approval from NYCDEP for the 2025 Sewer District O&M budget
5. Zadock Pratt Museum report – Carolyn Bennett spoke to the Board about taking possetion of the deed and remaining funds available to repair the little red commercial building, Supervisor Cross also explained that there was \$96,500 left for that repair. Carolyn suggested that the Town use that money for Pratt Rock and replace it with the reimburable Grant monies. There is at this time \$85,000 in invoices for Pratt Rock that need to be paid. The Museum sent over \$25,000 of Pratt Rock funds to go toward those invoices.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Delinquent Water Bills –
2. Delinquent Sewer Bills – A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlman to send the Sewer and Water bills to Greene County.
Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Naye 0
3. Letter from a resident – a local town resident Sally Makman sent a letter to the Town Board just to document her situation with a neighbor. It seems as though a right away road has a chain and lock across it blocking her access to her home. This is a legal matter, in which the Town has no input.
4. Commercial Building / Pratt Rock – discussed under Pratt Museum report
5. Town Use forms – 1 form was submitted to use the Conine Field Pavillion for Home School Co-Op. The Town Use form was approved.
6. Tax Cap Override – A Public hearing will be set for October 24th at the Special Meeting for the Tax cap override.
7. Budget Workshop – Special Meeting set for October 24th and October 29th at 6:00pm, The ambulance budget should arrive at the Town Hall on Tuesday
8. Lamont Contract – the current proposed operating contract is with an increase of 10% for 2025 and a three year inflation rate increase after that. The Lamont Contract will be discussed at the Special Meeting on October 24th 2025.
9. A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to purchase two curved benches from Taylor Monuments for the Town Green.
Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Naye 0
10. The State has offered a repayment plan of 20 years without interest for funds given to the Town after Hurricane Irene. The Town is going to request it be extended to 25 years with no interest.
11. Next months Town Board meeting will be held on November 11th (Veterans Day).

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to pay the bills on abstract #10 for October. The invoice for the benches will be paid at the October 24th meeting.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Naye 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Naye 0

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth/Town Clerk