

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
November 13, 2023

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, November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk
	Bill Sutton	Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Theresa, Carole Landers, Steve Baker, Connie Briggs, Jim & Debbie Dymond, Diana & Arnold Jaeger, John Lane, Dan Peckham, Mason Chase, Michele Brainard, John Drechsler, Tal

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

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 2, 2023.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

The Monthly Financial report was tabled until Decembers meeting.

Supervisor Cross discussed the ambulance situation in the budget. Previously he was told that the cost would be about the same as this last year (2023). The budget was prepared with that in mind. After that he was given another document with an amount of \$302,453 to be Prattsville's part. There was an excess of \$79,000 from this past year, so the actual amount billed for the year 2024 will be \$223,235. In order to make this years budget work \$180,000 from the fund balance will be required. Supervisor Cross noted that this is unsustainable in the future. Supervisor Cross was under the impression that once the Budget was done that it could not be added to. Tal Rappleyea was at the meeting and said that being this was a district business that it is an exception. A copy of the 2024 Budget will be on hand at the Town Clerks Office.

It is a hope that the State and the County can come up with a new plan, also it is hoped that Hunter, Jewett and Windham would join the District and help offset the costs.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Resident of the MEWS, Carol Landers addressed the Board about cell service there being fair to poor most of the time. There are several residents living there with different carriers that have poor service. Both Carol and Diana Jaeger have contacted Verizon about the cell service and received little to no action. Supervisor Cross acknowledged the situation and said he would reach out to Senator Hinchey for a response.

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to open the Public Hearing for the Budget at 7:18pm.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

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Supervisor Cross read the total numbers of the different districts and asked for any discussion. Resident Debbie Dymond asked if the increase would include the additional amount for the ambulance. With no further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to close the Public Hearing for the budget at 7:19pm.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve and adopt the Town Budget for the year 2024 of \$965,886. tax levy of 4.98%.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

Resident Steve Baker has requested several of his properties to be removed from the water and sewer billing at the last monthly meeting. Mr Baker feels that he should not have to pay for sewer and water when there has been no usage on vacant property. Town Lawyer, Tal Rappleyea noted that the Town's Local Laws for water and sewer states that all parcels of property within the water and sewer district are subject to billing. Mr. Baker also said he would not (chase down) payment for the water bills from his trailer park residents that it would be up to the Town to collect the water rent.

Resident John Dreschler would like to purchase the stone (Spanhake) house on Washington Street for an art studio. It is classified as surplus and could be sold at market value. The sale of the property would require a Resolution and be subject to a Permissive Referendum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – everything is good
2. Water District report – daily flow average for October was 33,700 gallons, the first bacteria sample came back positive, the second came back negative.
3. Code Enforcement Officer report – nothing at this time
4. WWTP report – daily average effluent flow was 30,000 gallons, Several pieces of equipment had problems and were addressed, railings were installed on the attic ledge for safety purposes. Monthly samples for October have been sent to Phoenix Labs, Monthly samples for November are being sent to Adirondack Labs.
5. Delinquent Water and Sewer – Bills have been sent to Greene County to be put on the taxes. Water rents amount to \$6812.83 and Sewer rents amount is \$4887.04.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Third Party electric – after the Town switching to a third party electric supplier, the Town received a rebate check for \$600.
2. Lead Pipe survey – letters have been resent to residents of water usage
3. DASNY application for Pratt Rock –for review by Board members
4. December Town Payroll – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to have early pay in December.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

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County Route 2 broad band installation is in progress. MTC has been making ready the poles for NYSEG to set. Bids need to be approved before the work begins. MTC will tie into Lexington when done.

A note of appreciation to Waddler Bros. For a 10% reduction in the cost of concrete for the Town Green walkway. A few men from Huntersfield Christian Center came also to help.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to pay the bills on abstract #11 for November.

Ayes 3

Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Ayes 3

Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk