

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
October 2, 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, October 2, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk

Others Present: Theresa, Charlie & Beverly Santos, Carole Cangelosi, Jim Rion, Steve Baker, Connie Briggs, Dave Whitbeck

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 of September 11, 2023 and the Special Meeting of September 25, 2023.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

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

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR :

Resident Jim Rion spoke about being charged water rent and sewer rent for two vacant properties that does not have any water hook ups. He has not been billed for either of these since the flood of 2012. There is no main line on Millie Harkness Lane, so he does not see why he should be charged. He is OK with paying for water if the Town installs a curb stop.

Resident Steve Baker also spoke about being charged sewer and water for four vacant properties that he owns along the creek side of town. According to him FEMA told him he could not build on those properties, so he should not be billed for them. Mr. Baker also does not want to be responsible for those peoples bills who do not pay the water tax.

Supervisor Cross said he would have to discuss the water and sewer laws with the Towns Lawyer, Tal Rapplelea.

Mr. Baker also questioned about the Trailer Park being in the lighting district which he has been paying tax on and he would like lights put up.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – the men will install the concrete by the flag poles on the Town Green by the end of the week.
2. Water District – average daily flow was 34,000 gallons, the daily chlorine residual was a little up from the general use. The bacterial sample was taken and came back “absent”
3. Code Enforcement report – (1) COO , (5) permits, (1) inspection, (1) violation letter sent
Code school 09/18/23 to 09/21/23 Test 09/27/23

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4. WWTP – they had an issue with sand filters which was addressed a couple of weeks ago. They installed new reject weirs on the sand filters. NYCDEP inspection was completed and expect all items to receive a satisfactory rating. They have ordered sludge pumps so they will have two spares.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Halloween Curfew – A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to impose a Halloween night October 31, 2023 curfew of 8:30pm to 7:00am November 1, 2023.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

2. Town Use form – Prattsville youth Soccer – Sept 25 thru Nov 1 – approved

3. Tax Cap Public Hearing – a public hearing for the Tax Cap Law will be held on October 26, 2023 at 6:00PM.

4. Jim Rion – Water & Sewer bills – Mr. Rion has a dispute with being billed for water and sewer on vacant property. He says he has not been billed since the flood of August 2011. He also says he does there is not a main on Millie Harkness Lane. He is willing to pay if the Town supplies a Curb stop.

5. Steve Baker – Water & Sewer bills – Mr. Barker disputed four (4) vacant properties that he is being billed for sewer and water. He alleges that after the flood of August 2011 that FEMA designated them as non build-able property because they are in the Flood Way.

MR. Baker also questioned if the Trailer was in the Lighting District, which it is and he would like two more lights put up in the extended part of the park. He also does not want to be responsible for the water bills that his renters do not pay.

Supervisor Cross said that The Board would have to discuss the water billing with Tal checking against the Local Water Service Law #2-1996.

6. Conine field parking lot – a request has been submitted to use the parking lot at Conine field to park cars for a wedding on October 14, 2023. --- approved

7. Third party Electric – American Energy Partners would like the opportunity to assist the Town with our energy needs. The Town Board will agree to sign a contract with them as long as it receives in writing the option to cancel at any time with no penalties. The contract will be finalized at the October 26th meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #10 for October.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk