

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
December 12, 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 Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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

Others Present: Connie Briggs, Mason Chase, Carolyn Bennett, Carole Cangelosi, Dan Peckham, 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 Special Meeting on October 26, 2023, Special Meeting on October 30, 2023, Regular Meeting on November 13, 2023 and Special Meeting on November 21, 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 Connie Briggs asked if the Highway men were still going to remove the snow from the sidewalks. Supervisor Cross said that they will continue plowing the sidewalks.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – all is good
2. Water District report – average daily flow was approximately 33,200 gallons normal is about 27,000, bacteria sample was absent of bacteria, POC sample show in line with the States requirements the lead survey was supposed to be back to the Dept of Health by October and the Town is trying to comply.
3. Code Enforcement report – October, 2 permits, 1 investigation – Code School 10/9 –10/12
November, 3 permits
4. WWTP report – average daily flow was 39,000 gallons, completed converting all automatic functions of the j-press to manual functions
The NYCDEP inspection was completed and expected to be normal, Monthly samples delivered to Adirondack labs. Monthly reports have been sent in.
5. Zaddock Pratt Museum report – on file in the Town Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pratt Rock (\$56,650) Carolyn Bennett would like to apply for a low interest load from CWC to go toward funding Pratt Rock. Then Senator Hinchey's office would give the Town a Grant of \$100,000.

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which would pay off the loan. Carolyn said she would do all the paperwork subject to Board approval. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of Carolyn Bennett applying for a Low Interest Loan from CWC.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

2. Highway Garage – Supervisor Cross has acquired a value of the current Highway Garage on Main Street of \$250,000. He has question as to it being the best place for a Highway Garage. He would like the Board to consider whether it would be in the best interest of the Town to sell it and move back to the old Highway Garage after repairs.

3. Columbia Greene Humane Society Contract – annual renewal
A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin for the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society.

4. Tax Exemptions for Seniors and low income/disability --- the exemptions now use the Federal Adjusted Gross Income with three changes.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve adding the Social Security benefits to the FAGI. And opt out of deducting medical and prescription drug expenses not covered by insurance.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the raise in Tax Exemption limits by 3.2% cost of living total max of \$35,100.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

5. Conine Ballfield Concession stand – Supervisor Cross feels that the taxpayers are footing the bills for electric, water, gas, rodent and insect control with receiving zero in returns. The Board needs to decide what they want to do with charging for the use of the ballfield and concession stand.

6. 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan

RESOLUTION #4-2023 OF THE TOWN OF PRATTSVILLE ADOPTING THE 2023 GREENE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN.

WHEREAS the Town of Prattsville recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Town of Prattsville; and

WHEREAS the Town of Prattsville has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as The 2023 Greene county Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Greene county Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in (local community) from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Prattsville demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the the 2023 Greene county Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF PRATTSVILLE, NEW YORK, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with a motion by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin, the Town of Prattsville Board adopts the 2023 Greene county Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

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A motion was made Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

7. Spanhake property for sale on Washington St-- Supervisor Cross will have Tal Rappleyea look into the possibility of selling it to an interested person.
8. Setting the End of the Year meeting – December 21, 2023 @5:30pm
9. Setting the Organizational Meeting – January 2, 2024 @7:00pm

Supervisor Cross wanted to note the Waddler Bros. Gave the Town a donation check of \$150. after already giving a discount on the cement used for the veterans monuments and gazebo walkway.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to go into an Executive Session at 7:47pm.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to go back to the regular meeting at 7:59pm.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

Supervisor Cross also noted that The Town of Prattsville’s highway crew is one of the best. He recommended that they get a \$2.00 an hour raise which would include the contract obligation put forth by their Union.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to give the Highway Crew (Ted, Cole, Dewitt) a \$2.00 an hour raise which includes the contract obligation as of January 1,2024.

Supervisor Cross made an appointment of Heidi Ruehlmann as Councilperson to fill the council seat of Ken Aurigema for the year of 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to pay the bills on abstract 12 for the month of December.

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 8:05pm.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/ Town Clerk