

Town of Prattsville  
Monthly Meeting  
June 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 Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Crystal Cornell	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Ken Aurigema	Councilman
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk
	Bill Sutton	Highway Superintendent
Absent:	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson

Others Present: John Lane, Connie Briggs, Carole Cangelosi, Agatha DeSimone, Dave Whitbeck, Karen Aurigema, Jim Baltz, Jim Furstnau

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

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to approve of the Clerks minutes for March 20, 2023.

Ayes 4        Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

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

Ayes 4        Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Jim Furstnau spoke on the program to find a remedy to eradicate knot weed and long term management. There are six native willows that can help elaviate the knot weed and it is good for flood mitigation.

Agatha Desimone from Cozy Hollow Road mentioned that her neighbor has built a pond next to her property and is worried that if it flows over it will destroy her driveway. Highway Superintendent, Bill Sutton advised her that DEC has standards for building a pond and if it failed then the neighbor would be responsible for damages.

OLD BUSINESS :

1. Highway – Bill presented quotes for blacktop from Peckham Industries for \$107,254.21 and Cobleskill Stone for \$79,678.86. Bill said he has a total of \$135,000. to spend and he wants it to go as far as possible.

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A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the bid from Cobleskill Stone for \$79,678.86.

Ayes 4            Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

2. Water District report – Dave Whitbeck gave the report for the water district. The average chlorine residual for the system was 1.19 mg/l. The monthly bacteria sample came back absent. The monthly report for May was submitted to DOH and acknowledged. The Town Annual Water Quality Report was submitted and distributed to water customers. The Annual Water Withdrawal report was submitted to NYSDEC.

3. Code Enforcement Monthly report – No COO's , 2 permits, 2 inspections

4. WWTP report – replaced the PLC Module in the Sand Filter Panel, in Sand filter #3 the air lift float switch did not work, cleaned and replaced float switch with spare, Sand filter #1 loss of oil was a mechanical seal, the Chemical Hot Water Neutralization Tank Pump was stuck in fault mode, a tripped amperage breaker was the cause. Monthly samples for June have been sent to the Lab. Monthly reports have been sent in for the month of May.

5. Tax Collector report – 2<sup>nd</sup> notices will be going out the end of June and Carole will be closing the books at the end of July

6. Water billing report – 144 water bills have been collected totaling \$17,668.51, payments due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. \$5,627.00 left to collected

7. Zadock Pratt Museum report – on file in the Town Hall

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Use forms – Conine Field Pavilion, Brittany Brennan, June 24, 23 – Town Green, Kris Seto, July 15, 23, –Town Hall, Prattsville Community Board, July 8, Aug 5, Sept 9, 23. Town Green, Natalie /Melissa, June 30, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 29,23.

All Town Use forms were approved.

2. Website Quotes – A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to approve of the quote from Delco Creative a local company for the cost of \$2,160 with a yearly hosting cost of \$225.

Ayes 4            Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

3. Approve Swim camp councilors – A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of Alexis Marsh and Jamie Martin as swim camp councilors.

Ayes 4            Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

4. LVDV Contract – A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema for Supervisor Cross to sign the contract with LVDV for the operation, maintenance and adjustment of the chlorination system, for service as operator of record, and for testing and reporting for the Prattsville Water District.

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

Abstained 1    Martin

5. Cemetery Equipment – A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to approve the posting and the sale of excess equipment used by the cemetery.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

6. Building Permit fees – A motion was made by Councilman Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the new updated Building Permit fees presented by Code Enforcement Officer, Don Schoenborn. The Board will revisit the update on or about December 2024.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Cornell, Aurigema  
Nays 0

7. Noise Control Local Law – tabled until next Board meeting in July

8. Water District – Jim Rion letter – request for accessible water onto his property with curb stop and meter pit for each piece. The Town Board agreed that it will follow and enforce the Water Law as it is written on the books. ( Greg – yes, Eli – yes, Ken – yes, Crystal – yes ).

9. Speed Limit Reduction answer to request – DOT has denied the request to reduce the speed limit on Route 23 West of town by the Cemetery. DOT has agreed to post Cemetery warning signs in that area.

10. Finalize Ambulance District – The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 22, 2023 at 6:00pm.

11. Concrete in Town Green – It has been proposed to change the flower bed by the flag poles to an eight foot wide area of concrete that would go from the sidewalk to the gazebo. The American Legion has decided that it would be too expensive for them to tackle. Supervisor Cross is trying to round up some volunteers to help and it would cost around \$700. He is looking at ARPA money to cover it. So far the ones to volunteer are Eli & sons, Ken & son, Greg and family.

12. Town website advertisement. There have been town businesses that would like to advertise on the Town's website. It was determined that it would not be a good idea.

13. Resolution for CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program – **RESOLUTION #2 – 2023 - Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program.**

On motion by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell the following resolution was adopted.

Authorizing submission of an application to the Catskill Watershed Corporation's Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program for the purpose of conducting hydraulic modeling along the Schoharie Creek floodplain above the state Route 23 bridge in support of Alternative 3 in the Local Flood Analysis for the Town of Prattsville - Channel Deepening and Widening.

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsville is subject to flooding that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsville completed a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) in September 2013 which identified alternatives to reduce flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsville and NYSDOT replaced the Route 23 Bridge as recommended in the LFA and is interested in exploring the complementary Alternative 3, Channel Deepening and Widening, to evaluate floodplain enhancement configurations with the goal of reducing flooding along Main Street and removing properties from the Special Flood Hazard Area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Prattsville Town Board authorizes the submission of an application to the Catskill Watershed Corporation Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program for funding to evaluate the Schoharie Creek floodplain enhancement recommendation ( deepening and widening) in support of Alternative 3 in the LFA, which would provide significant reduction in flood surface water elevations, thereby reducing the 100-year floodplain along Prattsville's Main Street and making the community more flood resilient.

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema  
Nays 0  
Absent 1        Peckham

14. Smart Growth Grant – Laberge wants to charge \$3500. to reapply for the Smart Growth Grant to go toward the cost of the Towns Comprehensive Plan. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to approve of hiring Laberge at \$3500. to apply for the Smart Growth Grant.

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema  
Nays 0

Supervisor Cross would like to recognize some local youths for their contribution to the Town. Brandon Cross, Jamison Rikard, Emma Cornell, Kloe Kamna, Ashton Kalamaris, Caden Blain, Aubre Ella & Brennan Costelo.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to move to an Executive session to discuss personnel at 8:45pm.

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema  
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to go out of the Executive session and back to the regular session at 8:53pm

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema  
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to pay the bills on abstract #6 for June.

Ayes 4            Cross, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema  
Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk

