

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
February 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, February 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Ken Aurigema	Councilman
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk
	Crystal Cornell	Councilperson

Others present: Theresa, Connie Briggs, Heidi Ruehlman, Mike Traver, Donnie Rion, Carole Cangelosi, Deb Dymond, Jim Dymond, John Falke, John Lane, Don Speenburgh

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

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the Clerks minutes for December 29th 2022 (End of the Year), January 3rd 2023, (yearly organization meeting), January 9th 2023, (regular board meeting).

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to approve of the monthly financials for January.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE

Resident Donald Speenburgh requested that the Town Board to look into getting a reduction of the highway speed limit on the west side of Prattsville by the Fairlawn Cemetery. Mr Speenburgh also asked about a metal cemetery sign that the Town Highway men are supposed to be erected at the cemetery. Supervisor Cross will continue looking into the matter and speak with the Sheriff's department to watch traffic.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – Bill not available – nothing at this time
2. Water District report – there was a water break in Town at the Vetter house from frozen water pipes
3. Code Enforcement monthly report – 2 permits, 1 violation letter sent

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross to open the Public Hearing for the Local Law #1 Disability/Low income tax exemption at 7:15pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

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With no comments or concerns from the public, a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to close the public hearing at 7:16pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Disabled and Low Income Real Property Tax Exemption Local Law #1-2023. The maximum level of income for persons eligible for the within exemption is \$34,000.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

4. WWTP Report – nothing to report at this time
5. Tax Collector Report – monies collected and distributed

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stream Management Implementation Program – no applicants
2. Fire Department Tax Exemption – Tal Rappleyea recommends that the Town Follow the County’s Lead as far as a 10% property assessment discount for volunteer fire fighters.
3. Procurement Policy – A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Procurement Policy.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

4. A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Credit Card Policy.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

5. Yearly Organizational Meeting #s 34, 47 – already done
6. Cyber Security – The Insurance company is concerned about the security of the Towns records. Theresa has someone that will come and discuss the implementation of a security system. All town emails and business would go through a dedicated server and be encrypted.
7. Audit of Town Books – Town Clerk & Court Books – postponed until March 13th monthly meeting

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to open the Public Hearing to set the Senior Tax Exemption at 7:30pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

With no comments or concerns from the public a motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to close the Public Hearing at 7:32pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Senior Tax Exemption, Local Law #2 – 2023. The maximum level of income for persons eligible for the within exemption is \$34,000. The “sliding scale” provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law #459 are also hereby adopted.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

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8. Judge Vacancy – Resident Donnie Rion has shown an interest in the position.

A motion was made By Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to go to an Executive Session at 7:38pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to go back the Regular meeting at 8:08 pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to appoint Donnie Rion to the Judge position as of April 1, 2023.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

9. Lamont for raising the Town Hall – Supervisor Cross has asked Lamont Engineering to put together a proposal package to be presented at March’s monthly meeting for coordinating the raising of the Town Hall.

10. Ambulance Contract – details are still being discussed – the 2022 contract auto renewed

11. Softball League Chairperson – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to rescind the appointment of Crystal Cornell as Softball League Chairperson.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Supervisor Cross to appoint Crystal Cornell and Theresa Whitworth as co-chairs for the Softball League.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to pay the bills on Abstract #2 for February.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/ Town Clerk

