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5. Zadock Pratt Museum report – on file in the office

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason Merwin – discussed above

2. Policies – A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Ethics Law.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

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

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the Credit Card policy.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

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

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Sexual Harassment policy.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

3. Pratt Rock Resolutions –

Carolyn Bennett asked for authorization to apply for a Grant from the Catskill Park Smart Growth Grant.

Resolution #1-2024 application for grant funding through

New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation Catskill Park Community  
Smart Growth Grant -route 7

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

WHEREAS: the Town of Prattsville shall continue to operate and provide services to its community, and

WHEREAS: the authority to contract with funding sources shall be needed in order for the Town of Prattsville to continue to secure Grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 through a grant application to the New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant.

WHEREAS: Carolyn Bennett, the Town Historian has been working on and is familiar with the project, and has graciously offered to write the grant application,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Prattsville Town Board hereby authorizes Carolyn Bennett to apply for the funding of \$300,000 through the New York

State's Department of Environmental Conservation Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant.

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FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that Carolyn Bennett is also authorized to sign and perform any and all responsibilities in relation to such agreement.

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Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Carolyn Bennett has asked the Town Board to secure funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to use toward the Pratt Rock project in lieu of reimbursement from DASNY.

Resolution #2-2024 Town Funding for reimbursable grant funds  
from Dormitory Authority of New York State (DASNY)

On motion by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: the Town of Prattsville shall continue to operate and provide services to its community, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Prattsville has been asked to secure funding in the amount of \$50,000. to be used toward the Pratt Rock restoration, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Prattsville has determined it would be in the Towns best interest to secure the funding from the FUND balance, and

WHEREAS: the adoption by the Town of Prattsville demonstrates their commitment to the project,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Prattsville will secure the funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the FUND balance, to be reimbursed from the DASNY grant funds.

Adopted January 8, 2024

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Carolyn Bennett asked the Town Board to hire Steve Whitesell as a consultant for the Town of Prattsville to work on the Pratt Rock Park Restoration Project, specifically restoration, landscape & design.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of hiring Steve Whitesell as a consultant for a yearly salary of \$6,000.00 paid quarterly.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

4. Greene EMS contract – A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to allow Supervisor Cross to sign the Greene EMS contract for 2024.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

5. Highway Garage – It has been brought to the attention of Supervisor Cross that the current Highway Garage on main st could be sold and revenues could be used to fix up the old Highway garage on Conine Road. After Board discussion, it was agreed that the Town would ask for \$325,000.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of Supervisor Cross to sign a contract if the Highway Garage on Main St is sold.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

6. Exemption limits for Senior Citizen and Low income disabled – A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the Senior Citizen and Low income disabled exemption a maximum of \$35,100 with a sliding scale based on the recommendation of the assessor.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

7. Attorney contract – A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of signing the Letter of Engagement from Tal Rappleyea referring to his services on an “as-needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$175.00 per hour.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

8. Certificate of Designation – Association of Towns annual meeting – A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of Theresa Whitworth to be a voting delegate to represent the Town of Prattsville at the Association of Towns annual meeting.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #1 for January.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth /Town Clerk