

# **REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, MAY 11, 2020**

## **THIS MEETING HONORS THE BIRTHDAYS OF ORVAL FOSTER AND BETTY DITCHER**

The Great Valley Town Board held a regular meeting on May 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT	Supervisor	Dan Brown
	Councilwoman	Sandra Goode
	Councilwoman	Lori Finch
	Councilwoman	Becky Kruszynski
	Councilman	Gerry Musall
ABSENT	None	
OTHERS	None	

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 pm.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to dedicate this meeting in honor of the birthdays of Orval Foster 90, and Betty Ditcher 85, both long time residents and supporting community members. All in agreement.

### MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilman Musall to accept the minutes for the April 13 meeting. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to recognize Abby Chudy, Brenden Chudy and Kelsey Tomczak for cleaning up trash alongside the Klawitter Road. All in agreement. Supervisor Brown stated he would call the school and ask for them to be recognized amongst their peers.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Kruszynski, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to create an annual event in the Town for cleanup of roadsides, etc. to coincide with Earth Day. Suggestions were made to hand out vests and trash bags, and the Town would take care of the trash. All in agreement.

### LAWNMOWING BIDS

Bids were opened for the mowing of the lawn around the BonnVal Pump House as needed for the season and read as follows:

D&J's Lawn Service & Snowplowing LLC	\$500.00/season
M&K Lawn Care	\$525.00/season

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Kruszynski, seconded by Councilman Musall to award bid to D&J. All in agreement, with Supervisor Brown abstaining from the vote.

### SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP

Supervisor Brown noted the Senior Citizen Group has offered to leave their group's money in the budget at this time, as all trips have been cancelled until further notice. The Town Board gave approval and authorization to Supervisor Brown to call Mark O'Malley to see if we can invest some of their money for 90 days in hopes of earning interest from those funds.

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### YOUTH PROGRAM

Supervisor Brown noted that at this time, the indications are that we may not be able to have any Youth Program for the summer due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. There is \$8500 in the budget earmarked for the Youth Program, and the Town Board feels that the Town needs to save as much money as possible until the full effects of this pandemic are realized. The Board moved to table the discussion and make decisions regarding this matter at the next regular meeting.

### NEW YORK STATE AUDIT

Supervisor Brown announced the completion of the State Comptroller's Office desk audit through December 31, 2019 with zero findings. Hard copy will be sent to the Town Clerk's Office. Board members expressed which reports they would like to have access to monthly.

### HIGHWAY WORKERS

The Highway Department will return to work on May 18, after being on an 'On Call' status throughout the pandemic. They will start on summer hours, and will practice social distancing at all times, with masks and hand sanitizer being provided for workers if needed.

### MORTGAGE TAX

Supervisor Brown announced the receipt of the Mortgage Tax payment in the amount of \$11,059.

### BASKETBALL COURT, RECREATION AREA

The Town has received a donation from Gernatt's in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for the proposed Recreation Area at the Town Hall. Supervisor Brown noted that all of the funds were donations, and it is important to proceed with the work to ensure the funds are properly and timely utilized.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Kruszynski, seconded by Councilman Musall to accept the Supervisor's Report for April. All in agreement.

### REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor – Supervisor Brown reported the following:

- Change of Assessment forms were mailed out to each property that required an adjustment.
- Tentative Roll was finalized May 1
- Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Day) is Monday, June 1, 2020, 4:00-8:00 pm. Social Distancing will be practiced with one person or family allowed to enter the building at a time.

Planning Board – Supervisor Brown reported the following:

- There will be a meeting in June to discuss a subdivision for Rick Howard

Zoning Board of Appeals –No report

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Building Code Officer – Supervisor Brown reported the following:

- Issued 2 Notices of Complaint for Property Maintenance issues  
The Town Board conducted a conference call to Giovanni Sciotti, KillBuck Road, to hear complaint about Mike Winship living in a camper on the Donald Vershay property. The Supervisor will contact the current owner, and also the Health Department.

Highway Superintendent – No report:

### OLD BUSINESS

BonneVal Generator- Supervisor Brown called Derek Rule (MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC) about the new generator, who estimated costs at about \$6,000. Since this has been previously approved by the Town Board, the Supervisor will reach out to Lou Dilley, Andy Gerwitz and Holland Propane Co. for bids, and will proceed with plan to install the generator.

GoBike Trail-Councilwoman Goode explained the proposed route is just preliminary, and something that promotes a healthy lifestyle should be promoted. The trail will be multi-use, including walking, snowmobiles, horse riding, etc. \$2500 is just for the feasibility study of the bike trail, and the Board has already committed this money to the County. All in agreement.

### NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Brown reported that all planned renovations for the KillBuck Pavilion will be postponed until next year due to concerns over financial responsibility post pandemic.

Supervisor Brown also reported Travis Baugh has received word from the NYS DEC that the buildings at the former NYS Residential Center can come down, and he will proceed with granting the Town ownership of the property once clean-up of the grounds is complete.

Eric Butler submitted proof from NYS Retirement concerning his necessary contributions of \$1081.60, previously approved by the Town Board.

### AUDIT

Claims No. 78 through No. 96 General Fund totaling \$3,997.65 were audited.

Claims No. 48 through No. 51 Highway Fund totaling \$1,682.73 were audited.

Claims No. 22 through No. 25 Special Districts totaling \$3,141.58 were audited.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

, Town Clerk