

REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The Great Valley Town Board held a regular meeting on September 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT	Supervisor	Dan Brown
	Councilwoman	Lori Finch
	Councilwoman	Sandra Goode
	Councilwoman	Becky Kruszynski
	Councilman	Gerry Musall
	Highway Supt.	Jack Harrington
	Code Officer	Rich Rinko
	Supervisor's Clerk	Hildagarde Krause
	Attorney	Peter Sorgi

ABSENT: Planning Board Chair Chris Schena

OTHERS: Catt Co Legislators David Koch and Sue LaBuhn, Bob Skibniewski, Kallen Quigley, Leanne Patterson

Supervisor Brown opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Goode, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to accept the minutes of the August 12 meeting. All in agreement.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to accept the Supervisor's Report for August. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss overriding the NYS Tax Cap for the 2020 Budget Year. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Charter Communications contract. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to schedule budget work sessions for September 23 through September 26 at 7:00 pm. All in agreement.

SHARED SERVICES

Supervisor Brown explained that Great Valley is showing a savings of over \$60,000 of Shared Services through our use of the County Assessing, as the Town will not have to pay for an assessment re-valuation. The State is currently reimbursing the Towns that participate in the Shared Services program at 100% of their established savings.

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RECREATION UPDATE

A plan was forwarded to the Supervisor showing a basketball court at the end of the utility shed, and would include a paved access trail from Green Valley Estates, along with a small pole building or pavilion. Supervisor Brown will continue to discuss new ideas with MDA Consulting Engineers.

Supervisor Brown noted that the Board should include an anti-bullying policy surrounding the use of any Town property.

KILLBUCK PARK

Supervisor Brown noted the cooler at the pavilion has quit working. The Board will not replace it. The Supervisor will continue to look into pricing for installation of a stage and/or concession stand.

SENIOR EXEMPTION

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Goode, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss adoption of new guidelines for the Senior Exemption for property taxes. All in agreement.

DOG LAWS

Discussion was tabled as the Town Dog Control Officer, Eric Butler, is on vacation.

REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor – No report

Planning Board – No report, no meeting this month

Building Code Officer – Rich Rinko reported the following:

- Issued four building permits totaling \$648.80
- Has been in contact with Horvath, they cited issues with any work they attempt has been vandalized by neighbors. The Town will issue their Certificate of Completion
- Duckville is installing riprap alongside creek bed – all approval through DEC

Highway Superintendent – Jack Harrington reported the following:

- Skid paving
- Changed out some sluice pipes
- Weed eating
- Mowing with new tractor

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Brown stated there will be sign-ups for the new Great Valley Food Pantry at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 5, 10-2.

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Supervisor Brown noted the Board accepted the bid by Kellner, and worked out a \$6,000 savings from original bid by discussing specification with MDA Engineers. Now, the generator will need to be replaced, but, luckily, the pumps will be smaller, so the generator will also be smaller in a continuing effort to reduce costs to the homeowners.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to enter into Executive Session to discuss Solar Laws and solar companies at 7:50 pm. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to adjourn Executive Session at 8:05. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss opting out of a 15 year property tax exemption for Solar Companies. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss placing a moratorium on the construction of any solar systems over 25 mega-watts. All in agreement.

AUDIT

Claims No. 194 through No. 227 General Fund totaling \$11,872.57 were audited.

Claims No. 105 through No. 114 Highway Fund totaling \$15,985.20 were audited.

Claims No. 53 through No. 60 Special Districts totaling \$9,744.72 were audited.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilman Musall to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____, Toni Evans, Town Clerk