

THIS MEETING IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF GERI RUST AND MARGA ARENA. PUBLIC HEARING, REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, MARCH 12, 2018

The Great Valley Town Board held a public hearing and a regular meeting on March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Jack Harrington, Plan. Board Chair Chris Schena

OTHERS: Doug Bush, Dave Koch, Al Puszcz, Jim Evans, Jack and Cathy Berry

Supervisor Brown opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2018, Granting a Partial Exemption From County Real Property Taxes for Cold War Veterans, and explained this is actually an amendment to Local Law #1-2008 which eliminates the ten year exemption limitation. Supervisor Brown called for any comments. Supervisor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 pm. MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilman Musall to dedicate this meeting in memory of Geri Rust, former Great Valley Postmistress, and Marga Arena, former Great Valley Planning Board Chairperson. All in agreement.

MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to accept the minutes of the February 12 meeting. All in agreement.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

PAID FAMILY LEAVE LAW

Supervisor Brown noted that no highway workers have an interest in contributing.

ATLANTIC BROADBAND

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to renew contract with Atlantic Broadband. All in agreement.

COUNTY MAP

Supervisor Brown announced the donation of the framed Cattaraugus County map by Allen Fish.

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MOSQUITO SPRAYING

The County Health Department has requested notification of interest by the Town Board in annual mosquito spraying. The Board advised Supervisor Brown to send notification of interest.

LAWNMOWING BIDS

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to advertise for lawn mowing bids, to be opened at the April 9 meeting. All in agreement.

DOG KENNEL

Supervisor Brown noted that our dog kennel has passed the NYS Dept of Agriculture & Markets inspection, and the Town has entered into contract with the Town of Randolph for the use of our kennel at a cost of \$7.00/day/dog.

DEC – GRAVEL PIT AND SPEDES FINE

Supervisor Brown explained that the Gravel Pit paperwork has been turned over to the DEC in Albany, and they have requested further information. The SPEDES Permits for Fairview Lane and BonneVal are completed each year by Town Engineer Mark Alianello's office. Part of the report is contact information in case of a hazardous sewer leak, which was left blank because these sewer districts have regular sand filters, with no sewer containment or treatment. The DEC representative has stated that they may impose fines because this contact information was omitted. Supervisor Brown has stated the reason the information was omitted, and feels the Town is not bound to pay any fines resulting from this infraction.

DEBBIE STOKES

Supervisor Brown noted that Court Clerk Debbie Stokes applied for and was awarded a J-CAP grant. The Town previously paid a grant writing fee of \$300.00 per grant, but since lowered that allowable.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to pay Debbie Stokes a total of \$300.00 for writing the recently awarded J-CAP grant from 2017. All in agreement.

KILL BUCK FIREMEN'S GROUNDS

Supervisor Brown reported there has been growing interest in renting the grounds, especially by the Salamanca Sports Boosters. Work will proceed in getting the grounds repaired and refurbished and able to rent this summer.

DOUG BUSH –HAPPY HALF MARATHON

Mr. Bush gave an overview, this being the third year of the event. They are awaiting approval through the NYS DOT, and a certificate of liability will be at the Town Clerk's Office by the end of the week. Date for event is May 12.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown to approve plan for the Happy Half Marathon pending receipt of proof of appropriate insurance coverage, seconded by Councilwoman Finch. All in agreement.

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REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor –Supervisor Brown reported the following:

- Finished renewal exemptions, and exemption applications, busy but successful. Received positive feedback from residents. They will use the same forms going forward, but will add income forms for owners that no longer file income tax to make it easier to file.
- The assessor is planning to update the tax roll with all new builds from 2017, and reviewing assessments for those that have requested it.

Planning Board – Al Puszcz reported the following:

- No meeting in February
- Meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, one minor subdivision

Zoning Board of Appeals –No report

Building Code Officer – Rich Rinko reported the following:

- One building permit issued in the amount of \$172.80
- Addressing property maintenance issues and working through Lake Erie Tobacco issues.

Highway Superintendent – Supervisor Brown reported the following:

- Plowing when necessary-clean up after the winter storm
- Cleaning and fixing equipment

BERRY & BERRY, CPA's

Jack Berry reported that the Town AUD has been filed with the State, and noted the Town is in healthy financial shape with all debt being cleared in 2014, and Court fines that were increased by \$15,000. The Berry's recommended the Town Board look into CLASS Investments, which are utilized by many towns and Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties, and could increase the Town's interest returns. Jack Berry reported that he first heard about the Sales Tax being used to offset the County tax levy from Charley Krause, and they thought when the Town requested the money, that the Sales Tax would have been accumulated from the previous year. The Berry's recommend the Town Board search the history of how that Sales Tax money is received and calculated.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilman Musall to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 to discuss personnel issues. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to adjourn Executive Session at 9:10. All in agreement.

Jack Berry stated they were uninformed in the way the Town would receive payments of Sales Tax as far as the accounting of the County.

Supervisor Brown stated the Town Board would continue to use the Berry & Berry CPAs accounting firm through the end of their appointment year, December 31, 2018.

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OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Goode announced that she and Councilwoman Kruszynski updated the Town's website, and will compile a list of Town businesses to be put on the website.

Councilwoman Goode asked about the no passing request for Route 219. The Town Clerk gave assurances that would be completed this week.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Kruszynski, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to agree to enter into contract with the Catt. Co. Sheriff's Office to provide security for the Great Valley Firemen's Regatta. All in agreement.

Councilwoman Goode noted a street light is out on the corner of Depot and Mutton Hollow, being Pole #5. The Town Clerk will report that to National Grid.

Councilwoman Kruszynski announced the Town BiCentennial work meeting, April 10 @ the Tea Room, Town BiCentennial Birthday Celebration and Pioneer Certificates April 15 @ the Tea Room. The Firemen's Auxiliary is sponsoring a King/Queen Essay contest, a Beard contest, and Costume/Dress contest, all open to Great Valley residents.

County Legislator Dave Koch noted the County is expected to pass a resolution in support of the Seneca Nation's opposition to a frack-water treatment facility in Coudersport, PA, with resulting discharge flowing into the Allegany River. The Town Board asked for a copy of that resolution.

AUDIT

Claims No. 43 through No. 63 General Fund totaling \$5,724.34 were audited.

Claims No. 27 through No. 35 Highway Fund totaling \$4,095.12 were audited.

Claims No. 13 through No. 19 Special Districts totaling \$3,133.60 were audited.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____, Toni Evans, Town Clerk

***Correction to minutes: Roll Call Vote for Local Law #1-2018**

Supervisor Brown: Yes Councilman Musall: Yes

Councilwoman Finch: Yes Councilwoman Goode: Yes

Councilwoman Kruszynski: Yes 5 Yes, 0 Noes Local Law #1 approved and attached

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LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1-2018

Pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law.

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW No. 1-2008
GRANTING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY REAL
PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS**

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Cattaraugus as follows:

SECTION 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of this legislation to amend Local Law NO. 1-2008 which grants an exemption of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of qualified residential property, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(2)(a)(i) to Cold War Veterans, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(1)(a).

SECTION 2. Amedment to Local Law No 1-2008. Local Law No. 1-2008 is hereby amended by adding a new Section which eliminates the ten(10) year exemption for qualifying property owners, as follows, and renumbering the subsequent sections:

“SECTION #3. Elimination of Ten Year Period. Cattaraugus County hereby further Provides that qualifying residential owners of qualifying real property shall retain The exemption, provided for in Section 2 above, for as long as they remain Qualifying owners, without regard to such ten (10) year limitation, as provided For in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(2)(c)(iii).”

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such adjudication, shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the particular provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law.