

Minutes January 08, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met on January 8th, 2018 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Vandewater, Brown, Taylor, and Edsforth, and Attorney Sellar-Ryan. Mayor Fuller introduced Jane Dowling; Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:59PM. A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 11th and the special meeting held on December 18th was made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all. Voucher numbers from 343-384 in the General Fund totaling \$60,250.11, voucher numbers from 54-60 in the Water Fund totaling \$2,134.79, and voucher numbers from 48-56 in the Sewer Fund totaling \$2,204.47 were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Edsforth, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Deputy Chief Brian Buell reported 27 calls: 14 EMS, 2 EMS lift assist, 1 building fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 5 service/good intent, 2 cover assignments and 1 dispatched and canceled en route. Total member hours for the month of December was 496 hours. Total runs for 2017 was 277. Total member hours 8,638.

Bid for Rescue truck was unsuccessful and there is no active search for another at this time. Repairs/gear inspection required by unfunded mandate were completed at a cost of \$5002.11 by vendor Elliot Enterprises which makes calls right to station. Community CPR is still very active, with 21 attendants in the final session. Next Community CPR session will take place on January 18th. A grant for EMS program; equipment and training aids was awarded through the Mary McClellan Foundation. AFG grant filing is open. We would like to submit for air pack replacement.

Police: Chief Bell presented his report for the month of December 2017: 12 criminal cases, arrested 3 different individuals, charging them with a total of 3 different charges. No arrests for Driving While Intoxicated, 12 calls for service, and 4 motor vehicle accidents. Officers issued 31 traffic tickets during the month of December. Total criminal cases for 2017 was 176. Resignation of full time patrol officer Nichole Allen was accepted. Approval is needed to begin process of two full time hires. Motion to accept resignation and move forward with hiring by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor and carried by all.

DPW: Supt. Flynn presented his report: Total hours worked: 810. Total overtime worked: 192. Five Frozen meters and three broken water lines have been repaired. Snow was removed from Main St. on January 4th. Well #3 is done and report is forthcoming from Mark Rogers. Weather does not permit work on the remaining two wells at this time. December 21st: "No Dogs" signs destroyed at Gannon Park. New heavier signs have been ordered. Church St. sign re: "oncoming traffic" has been installed. Skating rink may be attempted later this week, weather permitting. Closest hydrant is broken, so water will be sourced from fire trucks.

Youth: Garson Smith presented the Youth Report: 127 volunteer hours and 15 new members. Attendance for December was 345; high due to the cold weather. New padlocks have been installed to access the 3rd floor. Fire escape has a keyed lock from the outside, no interior lock for ease of egress. Donations: \$750 from Sheriff's Department for operating expenses and \$1500 from private donations.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller presented her report. EPA Smartgrowth Grant: the last phone meeting with the Local Foods Local Places team was held last month. The final report from our agency partners was received and reviewed. The steering committee met to discuss plans for moving forward. Major issue is a need for space. Betty Little Grant: no updates this past month, because the tanker is ordered, and the grant process is proceeding as expected. Carrie Woerner Grant: the proposal is with the Ways and Means Committee; proceeding as expected. Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD Grant: planning and design phase is just about complete. Construction phase will begin in the near future. The anticipated opening date is now fall, 2018. Clean Energy Community Project: progress is being made on information, data and vendor contacts for the grant for the electric charging station. The outstanding work needs to move forward on converting streetlights to LED technology. RFPs need to be released for the work before negotiations take place with National Grid. Eminent Domain/Dunbarton Mill Property: EPA assessment grant proposal has been accepted; the Village was deemed eligible to apply for the funding. Department of Health and our Water System: work has progressed with B&L to revise their proposal for the project planning. The well reconditioning is being coordinated through Leo and the DPW team. Opioid Forum: a potential co-sponsored forum at the firehouse with the FD and Tony Jordan will hopefully be scheduled in mid-March.

7:31 PM – Mayor Fuller opened the public hearing to adopt the following proposed Real Property Tax Local Laws:

Renewal of the Cold War Veterans Exemption with the proposed Local Law:

“Village of Greenwich Cold War Veterans Exemption From Real Property Taxation pursuant to Section 458-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law.” No public comment was made.

Increase the income limits for the real property tax exemptions so that the income limits match those of both the Town of Greenwich and Washington County with the following three proposed Local Laws:

“A Local Law Providing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation to Property Owners With Disabilities and Limited Income, Pursuant to Section 459-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law.” No public comment was made.

“Village of Greenwich Alternative Veteran’s Exemption From Real Property Taxation Pursuant to Section 458-a of the New York Real Property Tax Law.” No public comment was made.

“A Local Law Providing a Partial Exemption From Taxation to Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law.” No public comment was made.

A resolution to adopt Local Law #1 of 2018, “Village of Greenwich Cold War Veterans Exemption from Real Property Taxation pursuant to Section 458-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law” subject to a permissive referendum was made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by all.

A resolution to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018, “A Local Law Providing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation to Property Owners With Disabilities and Limited Income, Pursuant to Section 459-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law” subject to a permissive referendum was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

A resolution to adopt Local Law #3 of 2018, “Village of Greenwich Alternative Veteran’s Exemption from Real Property Taxation Pursuant to Section 458-a of the New York Real Property Tax Law” subject to a permissive referendum was made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

A resolution to adopt Local Law #4 of 2018, “A Local Law Providing a Partial Exemption from Taxation to Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law” subject to a permissive referendum was made on a motion by Trustee Edsforth, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

New Business:

- 2018 Meeting Dates: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/7, 5/31 (Year End, Thursday as 5/28 is Memorial Day) 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/11 (Thursday, as 10/8 is Columbus Day), 11/12, and 12/10. All Mondays except for 5/31 and 10/11 made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.
- Election Inspectors Cynthia Waite, Dianne Hogan, Susan Ward, and Kellie Blake were appointed by the Board of Trustees on motion by Trustee Brown, and seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
- The Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Appointed Officials Joanne McDowall and Daniel O’Connor required by the NYS Comptroller was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

The Board closed the public meeting at 7:48 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor and carried by all. The Board entered into executive session requested by Mayor Fuller to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation at 7:49 PM on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all.

The public meeting resumed at 8:42 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM on a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling