

## **Minutes September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Brown, Vandewater and Edsforth, and Attorney Kelly. Trustee Taylor were absent.

The regular meeting began at 7:00PM. Vouchers from 17-134 through 17-184 in the General Fund totaling \$64,783.51, vouchers from 17-25 through 17-30 in the Water Fund totaling \$2,945, and vouchers from 17-22 through 17-26 in the Sewer Fund totaling \$2,052.26 were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present. A motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup> was made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present.

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Chief White reported 27 calls: 21 EMS, 2 motor vehicle accident, 2 building fires, 1 system malfunction, and 1 combustible flammable gas/liquid condition. Total member hours for the month of August was 658 hours. Chief White reminded Attorney Kelly that he had not yet met to discuss recommendation for an open burning law and is still hoping to schedule a meeting. Chief White and Deputy Chief Buell have been working on updating the Water Emergency Master Plan for the Village, and plan to distribute it for after a few more members have had a chance to review it. All of the larger trucks have had their yearly apparatus service and NYS inspection, with only a few minor repairs needed. Chief White recommended the Village move forward in purchasing the new tanker if cleared to do so by the Dormitory Authority for the Betty Little SAM Grant because the price is set to increase by \$8,000 on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The department in in contact with several siren vendors to get price quotes for different models and decibel levels with the primary location being the Community Center. Three hundred feet of replacement 5 inch hose has been ordered from State bid. The Community CPR events are still going very well, and the summer Learning Is Fun This Summer (LIFTS) Course was very successful. NYS Pump Operations Course started on 9/7 and will be a 24-hour class planned for Thursdays and two Sundays. An upcoming event is the GFD Fit for Duty run/walk.

**Police:** Chief Bell presented his report: 24 criminal cases, arrested 6 different individuals, no arrests for Driving While Intoxicated, 34 calls for service, and 4 motor vehicle accidents. Officers issued 48 traffic tickets during the month of August.

**Youth:** Garson Smith reported 228 member and 36 volunteer hours for the month of August. He noted the numbers were down because they were closed the week of the fair. The chicken bbq take-out dinner through the VFW, and First Friday Dinner were both well received by the community. There are a lot of programs starting now that school is back in session, some familiar ones that have been revamped, and some new ones as well. The Youth Center has received a donation of ne table and chair for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Starting October 1, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor will be completed, and ready for use. Garson hope to hold a grand opening at a later date. Trustee Brown asked what it would take to increase the capacity, and Garson replied that it he was quoted \$5500 for a call alarm center from NY Fire and Security and an average monthly monitoring fee of approximately \$1500-\$2000 to increase the capacity from 50 to 102 people. Chief White suggested contacting Hart Alarm Systems as they quoted the DPW for an alarm system.

**DPW:** Supt. Flynn reported that his crew will continue putting in sidewalk, including a 5 foot sidewalk to the back door youth center entrance. There are also quite a few trees that need to be taken down. Cumberland Farms is proposing to move from their current location to a lot further out of the Village to the west of Whalen's Dealership. The proposed location currently has Village water service at the outside rate for a 1" line and meter. Cumberland Farm is requesting an increase to a 2" line and meter, and will provide 1" line to a house on Wilson St. who currently does not get Village water service. Previously there had been a moratorium on any new Water account outside of the Village due to the ongoing aquifer study. Discussion was had about ending the moratorium now that it is known that there is no problem with the water supply, just the quality of the wells themselves. The Board felt that request from Cumberland Farm did not have clear enough drawing and they did not have enough information to make a decision. A special meeting was planned for Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> so that both the project engineer and the resident and potential new water customer can come and discuss this matter further. Supt. Flynn also announced that MEO Michael White had put in his resignation. He would like to hire a candidate who has worked part time with the DP crew for 30 years, has his CDL license and is highly qualified to fill the position. A motion to approve hiring Kenneth Charron to fill the vacancy was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all present. Mayor Fuller reminded Supt. Flynn that the plaque in memory of Moos Mason needed to be ready for the dedication ceremony on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Trustee Brown asked whether or not the crew could take out some old curb on Gray Ave where there are no sidewalks, and Supt. Flynn said he would look into it.

**Mayor:** Both workshops held through the EPA Smartgrowth Local Food Local Place grant were well attended and resulted in some plans that the Village will be pursuing in the next year. More details of the plans and projects will come later. The Village finally received the contract for the Betty Little SAM Grant and thus can order the new tanker truck. We will need to obtain a loan, and then submit for the receipt for the vehicle to the Dormitory Authority, which will reimburse us our grant amount of \$200,000. A Bond resolution will be prepared for the special Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> to move forward with this project. The Ways and Means committee has rejected the project we submitted for the Carrie Woerner SAM Grant and so the Board needs to develop another project that will be eligible. Discussion was had about upgrades to the Sewer plant, or to fund reconditioning of the well at the water plant or a possible elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, which would make the Community Building more accessible. The bid for the general contractor for the Main Street Anchor Grant and ED Grant will go out soon and by the next meeting the Village should know who the contractor will be. The Clean Energy Communities Project is ongoing, and we are working to fulfill four benchmarks. So far, we have reached one benchmark. The Mayor and the Clerk are assuming responsibility for another benchmark, proposing to install an electric car charging station on Village Property. Providing a station will bring people to our community and also encourage local residents to purchase electric vehicle. We will have more detail about this process at the next meeting. The Department of Health performed their annual sanitation survey at the water plant, which also included the evaluation of the hydrogeologist report from Hanson Van Vleet. They found that the aquifer capacity and supply is adequate. However, two (wells one and two) of the three wells are reaching the end of their life, and thus two new wells will need to be created. Since the supply is adequate, they may be created on the same property. Well three is the youngest well, and only needs to be reconditioned. The order of operations will be to first recondition Well three, then recondition the other two wells one at a time. If either well fails during reconditioning, a new well will need to be dug immediately. If either or both wells survive reconditioning, plans still need to be made for creating replacement wells. Other mandates include the addition of a manganese filtration system prior to the current filters, and a plan for replacing the old water mains from Eddy St. up to the intersection of Main St. and Salem St. Reconditioning is

approximately \$10,000 per well and drilling new wells will cost approximately \$100,000. Supt. Flynn and the Board will be looking into engineering firms that can handle this project.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Mayor Fuller, Trustee Vandewater and Attorney Kelly met with representative of the EPA and representatives from Barton and Loguidice regarding the Skybel/Eminent Domain Project. The Village would not be obligated to clean the property up if the Village chooses to take possession of the property and the Village will not be eligible for any Clean-up grants without owning the property. There is need for further assessment because a geophysical assessment was never performed to determine if there are any underground tanks. Barton and Loguidice has issued a proposal for an EPA Brownfields Site Specific Assessment Grant that will include a geophysical assessment of what is there and the estimated costs of clean up. Once the Board receives the findings from the Site-Specific Assessment, the Village will start the eminent domain process to take the property and apply for clean-up grants.
2. A resolution to accept the proposal submitted by Barton and Loguidice for preparation of an EPA Brownfields Site Specific Assessment Grant for a fee not to exceed the amount of \$5,500 made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by all present.
3. Carrie Woerner SAM grant was discussed in the Mayor's Report.
4. A resolution to allow Mayor Fuller to sign the Department of Health stipulation extension with new dates was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all present.
5. The Tree Dedication for Moose Mason will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Supt. Flynn is in the process of ordering a dedication plaque.

#### **New Business:**

1. A new flag pole has been donated to the Village by Wendy Duvall of Tabor Rd. in the Town of Easton in memory of her husband. Supt. Flynn would like to put the pole in the corner of Mowry Park and the Board agreed that would be a good spot. Supt. Flynn noted that electricity would need to be run to the pole to keep it lit at night. Mayor Fuller will contact Mrs. Duvall to discuss a ceremony and plaque.
2. Mayor Fuller and Trustee Taylor have been in correspondence with Lorraine Ballard of the Battenkill Conservancy about a possible collaboration to erect two new signs, a smaller one on or near the corner of Route 372 and Barber Ave that indicates "Rock St. Park, River Access," and the second, larger sign that would be similar to the Battenkill Corridors Sign on Route 29/40 in Middle Falls. Supt. Flynn will look into getting approval from the state regarding the smaller sign on the state road. The Mayor will be in contact with Lorraine to further discuss the costs and timeline for this project.
3. The Clerk announced that the Justice Court Audit documents are ready to review in the Clerk's Office.
4. The electric car charging station was discussed in the Mayor's Report.

#### **Park Permit**

1. Request from Bob Jeffords to use Washington Square (Salem St. to Church St.) and Monument Park on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm for the annual Country Classic Car Show was approved on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by all present.

2. Request from the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce to use Mowry Park on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm for the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present.

**Parade Permit**

1. Request from the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce to host the Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present.

The Board entered into executive session requested by Mayor Fuller to discuss current litigation at 8:31 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present. The public meeting resumed at 9:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime