

## **Minutes August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Deputy Mayor/Trustee Brown, Trustees Vandewater and Edsforth, and Attorney Kelly. Mayor Fuller and Trustee Taylor were absent.

The regular meeting began at 7:01PM. A motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting held on July 24<sup>th</sup> was made on a motion by Trustee Edsforth, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Chief White reported 19 calls: 7 EMS, 2 motor vehicle accident, 2 cover assignment, 3 dispatched and cancelled enroute, 1 CO detector activation, 2 building fires, 1 public service call, and 1 false alarm. Total member hours for the month of June was 418.17 hours. Chief White asked Attorney Kelly if he had a chance to find any more recent and/or comprehensive Village laws on open burning. Attorney Kelly responded that he had not and a new law would need to be drafted. Attorney Kelly will meet with Chief White to discuss what regulations Chief White would recommend as content for an open burning law. Chief White reported the mandatory annual ground ladder testing and hose testing was performed. Ground ladders all passed testing but in hose testing they lose 400 feet of 5-inch supply line, 50 feet of 2.5-inch, and 50 feet of 1.75-inch hose. The department will be getting price quotes on replacement hose. The department is in contact with several siren vendors to get price quotes for different models and decibel levels. The Community CPR events are going very well, and Greenwich Town Supervisor Idleman and Assemblywoman Woerner attended the last event. There will be no offering this month. Professional rescuer CPR is being offered to larger groups or organizations for a fee. The summer Learning Is Fun This Summer (LIFTS) Course is currently in session and a great success thus far.

**Police:** Chief Bell presented his report: 17 criminal cases, arrested 7 different individuals, no arrests for Driving While Intoxicated, 35 calls for service, and 5 motor vehicle accidents. Officers issued 42 traffic tickets during the month of June. Chief Bell requested that a full police committee meeting be scheduled in the near future which will require representatives from both Villages to attend.

**DPW:** Supt. Flynn reported that his crew has begun repairing sidewalks starting with Cooper Street today. Next will be in front of the Library, and then every sidewalk intersection not already converted for accessibility will be converted including the special pad. Photos will be taken and sent into the state for approval of CHIPS reimbursement. The representative from the Dept. of Health will be visiting on Wednesday for the first inspection after the aquifer testing by Hanson VanVleet. The Village hopes that she will issue her official statement which should include her interpretation of the Hanson VanVleet report, and the timeline that we need to follow if Phase II needs to be completed. Supt. Flynn reported that approximately 10-12 trees need to be trimmed or removed altogether, which is a lot. Money will need to be moved from the street maintenance to community environment to fund this project. Three bids have been received from NYS contract for a new dump truck for the DPW that will also be equipped to plow and sand during the winter months. The lowest bid is \$171,725. Supt. Flynn is hoping to purchase the vehicle without the need to borrow any additional funds by using \$133,000 in his reserve fund and the remainder from unused CHIPS funds. Resolution to approve the purchase of Western Star New York Truck & Equipment bid for dump truck including delivery not to exceed the amount of \$172,000 was made

on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

**7:15 PM** – Eagle Scout Michael Casey announced that his Eagle Scout Project is complete. It is a self-guided walking tour highlighting relevant sites from the underground railroad in the Village of Greenwich. The entire walk is approximately 2.5 miles and the only requirement is to download a QR code application on a device to participate. Michael hosted an inaugural walk yesterday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00PM and it was well received with 20 people in attendance. The official dedication will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Washington County Historical Society, North Star Historical Project, and Greenwich Historical Society will be present. The date for his Eagle Scout Court of Honor is yet to be scheduled, but Michael will let all the Board members know when he gets the date.

**Youth:** Garson Smith reported 142 volunteer hours for the month of July. The Youth Center offered their first \$500 Scholarship for Greenwich High School to a Youth Center Member. 9 Members and 3 Volunteers attended the Community Potluck at the VFW last Saturday. There will be a few fundraisers coming up this fall, including a chicken bbq take-out dinner through the VFW, and 50/50 raffle at that same event. Garson would like to thank the DPW for the new trash and recycling receptacles. The center has received increased donations from Comfort Foods, which allows the members to have healthy snacks. A donation has been received for painting the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The center will be closed during Fair week. The Board of the Youth Center is proposing new hours for the fall and would like Village Board approval: Wednesday-Friday 2:30pm-7pm, and Saturday 12:30pm-7pm.

**Mayor:** Deputy Mayor Brown read Mayor Fuller's report: Congressional Representative Stefanik met with Mayor Fuller on July 31<sup>st</sup>. They discussed economic needs, specifically that many of the Village residents work for small or single-proprietor firms and do not have access to generous benefits. They discussed the need for economic development and access to workforce training. After discussing the Village's current projects, Rep. Stefanik offered to write letters of support for federal funding grants, especially anticipated grants for the Skybel property. The Village renewed their healthcare insurance policy with Jaeger and Flynn, retaining the same policy that we carried last year. Work continues on the Main St. Anchor Grant and ESD Grant and Clean Energy Communities Program. The EPA Smartgrowth grant is planning for the September 7-8 community events. There will be a community planning meeting held at the Greenwich High School Cafeteria at 7pm on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>, and a more in depth all-day workshop held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The final contract was received and needs to be filled out from the Dormitory Authority for the Betty Little Grant. Once this is completed and approved by the Dormitory Authority, we can begin the requisition process. Mayor Fuller received an update on the Carrie Woerner Grant, the Dormitory Authority had some questions about who would own the water meters which we clarified, and the process will continue. Supt. Flynn will work with the Clerk to schedule presentations from vendors who sell the new meter system. The Board has received an analysis of the report on the Skybel property and a proposal from Barton and Loguidice to write the necessary grants and complete the required paperwork for us. The Board will need to decide whether to aim for the NYS DEC grant only or bundle it with an EPA Brownfields grant. The EPA Brownfields grant may require the Village have a title to the property in order to get funding. Attorney Kelly suggested the Village hire an appraiser to determine the value of the property less the clean-up costs so the Board will know the true value of the property. He will also speak with EPA representatives to determine if the judge's original order for the eminent domain that stated the Village did not need to take the title until it is cleaned up due to the large lien on the property will negate the EPA's requirement.

**Old Business:**

1. Attorney Kelly gave an update on the few properties that had been deemed as violators to the Nuisance Law. County Code Enforcement Officer Celani visited 10 Simpson St. after the Village team had already deemed it unsafe. The owner was issued a Washington County violation and when spoken to by Celani and Attorney Kelly, the owner claimed that he would like to clean the property up and put it on the market. Attorney Kelly drafted the Village Violation letter and a time limit, so that if he is not able to clean up the property by October 11, 2017 then he will have a hearing before the Mayor. Deputy Mayor Brown asked about the status of 15 Academy St. The large furniture on the lawn has been removed, but the tall grass remains. The Clerk stated she had been in touch with the bank taking care of the foreclosure due to the outstanding water bill and would ask if they could take care of the mowing as well.
2. Per the proposals given at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the total cost of the work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is \$26,205, and a private donor has donated a sum of \$15,000 to be used for the purpose of completing this project leaving the remaining balance of \$11,205 to be paid out of the Gannon Fund. A resolution to approve the proposal from independent contractor Mike Myers for \$7,500 and the proposal from contractor Moe's Flooring for \$3,705 for a total expenditure to exceed \$11,205 be paid out of the Gannon Fund was made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

**New Business:**

1. A motion to approve the proposed Youth Center hours of Wednesday-Friday 2:30pm-7pm, and Saturday 12:30pm-7pm was made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

**Park Permit**

1. Request from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to use Mowry Park on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm for a benefit concert with a rain date of Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm was approved on Motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

The Board entered into executive session requested by Attorney Kelly to discuss current litigation at 7:52 PM on a motion by Trustee Edsforth, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown. The public meeting resumed at 8:18 PM on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

Vouchers from 17-72 through 17-133 in the General Fund totaling \$120178.14, vouchers from 17-10 through 17-24 in the Water Fund totaling \$16420.37, and vouchers from 17-13 through 17-21 in the Sewer Fund totaling \$4161.62 were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by Deputy Mayor Brown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime