

## **Minutes December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich to discuss planning and funding for the multi-year water project under mandate by the Department of Health. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Edsforth, Vandewater, Brown, Taylor and Attorney Kelly. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

### **Old Business:**

1. Mayor Fuller requested that Supt. Flynn explain the work that he has already done and is planning to do on the wells. Supt. Flynn is having contractor Mark Rogers perform the reconditioning of all three wells for and he will be responsible for submitting reports for each. He will not be performing the drilling of the new wells. Well #3 was reconditioned last month, and the next reconditioning will be Well #1 followed by Well #2 in the spring. The Department of Health is aware of the scheduling for the reconditioning. Supt. Flynn introduced Assistant Supt. Grimes who was also present at the meeting. Attorney Kelly asked Supt. Flynn if we have received a scope of work and/or contract from Mark Rogers. Supt. Flynn responded that Mark Rogers has reconditioned the Village wells regularly for twenty years and our Dept. of Health representative holds him in high regard. Trustee Brown asked what the cost will be for the reconditioning. Supt Flynn responded that Mark Rogers estimated the cost will be approximately \$5,000 per well. Discussion was had about funding the reconditioning from this years or next year's budget. Next, representatives Steve LeFevre and Don Fletcher from Barton & Loguidice discussed the scope and fees of their original proposal. However, this proposal included reconditioning of the wells and this service is not needed as Mark Rogers will be covering those processes. Don Fletcher explained that his services will include a report that identifies all the problems that need to be addressed and how to find funding for these projects. The report will wrap up in the spring of 2018, and will include a SEQR and funding applications. The first application to complete is the Environmental Facilities Corporation application which is state funding and is due in June. They will also complete a bond resolution which will identify the total cost of the project for budgeting purposes. The Mayor asked for more clarity around the idea that the Village was not able to get grant funding in the past because the median income was too high and the water rates were to low. The representative from Barton and Loguidice responded that there are three factors that do affect grand funding: current water rates, income eligibility or what can people afford, and do you have environmental concerns associated. The Dept. of Health Administrative Consent Order will show that there is warranted environmental concern. Most of the other applicable grants for water project funding will be due in August 2018. Discussion was had about how to set water rates for the Village and the possibility of including the new water meters within this project. The new proposal they will draft will include the bottom three items from the current proposal which is planning services, preliminary engineering report, and funding

assistance for about \$29,000 and if approved by the Board, Barton and Loguidice would start right away. Resolution to authorize Mayor Fuller to sign the contract with Barton and Loguidice after it is revised and start moving forward made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

**New Business:**

1. A resolution to authorize Mayor Fuller to sign the 2018 Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Greenwich pending the change of a typo was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Taylor and carried by all.
2. Deputy Chief Buell was present to report to the Board an opportunity for cost savings on the Fire Department Tanker currently on order. If the Village pre-pays for the just the chassis component there would be a \$3,731 savings from the total cost of \$98,457 to \$94,726. Trustee Taylor asked if the money was available. Mayor Fuller reminded him that the money is not available, we will be taking out a BAN that will be paid back through the Betty Little Grant monies. Attorney Kelly would need to draw up the BAN paperwork very quickly. The first payment on the tanker will not be due until a year after it is received. Due to the amount of interest that would accrue on the BAN in a year's time if the BAN were taken out right away, this proposal was tabled as more information is needed.
3. Supervisor Idleman ordered a bench for the Fire Department memorial and she thought it would be nice if the Village and Town shared the cost of it. Supt. Flynn thought that he read in the paper that the Town said they would pay for the entire bench. This is tabled until more information is received.
4. Mayor Fuller, the Clerk and Treasurer met with a sales representative for Priority One Phone System who gave proposals for both a buying and a 3-year lease option to replace all of the phones in the office and at the DPW office. The Mayor would like to choose the lease option. Both options are less expensive than what we currently pay for phone service. Trustee Brown thought that the buying option would be better as there would be more cost savings.

The Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Trustee Taylor seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime