

Minutes

February 27th, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held on July 24th, 2017 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich to discuss the Village health care regulations. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Edsforth, Brown, Taylor and Vandewater, and Attorney Kelly.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:04 PM. The Village Board began the meeting by reviewing the document edited by Mayor Fuller to approve or make additional changes to reflect current practices. Minor edits were made and some clarification will be added. The Village Clerk will type up a final copy to be presented and adopted by the Board.

The Board reviewed the current health insurance plan for 2017-18 health insurance year with a price increase of 11% from last year against other comparable health insurance plans. Discussion was had about reducing costs to the Village by instituting an employee contribution to the premium or keeping it as it is, with the Village paying for the entire premium and reimbursement of half the deductible. It was determined that the Board would like to make no changes at this time, but may decide to decrease the amount reimbursed for the deductible as a cost saving measure in the future. A motion to renew the current health insurance plan we have through Jaeger and Flynn for the health insurance year starting on September 1st, 2017 was made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

With health insurance costs projected to increase at least 10% each year, Mayor Fuller proposed eliminating health insurance eligibility for elected officials, and instead increasing the pay rate as an idea for cost savings for the future. Discussion was had regarding the compensation package for elected officials in the Village of Greenwich compared to other nearby Villages' elected officials that have comparable population sizes. Attorney Kelly stated that elected officials are a separate class, and need to be treated the same within that class by the Village of Greenwich. Elimination of health insurance can be done by resolution through amending the health insurance regulations and no local law is required because it is not considered compensation. However, raising the Trustees pay rate in the middle of their term would require a permissive referendum unless it the pay rate increase was included in the budget planning and adopted with a new budget. The Board will discuss this matter further, as next year's budget preparation begins.

New Business:

1. Attorney Kelly Prepared the SEQR for the New York Main Street (NYMS) Anchor Grant, which is a NYS Environmental review and assessment. A resolution declaring that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich will take on the role of Lead Agency for this project and determined based on the information and analysis that the proposed actions will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts was made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Taylor, and carried by all. A resolution to authorize Mayor Fuller to sign the SEQR and reaffirm the resolution to move forward with the NYMS Anchor Grant made on a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Park Permit

1. Request from Mark Kelsey of the Taconic Pipe Band to use the Mowry Park Gazebo for band practice on Friday, July 28th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime