

## Minutes

November 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met November 15, 2018 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller and Trustees Brown, Robinson, Vandewater and Edsforth, as well as Attorney Kelly, Superintendent Flynn, Sargent Danko and Chief White.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Mayor Fuller announced the news that the Village has been awarded the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant announced by Governor Cuomo in the amount of \$3,000,000. This represents a maximum of 60% of the total project. Specific grant details are unknown at this time.

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund numbers 210 - 278 in the amount of \$169,261.11, Water Fund voucher numbers 38 - 51 in the amount of \$34,452.84, Sewer Fund voucher numbers 23 - 31 in the amount of \$5,031.40. These were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

### Department Reports:

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the October report: Calls: 30; EMS- 18, MVA – 4, Carbon Monoxide activation – 3, Vehicle fire- 1, False Alarm- 2, Electrical problem with appliance -1, Dispatched and cancelled in route -1. Member hours: 812.75 hours Activity & training, 139.7 hours Emergency response. 952.45 total hours. Purchases: The seven sets of gear have arrived and are in service. Gloves and helmets have been purchased and 2 C/O meters for our EMS group. Repairs: The members have completed minor repairs of the lights on R-328. Events: GFD Fit For Duty 5k- 84 participants raising approx... \$4000. Fire Prevention details- Members put on 2 days of presentations at both GCS, and Pooh's Corners. Halloween- members served over 400 kids! Cider donuts donated by Reggie's Veggies. Memorial Ceremony- A beautiful service honoring those who have gone before us, we added bricks in their honor. Thank you to the town of Greenwich and Jeff Wilkinson for the wonderful benches. Upcoming- November 28 at 7pm is a "Stop the Bleed" program at the VFW. Open to all.

**Police:** Sargent Danko submitted his report: New vehicle should be ready this weekend. Officer LaPorte is in field training and should be rejoining the force soon. There were 10 criminal cases for the month of October, 1088 for the year, total of 7 arrested for the month, 20 calls for service, 1 arrest for driving while intoxicated and 3 motor vehicle accidents. 24 traffic tickets. Toy drive is underway. Donations go to Operation Santa. New hire list is out.

**DPW:** Superintendent Flynn delivered the October report. Both wells have been completed and are in outstanding shape. Water consumption is down 100,000 gallons from the summer which allows pumps to actually cycle off. Currently the last of the leaves are being picked up and snow removal will commence tomorrow. Tractor Parade preparations are underway.

**Youth:** Trustee Edsforth presented her report; Staffing – interviews for Director are being conducted. Hours continue to be Thursday and Fridays 4:30-7:00.

**Mayor: Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** - Work continues at both buildings, and it's obvious that the focus is on the exterior of both buildings. The plan is to complete exteriors and then move to the interior during the winter. Homefront is in touch with our funders regarding the deadlines for work to be completed. **Department of Health and our Water System** - Details on the WIIA grant are forthcoming, but since the grant is most likely a reimbursement, we would like to put loans in place that we hope to replace with grants. We are moving forward with the USDA grant and loan programs. We are planning the new wells, too, which will be the first tasks to be completed. Laura Oswald from the County is investigating other grants and our eligibility. We have confirmed an extension of our deadlines with the Department of Health, and we're in regular communication with Maria O'Connell, our representative. **FEMA Grants** - Our application for the first grant that would cover the SCBA units is submitted. We will be meeting with our consultant later this month to discuss other grants, and we will plan to work with them to write at least two additional grants in the next months. **Downtown Parking and Traffic Study** - We had the launch meeting with Chazen Company. They had analyzed our sidewalks and initial parking data. The next step is contact with Main Street business owners, and the Chazen team is in the process of conducting these. **Dunbarton Project** - Several Greenwich people attended a conference in Syracuse last week; I, Attorney Andy Kelly, Supervisor Sara Idleman and Planning Board Chair Bill Tomkins. This conference, conducted by the Center for Creative Land Recycling, proved to be a treasure trove of useful information and, most importantly, contacts that will be very valuable as we move forward. We followed up by meeting with an environmental attorney who develops compromised sites in the state; she came and walked the site with us. She was enthusiastic about the site and its possibilities. She also had feedback for us on our grant applications and how to write a successful application. **Village Hall Task Force** - The task force held a public meeting this past Tuesday, with the goal of determining what the priorities should be for the building. The discussion was lively, and we will have a further meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> to develop details about the top priorities. Our goal is to create an initial plan, to use in seeking a full planning grant. **Clean Energy Community Project** - Trustee Brown and I met to discuss the possibility of replacing the fixtures in the office. We realized that the largest use of electricity is the street lights and water and sewer pumps. We decided to explore whether we could spend our money replacing all the streetlights at once, before making an agreement for the buildings. A discussion of adding solar to the sewer plant was discussed.

### **Old Business:**

1. A comparison spreadsheet of fire alarm proposals from 3 vendors for the Village Hall prepared by Trustee Edsforth was discussed. Trustee Brown questioned the potential decrease in insurance premiums. The purchase of a system will be tabled until that answer is provided by the Village insurance carrier.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby approve the opening of a Capital Project named; IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE of GREENWICH PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, stating the estimated maximum cost of said acquisition, construction and installation together with certain costs thereto is \$6,330,000. Financing - \$3,000,000 from a Water Infrastructure

Improvement Act Grant, plus other financing sources to be determined. The starting budget is \$60,000 to be paid out of the Water Capital Reserve Fund. This action is subject to Permissive Referendum. This Resolution was made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

**New Business:**

1. Sargent Danko has researched solutions that address residents' concerns over Village speeding and missing crossing guards. Current budget is approximately \$19,000 for crossing guards. Buying 4 crossing systems, similar to Middle Falls, to cover the busiest intersections would be approximately \$21,000, which is a one-time expense. To address the speeding concerns in the Village, the purchase of a portable solar powered radar speed and universal bracket sign not to exceed \$3000 from Police General Capital Reserve Fund was made on a motion by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. This action is subject to permissive referendum.

**Correspondence:**

**Permits:**

1. Park permit for Greenwich High School prom pictures in gazebo Saturday, April 13, 2019 2-4:30 pm was approved on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
2. Peddler's Permit for the Rolling Radish Food Truck was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
3. Washington County Band Concert in Mowry Park on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm with a rain date on July 19<sup>th</sup> was approved on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
4. Cumberland Farms water application has been stalled pending assessment by the firm Barton and Loguidice.

**Public Comment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM by a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling