

Minutes

October 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met October 11, 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 and Edsforth, as well as Attorney Kelly, Superintendent Flynn, and Sargent Danko. Chief White was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund voucher numbers 157 - 209 in the amount of \$127,835.25, Water Fund voucher numbers 32 - 37 in the amount of \$10,346.70 and Sewer Fund voucher numbers 17 - 22 in the amount of \$1,858.96.

Department Reports:

Fire: Trustee Robinson delivered Chief White's report for the month of September, there were 20 calls: 11 EMS, 3 MVA, 4 building fires, 1 alarm activation and 1 cover assignment. A quiet month. Total member hours for the month of September was 464.75 hours of activity and training and 149.01 hours of emergency response totaling 613.76 hours. Chief White is asking permission to purchase a thermal imaging camera to replace the current one which no longer takes a charge. Three quotes are included. The model from Granger, which is tied at the lowest price at \$1385.00 is the preferred choice. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to authorize this purchase from the Fire Department's budget. Trustee Brown made this motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all. The report included two quotes from local fitness centers. Health Club membership has been a benefit for firefighters for the past several years. Anytime Fitness has offered a \$995 yearly membership rate, good for three years to members of the department. The current YMCA deal has not been re-offered. Mayor Fuller will follow up with the Y. The FEMA grant for the air-pacs is progressing and will be completed by the 24th of October. There are many more grants available thru grants.gov, some of which will be pursued in the near future. This Sunday at noon a ceremony will take place at the firehouse to add names of deceased members of the Greenwich Fire Department.

Police: Sargent Danko submitted his report: September was a quiet month. 5 criminal cases, 98 for the year, total of 1 arrested for the month, 16 calls for service, 0 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and 3 motor vehicle accidents. 27 traffic tickets. New Ford Explorer is in village and equipment is being transferred from Taurus. Washington County has been contacted to borrow the speed trailer, which will be forthcoming. Officers have been more of a presence along the stretch of Main Street which residents have been concerned about trucks and speed. Attached to the report are photos of speeds of trucks. Superintendent Flynn spoke to Phil Spezio; safety officer at the county, who has directed drivers of county trucks to obey posted speed limits within the Village. Sargent Danko has priced out telephone pole speed signs which cost about \$2000 each. The totaled police car is to be donated to the Fire Department on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the September report. Waterline to Wallies is in, which took 2 days. Leaf pick up will start on Monday. Sidewalk work will continue. Wells will be done next

week. They had to wait, because water usage was high over the summer, three pumps were running. The school used a tremendous amount of water, watering fields. Permission was asked to replace 1997 pick-up truck with plow which will not pass inspection. The old blade won't fit on a new vehicle, so prices include the cost of a plow. Of the state bid and prices from 3 local dealers, the lowest quote was from Carmody Ford for \$37,000 including pick-up and plow. Funds will come from Street Maintenance and Water Reserve. It is a Fleet vehicle, priced at \$41,000 with the state fleet discount of \$12,000. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$35,207.00 from Carmody Ford for an F250 pick-up truck with plow was made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all. Inquiries regarding water bills have been up in general, which is the result of a perfect storm of increased usage, a rate increase and a new meter read system.

Youth: Trustee Edsforth presented her report; Staffing – interviews are being conducted. Hours continue to be Thursday and Fridays 4:30-7:00. There is a Saturday pumpkin carving workshop this month.

Mayor: Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD - Work continues at both buildings. Construction of the foundation for the new loading dock for Wallie's is complete. Roof repairs have been done on 73 Main, and work on the brick continues. Exterior work expected to be completed by the end of year, with the interior work continuing during the winter. **Department of Health and our Water System** - While waiting to hear about WIIA grants, communication is ongoing with the USDA. Registration is completed with their online system to apply for grants and loans. Laura Oswald from the County is exploring other grants to consider. An extension of deadlines with the Department of Health has been confirmed, and Attorney Kelly is in regular communication with Maria O'Connell, our representative. **FEMA Grants** - A grant writer and consultant to write grants has been engaged that will benefit the fire department. The first grant we will seek would cover the SCBA units that we need. The deadline for this grant is the end of October. We have been working to gather and communicate the information that the writer will need to write the application, which includes the details of our fire department budget. After this grant application is submitted, the consulting group will research other grants, and we will plan to work with them to write at least two additional grants during our term of work with them. **Downtown Parking and Traffic Study** - the launch meeting will take place this Friday with Chazen Company. Representatives of Chazen, the AGFTC, the Village and the community will meet to discuss priorities and set a plan and schedule for the work. **EPA Assessment Grant**- We communicated with a consulting company that works with the EPA on at risk sites and helps communities access resources. We will be holding an initial meeting with this group to discuss possible benefits of working together, this Friday. **Village Hall Task Force**- The task force has engaged a neutral facilitator who will help us conduct the public process of determining future uses of the Village Hall. The main public event will be a public meeting to engage the community, which will be held on November 13th at the Elementary School cafeteria.

Old Business:

1. Fire alarm proposals are being analyzed. Trustee Edsforth is waiting to talk to Steve Smith at the County for his input on needs and code requirements.

New Business:

1. An inventory of all the Village buildings was completed by PMG to assess LED lighting requirements. A statement of work was received with estimated conversion costs, incentives and estimated savings. Bulb color options were questioned to remediate the starkness of some bulbs.
2. Motion to accept the 2018-19 Washington County Snow & Ice Agreement Contract was agreed to and signed by Superintendent Fuller.
3. Gold Sponsorship of the 6th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Correspondence:

1. Mr. James Sutherland's letter of concern regarding speeding on Main St. Sargent Danko will speak to him. Actions taken have been discussed.

Permits:

1. Parade permit for the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for the 6th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade to be held on November 17, 2018 was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
2. Parade permit for the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for the 27th Annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 28, 2008 from 1-3:00 pm was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
3. Peddler's law was discussed by Attorney Kelly. Village will refer vendors to the Chamber to conform to the Chamber requirements. Enforcement of unlawful set-up will be in violation of the Peddler's Law. Peddlers that go through the Chamber will be exempt from Village licensure.
4. 30 Day advanced notice has been submitted by catering facility; Gather to notify Village of private events with alcohol. No objections by Board.

Public Comment:

1. Gray Avenue properties update on code violations. No violations have been issued at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM by a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling