

Minutes

February 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met February 11, 2019, 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 7:00 PM. The Mayor prefaced the meeting with remarks of thanks for all the dedication and exhaustive work of the DPW team during the recent water main break and aftermath. She added thanks to the County and Department of Health and ended with an acknowledgement of how lucky the Village is to have the DPW to count on in a crisis.

Superintendent Flynn added his appreciation for the determination and work-ethic of his fine crew. He also thanked Chief White, Phil Spezio, Mark Rodgers, Don McKinley, Mutual Aid Fire Companies, Argyle Fire Company, Tim Hardy, and the cooperation and compassion of the Village residents.

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund voucher numbers 369 - 420 in the amount of \$71,626.50, Water Fund voucher numbers 71 - 79 in the amount of \$4,696.70 and Sewer Fund voucher numbers 46 - 52 in the amount of \$3,036.52. 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 January report: no new members; Calls – 18, EMS- 12, MVA – 1, alarm activation – 1, service call, building fire- 2, Dispatched and cancelled in route -2. Member hours: 847 of Activity& training, 64. 40 hours emergency response with 911.4 total hours. Engine Rescue 321 – looking to replacing this unit for a 2020 delivery. Chief White is in the process of gathering bids to start the process of purchasing a new engine, which takes 8-12 months to build. Also, in the apparatus replacement plan; Brush 326 power unit is due for replacing, and approval is sought to start the process of procuring bids. All firefighting equipment will be transferred from the existing unit to the new vehicle. Funds will come from the Capital Equipment Reserve. Trustee Robinson made a motion to approve the garnering of bids to replace Engine 326, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko submitted his report: There were 9 criminal cases for the month of January, 9 for the year, total of 5 arrested for the month, 31 calls for service, 5 MVA.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the January report. Permission is asked to put the 1997 Ford pick-up and the recycling truck for sale via bid. No objections were raised. Town of Greenwich received a letter, which was passed on to Superintendent Flynn from National Grid regarding laying a gas line up Cottage Street. Residents of Cottage St. have received inquiries from National Grid on potential interest. Information is unclear at this time. The tank is stable, although there is another large leak which will be addressed on Friday.

Youth: Newly elected Board President Jim Mumby presented the January report with input from Board Vice-President Garson Smith; Staffing is complete as both a Director and newly hired

Program Manager; Erica Goodling are in place. Currently CCGY is open 3 days. Volunteers are being sought to add Saturdays to the roster. President Mumby pointed out outside lighting is inadequate at night and asked if this can be addressed. Mayor Fuller agreed. Garson Smith has some ideas about inexpensive ways to accomplish this. It has also been noticed that smoking has been taking place at the rear door of the Village Hall and signs declaring a tobacco-free zone should be purchased and posted. Exit signs were also addressed as inadequate. All agreed. Glow in the dark signs should be purchased. Wired sign can be installed above the front door. Mayor Fuller will call Mr. van den Heever to discuss door and egress from the third floor.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered January report. **Fire Department Banquet** - Last week the Fire Department held its annual banquet, and I, Maria and Kyle attended. As in past years, we were impressed by the number and longevity of the members and their dedication to keeping the Village (and Town) safe. Congratulations on a successful, fun event! **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** - Work has moved inside on the Wallie's project. Electrical work is ongoing, and the HVAC and plumbing will begin next week. **Department of Health and our Water System** - We've been working with Barton and Loguidice to plan the water system project, and we will be discussing this later in the meeting. **EPA Assessment Grant** - In January, we held the first public meeting for the purpose of determining a vision for the future Dunbarton site. We used the findings to add to the narrative for the Assessment grant, which we submitted on January 31. We worked with outside consultants as well as our grant writers to write an application that we believe is strong. Now we wait to hear whether we are awarded the grant. **Downtown Parking and Traffic Study** - Trustee Vandewater and I met with the Chazen Company to hear them present their traffic and parking study results. They presented a creative plan that includes a riverside park for public access, and they asked for our responses. We'll expect to get the final report soon and then will make plans for the future process. **Village Hall Task Force** - We will be creating a final version of the report soon, and we'll use that to seek a planning grant to define the scope and cost of the project. **Refugee Resettlement** - I attended a presentation about refugee resettlement in the Northeast, sponsored by our area churches. A representative from HIAS, an agency that works with local partners to protect and resettle refugees, spoke to a standing-room only audience, about the current status of the process and what we can do.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Annie Miller; Director of Greenwich Free Library delivered her 2018 report which included income, expenses, clients, usage, grants, and funding.
2. Barton & Loguidice's Don Fletcher and Carley Parker presented the engineering agreement necessary to complete the project finance agreement for the Water System Improvement Project. Don Fletcher provided a brief summary of the project thus far. He added that it appears the Village qualifies for a 0% interest hardship loan for the balance of the funds not covered by the WIIA Grant. Confirmation of this is expected in the near future. A question was asked about the percentage of Village water lines which will be replaced. The answer was about 3 miles of line, percentage unknown. The answer will be provided at a later date. Attorney Kelly has standard changes to the terms and conditions of the agreement and approval of the Board of Trustees will be subject to those changes.

Don Fletcher has seen these changes and agrees to them. Mayor fuller asked the Board for a Resolution to approve the agreement. Trustee Vandewater made a motion to approve the Barton & Loguidice Engineering Services Proposal, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

3. CCGY Board member Garson Smith asked permission to renovate Youth Center to include a storage closet at no cost with donated labor and materials. Board of Trustees approved these renovations.
4. Mayor Fuller asked the board to pass a Resolution to Governor Cuomo urging reconsideration of the cuts that were proposed for the new fiscal budget. The cuts in the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program would eliminate state aid for the vast majority of New York's smallest local governments, and they would affect municipalities' ability to follow through on the goal of reducing local property tax burdens. If the cuts are left in the budget, they will do meaningful harm to the towns and villages of Washington County. Resolution was made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
5. Mayor Fuller asked Attorney Kelly to research ADA statutes in order to clarify upstairs usage. Attorney Kelly summed up findings; County Code Enforcement Administrator Theo Celani inspected the building in 2017 and Steve Smith inspected the building in 2018. The Village Hall meets the code in terms of wheelchair access. If the building was built before 1993, a reasonable effort must be made to accommodate access by handicapped persons. It was the opinion of both Theo and the General Council at NYCOM that the chair-lift in place is sufficient to comply. If a stairwell was altered, in more than a cosmetic way, it would trigger full compliance to current ADA standards. The conclusion by the General Council, County Code Officer and Village Attorney Kelly, is public or private functions are allowable, even without wheelchair access. Mayor Fuller weighed in with the opinion that by allowing public functions, the Village is sending a message to a class of people; "sorry, but you can't come." That said, the Village should develop a policy regarding usage and solutions. Trustees Robinson and Edsforth will work on 3rd floor room use policy and a revised application which will be addressed at the March meeting.

Permits

1. Tour of Battenkill - May 11, 2019. An application and map have been provided to both the Board of Trustees and the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Force. Approval of the parade application was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.
2. Comfort Food Community's Give Hunger the Boot Campaign in conjunction with the Greenwich, Middle Falls and Cossayuna Fire Departments application to place the campaign sign in Veteran's Park from May 17- June 17. Also included on the permit application was permission to hold Comfort Food Coin Drop Fundraiser on Saturday, June 1 on Main St between Corliss Ave and Van Ness Ave between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30pm. Approval of the application was made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Correspondence

1. NYMIR recommendations. Mayor Fuller and Superintendent Flynn will meet to go over the list to determine how best to carry out the recommendations in the letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by a motion from Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling