

Minutes

March 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met March 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 and Edsforth, as well as Attorney Kelly, Superintendent Flynn, Sargent Danko and Assistant Fire Chief Corey Hopkins. Trustee Vandewater was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund voucher numbers 421 - 462 in the amount of \$69,023.11, Water Fund voucher numbers 80 - 90 in the amount of \$25,550.16 and Sewer Fund voucher numbers 53 - 60 in the amount of \$8,764.07. These were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Corey Hopkins delivered the February report for Chief White: no new members; A slow month with only 20 calls. A CPR-a-thon event is being planned with details to follow. Two purchase requests; the first is a floor cleaning machine with funded from the Building Capital Equipment Reserve. Three quotes have been obtained. Chief White would like to go with the least expensive; Hill and Markes at \$3391.38. Second purchase request, as discussed at the February meeting, replacing 1969 Brush 326 with a state bid for a 2019 Ford F-350 4x4 vehicle. The quote is \$29,424 plus \$2,500 for equipment upgrades (lighting packages) for a total of \$31,924 out of Capital Equipment Reserves. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to approve this purchase by Board Resolution subject to Permissive Referendum. Trustee Robinson made a motion to approve the expenditure of funds from the Fire Department Building Reserve not to exceed \$3391.38 for the purchase of a Hill and Markes floor cleaner and the expenditure of funds from the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-350 not to exceed \$31,924. This Resolution was seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko submitted his February report: Also a quiet month. There were 5 criminal cases for the month, 14 for the year, total of 4 arrested for the month, 31 calls for service, 4 MVA. 15 tickets were issued in the school zone. An inquiry to NYS Department of Transportation regarding installing crosswalk system criteria, the answer was, we are free to add them as needed. First two areas of concern are in front of Stewarts and up near the school at Church St., where pedestrians are having difficulty crossing. These purchases would be funded by existing reserves. Each solar powered unit is about \$4,900. These are similar to the one at the Middle Falls fire Department. More research to follow. Initial

purchase would be one unit to start off. Installation assistance by the DPW would be necessary.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the February report. Main Street is being cleaned this evening. The reason for the delay, is NYS permission is ordinarily given only with a 6" or greater snowfall. Complaints have been received, and NYS granted permission. The major leak was discovered on February 15. The leak was 80,000 gallons, which is half of our normal usage. All the watermain maps show this as a 4" pipe. In fact, this was a 6" pipe. The difficulty in detecting the leak was due to a brick-lined cistern surrounding the pipe, which directed the water down rather than up, as it was designed to do. The leak was right near Helping Hands. Rural Water was indispensable in pinpointing the breach to within 8 feet. Two pumps are running at all times so the pipe going across the bridge won't freeze. We are pumping 120 gallons a minute compared to the 300 gallons a minute before the leak was discovered. Following up on NYMIR recommendations; the torches have been fixed, 3 trucks need cut-off switches, which is being worked on at this time. Cameras are recommended as well, which will be discussed in the near future.

Youth: President Jim Mumby presented the February report: Board has approved the membership of 3rd grade children. Cameras are on our agenda due to vaping and roof climbing on the side structure. Volunteers are willing to dismantle if approved. Shed may be up for discussion to dismantle in the future. April 20th Youth Center Fundraiser at the Elks; "Spring Thing" a cabaret evening with Bob Warren and three members of Eastbound Jesus.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered February report. Interviews were conducted to fill the full-time Police position, which was offered to Ryan Buell, and he accepted. We look forward to working with Officer Buell in his new position. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** Work progresses on the Wallie's project; work inside the building is moving ahead.

Department of Health and our Water System We have a schedule for drilling the new wells, and the engineering report for the full water system is in development. We have received word that the Village will be eligible for 0 percent interest loans for the part of the project that will not be covered by the WIIA grants. In order to receive the full grant, we will need to conduct a full project of \$5M. **EPA Assessment Grant for the Dunbarton Site** At this point we are waiting to hear whether we have been successful in our bid for the grant. Announcements should be released in the summer. **Downtown Parking and Traffic Study** Trustee Vandewater and I met with National Grid to discuss possibilities for the electric wires in the business district. We would like to bury the electric service. We learned that the process is quite expensive, and while the poles would be gone, they would have to install boxes to hold the electric service. We would also need manholes to provide access to the electric service. We will explore this further in the next months. We also learned that we can convert all of our streetlights to LED, with National Grid retaining ownership. This would mean that we wouldn't have to service them ourselves. Chazen Company is preparing their final report for the streetscape in the business district. The

plan includes a park along the river, which will require a lot of planning. The Village is working with them, and the meeting will include representatives of associated agencies.

Natural Gas for the Village We learned that the situation with National Grid extending natural gas in the Village has changed from the situation four years ago. We are working with a representative from National Grid to determine how much expansion they will approve and what the process will be for planning expansion. The Village will create a plan that will be announced to the community.

Village Hall Task Force We will hear the report from the Village Hall Task Force tonight. We are exploring options for planning grants now.

Workshop for Municipalities on the probable legalization of cannabis. Jane Dowling represented the Village at this one-day workshop on the impact that legalization will have on municipalities, and the opportunities that the change in the law could offer.

Old Business:

1. Village Hall Task Report delivered by Devin Bulger summarized the 19-page final report. Major takeaways are saving the building and using it as a community resource and community hub. Responses to the survey and meeting question of use priority are; Youth Center, Food Pantry, Senior Center, Commercial Kitchen and performance theater space. Next steps: turning this over to experts. Mayor Fuller added she has talked to Chazen about getting a planning grant to address budgets, architectural, engineering and needs assessments. Alternately, if nothing is done, the cost of demolishing the building should be examined. No plans are in place to raise taxes to fund this project.
2. Third floor usage agreement was worked on by Trustees Edsforth and Robinson. Non-Youth Center and Village events do require insurance. Fee schedule to be determined. Food refuse should be removed. Youth center schedule takes precedence on room use.
3. Surveillance cameras are needed due to a variety of incidents in and around the Community Center. The Youth Center has specific areas of concern as well. Sargent Danko has found wireless HD, night vision systems for about \$700 for 4 cameras on the internet. Extra cameras can be added on. An electrician is needed to wire a power source, which could potentially be supplied by the DPW. Discussion is tabled for more comparison research and Superintendent Flynn's input, as he had to leave the meeting early.

New Business:

1. 2019/2020 Budget. Budget workshops scheduled for March 18 and 19 at 5pm. Public Meeting regarding the 2019/2020 Budget will take place at the regular Board Meeting in April.
2. Village Smoking Policy. The Mayor would like to pass an ordinance prohibiting smoking /vaping on village properties. Attorney Kelly will prepare the law as defined by New York State. All village buildings and surrounding grounds will be

covered. The parks will not be included. Signs will be posted. The ashtray on the front of the building will be removed.

3. Mayor Fuller commented on the volume of complaints regarding people not picking up after their dogs. Attorney Kelly noted that a law exists in the Village's Animal Control Law.

Permits

1. 30 Day Advance Notice Waiver for Wicked Wicks Candles is asked for by Donna Irish. The Main Street store will be hosting paint and sip nights, wine and cheese nights and karaoke nights. Sundays will be tea/coffee and scones. A store is planned as well, provisioned with local goods. An April opening is planned. Waiver was granted on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
2. Mr. Ding-a-Ling Ice Cream Peddler Permit was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Public Comment

Rulyn Graves commented on the high cost of heating her Main Street properties and high interest in the gas line going down Main Street. Mayor Fuller reiterated the need for gas service to be as fair and widespread as possible in the Village.

Another resident expressed his gratitude for the work the DPW has done this winter with water, snow and ice challenges.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling