

Minutes

September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met September 9, 2019, in the Community Room at the Greenwich Free Library in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson and Edsforth, as well as Fire Chief Mike White, Sargent Danko, Brian Buell. Superintendent Flynn was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund Abstract General Fund numbers 134 - 178 in the amount of \$111,422.75, Water Fund voucher numbers 19 - 24 in the amount of \$2,601.73 and Sewer Fund voucher numbers 11 - 16 in the amount of \$2,457.27. These were audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all.

Chazen Companies: Paul Cummings, Senior Planner presented the report. Present was a representative from ADFTC, which funded the study, as well as Chazen Companies employees. Digital and hard copies will be forthcoming. This is a planning project encompassing sidewalks, traffic, parking and lighting. Starting with a typology of sidewalks, maximizing pedestrian opportunity and being ADA compliant. A sampling of images were presented. Signage concepts were presented. Hitting the "easy button" for visitors, respects heritage and allows for vehicle and pedestrian viewing. The city of Saratoga was cited as an example of a productive and thoughtful signage program. Parking was viewed as a lack of efficiency of parking in the Village. Real parking occupancy rates are about 30%. There is a perception of lack of parking space. Shared municipal parking is a possibility. Dovetailing streetscape and waterfront access was another area. A pocket waterfront park could be conceived down at Mill Hollow. Preliminary project cost estimates are as follows: waterfront park and streetscape project would cost 3.7-3.8 million dollars. Road construction would be 2.7-2.8 million dollars.

Department Reports:

Fire: Fire Chief White delivered the August report: no new members; 22 calls, EMS 10, dispatched and cancelled en route 1, MVA 2, service call 0, wires down 3, cover assignment 1. Member hours 396.50 activity and training and 115.20 emergency response hours for a total of 511.7 hours. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to approve the purchase of SCBA Bottles- Approval of this purchase by Resolution happened at July Meeting. Trustee Brown motioned to move the amount of \$6625.00 out of the Capital Equipment Fund to the Operating Fund for the purchase of 38 SCBA bottles, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. Still moving forward with plans to purchase a new Garrison Fire and Rescue Corp. pumper for \$472,000. There will be a price increase on 10/1. The salesperson is investigating a grace period. A funding source has been identified through the vendor and Community Leasing Partners. The estimated payment through the vendor is \$ 42,874. Grant update- The first round of FEMA grants for SCBA has not been awarded to us. There will be two more rounds of awards according to Benzo Consulting. NYS DEC has awarded a matching grant towards the purchase of chainsaws for the department. Trustee

Vandewater opened the single sealed bid for the 1969 GMC truck. Bid of \$12,100 met the reserve of \$10,000. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to accept the bid from Peter Gray of Greenwich. Trustee Vandewater made a motion to accept the above bid, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the August report: There were 11 criminal cases for the month, 87 for the year, total of 6 arrested for the month. Looking for a substitute crossing guard.

DPW: August report was delivered by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Buell. Working on new wells, grading on sewer plant, sidewalks. A plan is due end of month on wells. After that RFPs will be sent out for pump, electrical work, pump install and piping.

Youth: Board President Mumby delivered August report: Back-to-School Event was a huge success. Many families were served and 22 bikes were given away. Scott Cutting Jr. has been hired as a program associate. Youth Center Contract still has not been renewed. Attorney Kelly would like the involved parties for the Youth Center to review the scope of work and make proposals. The third floor wi-fi is a separate account, and the Youth Center would like to cut costs. A suggestion was made to run cable to test whether the signal could be extended.

Mayor: Police Committee Trustee Brown and I had a long meeting with our Cambridge colleagues last week. DA Tony Jordan met with us to explain the criminal justice changes that will be in place in the new year. These changes will have a big effect on how our police department does business, and the department will probably need additional resources. There will be a public meeting at the Greenwich Town building on September 17th, where DA Jordan will explain the changes to the public. We also discussed the possibility of adding a full time officer to be shared with Cambridge. **2019 Audit** The audit proceeds; the investigation step of the audit is complete and we will meet with the auditors for the verbal report this week. The auditors will be focusing on specific areas that they have identified, and they will be on site at the Village Hall for the next couple of months. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** Wallie's should be close to complete at the end of September; the opening will be scheduled after that. The Village Board took a tour this past month, and the place looks great; we are really looking forward to the opening! This will be a big boost to the vitality of our Main Street. **Department of Health and our Water System** We are working on setting the funding for the water project. Well drilling has begun! We will need to create a short-term bond to cover expenses until the full funding comes in, which will be around the end of the year. **The Dunbarton Site** We included the Dunbarton site in the BOA area, and we submitted the application for the BOA grant in July. This grant will be used to assess the designated area. The grant is pending; we're in the waiting phase before we find out if we were funded. **Converting Streetlights to LED** Trustee Vandewater is handling this initiative. We are waiting for an updated price from National Grid for the cost to buy the current features. **Natural Gas for the Village** We have not had an update on the National Grid investigation.

Old Business: Resolution to approve the 2019 Court Docket Review for compliance. A motion was made by Trustee Brown that acknowledges the required examination of the records of the Village of Greenwich Court is in compliance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act. Seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Procurement Policy revision: Tabled

Public Comment: Mrs. Davidson of Church Street commented on the continuing speed on Church St. Motorcycles in particular seem to ignore both the stop sign and the speed limit. Looking for solutions; speed bumps, speed tapes, an additional stop sign, more ticketing were all discussed. Mrs. Sullivan of Church St added that the national GPS had Church Street as a commercial route to 29. She also noted that Sheriff's Department and State Police vehicles seem to be among the worst speed offenders. The Mayor, Board, Police and DPW will look into solutions to the speed issue including correcting the GPS information used by commercial vehicles.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn; made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling