

Minutes

December 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met December 9, 2019, in the Board Room of the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson and Edsforth, as well as Sargent Danko, Superintendent Flynn and Chief White.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Vouchers

Board members signed payment for vouchers from the General Fund voucher numbers 269 - 318 in the amount of \$109,285.42, Water Fund voucher numbers 40 – 49 in the amount of \$3,601.17 and Sewer Fund voucher numbers 31 -- 40 in the amount of \$3,501.03. These were approved, audited and ordered paid on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief White delivered the November report; One new member, 29 calls, EMS 16, dispatched and cancelled en route 1, building fire 2, MVA 1, service call 0, wires down 2, cover assignment 1. Member hours 530, emergency response hours 167.23. The new SCBA air packs are in service with training completed and ready for use. FEMA grant has been held up by paperwork issues and should be resolved by weeks' end. Trustee Brown inquired about emergency response training for elected officials. Chief White responded that he would look into local training opportunities and get back to the Board with options. The Mountain Medical 2020 contract was discussed and Chief White took the contract for further examination. Deputy fire chief Buell confirmed that the price per member for a physical and pre-cancer screening is \$150 compared to the former price of \$190.00 with Glens Falls Hospital.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the November report. There were 7 criminal cases for the month, 123 for the year, total of 2 arrested for the month. Tractor Parade attendance was estimated to be the largest ever at 7,000 – 9,000 people. Superintendent Flynn joined myself and GCS Superintendent Fish in a meeting at the High School regarding Crossing Guards. Some data is being gathered to enable a sensible solution. The DPW was manning the Church Street crosswalk, with the Police now taking over. The school's lawyers do not want a school employee on the streets due to liability. The lack of sun has affected both the crossing sign and the speed sign. Batteries will need to be ordered. The Sargent stated that too many cars were left on the roads during the recent snowstorms. Tickets were issued and the cars were not moved. The leniency will end and cars will be towed moving forward.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the November report: Most leaves were picked up right up to the snowfall. Routine work is ongoing as reported. The snow removal on Main Street stirred the usual controversy with complaints from many quarters. Well was drilled November 8-16.

Youth: Trustee Edsforth delivered November report: November Attendees: 396, Volunteer Hours: 38 hrs. New Members: 4. 74 kids attended the 5th and 6th grade dance.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the November report: **AGFTC Upcoming projects** The Village submitted two projects to the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council for consideration for their 2020 program: One is for an update to the Village zoning law to accommodate the recommended changes for the downtown streetscape; the other is for a further transportation study and plan that focuses on pedestrian traffic as well as accommodation of bike traffic through the downtown corridor. These proposed projects should be on the AGFTC agenda at their planning meetings in 2020. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** I participated in a tour of Wally's that was presented for the Lion's Club. This tour showed further progress; the interior looks beautiful! The kitchen equipment is ordered, but since it's a custom job it's been delayed further than they expected. Once the equipment is received, the owners will install. They estimate that they will open the restaurant by late winter, and they will be hiring personnel. Once the restaurant is complete, they'll turn their attention 73 Main Street; this will be complete early in 2020. This project will energize our downtown! There is a lot of excitement about it. **Water Project** The Village has had several meetings this month regarding the water project, with the goal of getting our funding in place and the project ready to go. We will be updating the resolutions needed for the funding tonight. **The Dunbarton Site** We should be hearing about the BOA grant this month, and if we have been successful, we will move toward planning assessment of the Dunbarton soil. **Converting Streetlights to LED** Trustee Vandewater is handling this initiative. We are still waiting for an updated price from National Grid for the cost to purchase the current fixtures. Once we have the estimate, we will move forward with working with NYPA to replace our fixtures. **Natural Gas for the Village** This past month the Village and area residents received a survey from National Grid about our interest in converting. I received an email from our National Grid contact telling me that he had sent this survey out to residents who live along the routes they are considering. He said that they will have the results in a month or so. **Community CPR** Our fire department has arranged a special CPR training for the Village elected officials and any other interested community members. The training will happen tomorrow evening, Tuesday the 10th of December at 6:30. The program takes about an hour; all are welcome. **Feral Cats** Twenty cats have been trapped on Main St. Apparently there are more cats still at large.

Old Business:

Conflict Waiver: Attorney Kelly explained the background of this document. The original attorney for the Demarest and Day case was represented by Whiteman Osterman & Hanna. The case is now being handled by another law firm. There may be continued fee interests which the waiver, if accepted covers. Attorney Kelly states that the matters are unrelated and advises the Conflict Waiver be signed.

Resolution No 35 RESOLVED: The Conflict Waiver letter submitted by Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP, Attorneys at Law is acceptable in the matter of financing the water system improvements for the Village of Greenwich. Authorizing Mayor Fuller to sign the letter made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice offered an explanation and recap of the Water Project increase: the model of the Village showed sub-par flow conditions. Woodlawn Avenue, for one, which feeds both the school and Cynthia Meadows is concerning. The Board of Trustees decided to include these upgrades into the project.

Resolution No 36 SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,470,000 TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY. Mayor Fuller asked for approval of this Supplemental Bond Resolution made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Personnel Policy Revisions: Discussion was had on the topics of comp time. Sargent Danko stated compensatory time has to be used within the year. It is capped at 40 hours. Overtime calculations were discussed. Overtime holiday pay was discussed as it relates to different departments and which holidays should be included in overtime pay. Travel reimbursement was discussed with respect to distance. Mayor Fuller suggested having a workshop to develop portions of the policy with a more complete dive into the Washington County policy. Dress codes, vaping and disciplinary action were touched on and tabled for a deeper discussion.

New Business:

Resolution No.37 of 2019: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby decree the Village of Greenwich election be held on March 18, 2020 at the Village Hall with polls open between the hours of noon and 9:00pm. Be it RESOLVED on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Resolution No.38 of 2019: Authorizing Chief White to sign the 2020 contract with Mountain Medical for Fire Department use. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Village Meeting calendar was agreed on and approved with Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees to be held on the second Monday of each month with the exception of October, which will be held on October 5, 2020. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Correspondence: The Agriculture and Markets Report for the Municipal Shelter run by Ed Holland and Nancy Quell dated November 4, 2019 gave an unsatisfactory rating. Mayor Fuller stated the need to identify an Animal Control Officer and a facility because the Town of Greenwich is not mandated to provide this service to the Village. The search is ongoing.

Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice asked about the additional survey necessary for the supplemental scope of the Water Project. The additional work is included in the amended engineering report, but more surveying is needed. B&L will resend the proposal to Mayor Fuller.

The Board closed the public meeting at 8:45 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. The Board entered into executive session requested by Attorney Kelly to discuss pending personnel policy changes and potential litigation at 8:46 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and carried by all.

The public meeting resumed at 9:14 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and carried by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling