

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

February 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met February 10, 2020, in the Board Room of the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson and Edsforth, and Chief White. Sargent Danko was absent. Superintendent Flynn arrived late.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Vouchers

General Fund voucher numbers 371 – 412 in the amount of \$56,051.99

Water Fund voucher numbers 62 – 68 in the amount of \$2,586.79

Sewer Fund voucher numbers 47 – 51 in the amount of \$1,991.84

Capital Project Fund voucher numbers 3 – 5 in the amount of \$288,374.09

These were approved, audited and ordered paid on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Water and Sewer 3rd Trimester Billing Approval

Water	\$63,261.33
Water reserve	\$11,557.11
Sewer	\$30,373.85
Sewer reserve	\$3,345.83
Arrears	\$24,336.35
TOTAL	\$132,874.47

These were approved, audited and ordered paid on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief White delivered the January report; No new members, calls numbered 20. FEMA Grant update; payment should be in this week. Both the Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser and GFD Annual Banquet were huge successes. SCBA Bottles will hopefully have a bid or bids to be opened at the March Meeting. Members have completed PESH training and Discrimination and Harassment training, which means the GFD is in compliance with NYS standards.

Youth: Board Member Wright delivered the January report. Attendees 484, which is up and therefore volunteers are actively being sought. Pottery with Emily Crawford has received a LARAC Grant to cover supplies. The mouse problem persists and a solution is being sought. An exterminator will be explored. The suggestion of cats was discussed. The Village will see to some solutions.

Mayor: AGFTC - update on the project we submitted that was approved. The AGFTC 20-21 plan says Assist the Village of Greenwich to update the zoning/land use ordinance(s) to codify Complete Streets, Access Management, parking regulations and requirements, and promote downtown mixed-use development. At the next AGFTC meeting they will be deciding which of their projects will be launched this year. We may send someone to represent us at the meeting.

Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant - Our consultants had a meeting with the new Department of State BOA manager, Dave Ashton. He explained the work process that will happen in the next six months. There will be another new person who will oversee our BOA, not announced yet. Once that person is in place, the DOS will issue a draft plan for our BOA process, and we will edit and comment. Then we will appoint the advisory committee, and we will begin work. Member Item Grant through DASNY We will be meeting with Rep. **Woerner** and her people here at the Village Hall on February 28th. They want to discuss the Hall and our needs especially an elevator and sidewalk remedies, as well as the multi-modal sidewalk grant and develop a plan to move forward.

Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD We are still looking forward to an opening sometime in late winter. **Converting Streetlights to LED** Kyle Vandewater had some interaction with National Grid about this project. He will update us. **Natural Gas for the Village** Again, we haven't gotten an update with results of the natural gas survey but will continue to try to contact our representative. Results should be available. **Economic Development** in the Town I spoke with Supervisor Ward about water. The Town officials have been in touch with engineers about how to proceed with infrastructure.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy revisions: tabled

Resolution No9 2020 Elected Officials Health Insurance Eligibility BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby remove the health insurance eligibility for Elected Officials including the buyout option commencing June 1, 2020. Passed on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson, aye by Trustee Edsforth and abstain by Trustee Brown.

Permit Fee Revisions: These fees have not been revised in many years. The proposed changes were discussed at the January meeting and then further discussed with the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. The discontinuation fee which has been zero has been brought up to be in line with application fee. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to approve the new rates, fees and permits. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

	Current Amount	Add'l Details	Proposed Amount
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$25.00	per appeal	50 plus postage
Peddler's Permit	\$75.00	annually	200
Peddler's Permit 6 months		6 months	100
Peddler's Permit Day pass	\$75.00	one day	50
Building Permit	\$10.00	project cost under \$1000	25
Building Permit	\$12.50	project cost \$1000-4999	30
Building Permit	\$15.00	project cost \$5000-\$14999	35
Building Permit	\$20.00	project cost \$15000-\$24999	40
Building Permit	\$30.00	project cost \$25000-\$99999	60
Building Permit	\$60.00	project cost over \$100000	120

Type	Current Amount	Add'l Details	Proposed Amount
Water Application Fee	\$20.00	N/A	50
Water Discontinuance Fee	\$0.00	N/A	50
Frozen Meter Fee	\$50.00	N/A	100
New Service from Main	\$300.00	plus cost of labor and materials	500
Water for Building Purposes	\$50.00	plus cost of water @ \$3.00/1000 gal	100
Hydrant Usage	\$100.00	plus cost of water @ \$3.00/1000 gal	200
Fire Protection-Sprinkler Heads	\$10.00	per sprinkler head, annually	20
Fire Protection-Municipal Hydrant	\$300.00	per hydrant, annually	500
Fire Protection-Private Hydrant	\$500.00	per hydrant, annually	700

Water and Sewer Rate discussion: Trustee Vandewater pointed out that although this has been discussed, information about paying the cost of the Water Project has not been fully explored. Also the facets of rates including small users relative to the Project have not been fully explored. Mayor Fuller added that it was her understanding that the Board agreed that incremental rate increases were preferable to a large one at a later date. The Board agreed to analyze the data in the next month; how many customers in each billing tier and how much it will take to make the water department and sewer department self-sustaining. Tabled until the March meeting.

Wastewater Proposal from Barton & Loguidice for EFC Grant: Tabled pending proposal from B&L

Gray Avenue Petition: Ronald Edsforth presented a petition signed by many residents of Gray Ave. and Whipple Place regarding safety and speeding on Gray Ave. Three recommendations requested:

1. Purchase an additional electronic speed sign to be placed on the in-bound side of Gray Ave.
2. Add Police patrols especially during hours when children are walking to and from school.
3. Paint a crosswalk on Gray Avenue and Whipple Place.

Additionally, move the school speed zone sign past Whipple Place. Concerns include safety of children, joggers, walkers and pets. It was agreed by the whole Board, that the traffic on Gray has increased significantly. Mayor Fuller added that Sargent Danko has been scheduling more patrols in that vicinity. The GPD has been awarded a small grant which will be used for increased traffic patrolling. The speed sign that the Village purchased this year, has been effective agreed everyone and every effort will be made to budget for at least one this year. Superintendent Flynn will have the crosswalk painted as soon as the weather allows.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the January report: The weight limit on Hill Street: the posts are in and should be completed at the end of next week. A discussion with Sargent Danko about perhaps issuing a warning the first time. There is a lot of truck traffic to deal with. Adding electronic speed signs at the borders to the Village was discussed. The bus from the school has started picking kids up by the Village Hall. No feedback at this time. Hiram Hollow in Wilton is now taking our Recycling. There has been an average of 148 stops over the course of 2 weeks. About 30 stops are recycling alone. Garbage and recycling pickups will increase as the weather improves. It has cost about \$50 a week thus far. The cost is \$100 a ton. Further discussion of how to recoup these fees will continue. The topic of Village community composting was raised and merits further discussion as well. Well testing is ongoing. Soil borings are ongoing as well. They are performing 50 of these. The two-part storm that took place over the first week of February was a tough one. Equipment broke down, but the biggest issue, were the vehicles that remained on the streets. The tickets don't seem to be a deterrent. Depot Street was unplowable. Door knocking was not effective in getting cars moved. Towing was discussed. Superintendent Flynn has the authority to tow. A round of flyers will be put on the cars remaining on the street with towing as the penalty after the first warning. The police will distribute. A new zero-turn riding mower is needed. There is money in street maintenance equipment with the balance to come from water/sewer, since those facilities are mowed. A bagger will be necessary. The exact amount is unknown. It falls somewhere in the \$12,000-\$13,000 range. It will be a John Deere under state bid.

8:00 pm: Public Hearing on Resolution No.10 of 2020- AMMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW NO.2 OF THE YEAR 1995, THE "ZONING LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH, NEW YORK" TO BE AMMENDED AS FOLLOWS. Section 605.3 "Penalties" as officially adopted, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "605.3 Penalties. A violation of this law is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$350.00 for a first offense. For a second offense committed within a 5-year period, by a fine of not less than \$350 and not more than \$700. For a third offense committed within a 5-year period, by a fine of not less than \$700 and not more than \$1,000. Each week's

continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.” Attorney Kelly explained that revisions used the existing provisions, removed jail time and brought fines up to level that are more relevant and appropriate. The Mayor asked for comment from the audience. No comment. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Vandewater made such a motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Resolution No.11 of 2020 Approval to purchase, under State Contract, John Deere Zero-turn Riding Lawn Mower with Bagger not to exceed \$13,000. Monies to be used from Budgeted Street Maintenance Equipment and Water Sewer Equipment Funds passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Resolution No.12 of 2020 Approval of Proposal from Prolific Marketing to Build a New Website not to Exceed \$5,000 passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Resolution No.13 of 2020 Approval of Election Inspectors and Compensation BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby appoint Cynthia Waite, Dianne Hogan, Susan Ward, and Kellie Blake as election inspectors WHEREAS, the election inspectors will be compensated \$100 each for their service on Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 from 12 Noon to 9 p.m. Approved on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Aaron Kendall Nominated to ZBA on a motion by Mayor Fuller, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Public Comment: Artie Erbe suggested asking the school to help fund an additional speed sign on Gray Avenue. Superintendent Flynn said he and Sargent Danko would follow up with the school Superintendent .

The Board closed the public meeting at 8:39 PM on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. The Board entered into executive session requested by Attorney Kelly to discuss ongoing litigation.

The public meeting resumed at 9:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling