

Minutes
March 16th, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a special meeting for a budget workshop on March 16th, 2018 in the Board Room of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, Sgt. Danko, and Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson and Edsforth.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:37pm. Discussion was had on the State of Emergency declared by both Gov. Cuomo and Washington County due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Trustee Edsforth confirmed that due to the ongoing State of Emergency, the Village Election scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 18th will be postponed until Tuesday, April 28th. Treasurer Prime noted that any Trustees not running for re-election will be receiving a pro-rated paycheck for the additional month as an elected official. Sgt. Danko presented his budget estimates, which included the addition of a 3rd, hybrid full time officer whose wages would be split between both the Village of Cambridge and Greenwich through the municipal contract. This new position would alleviate the burden of additional office work needed due to the bail reform legislation enacted in January. It would also allow more time for the other officer on duty to patrol for potential vehicle and traffic violations, which has been requested by many members of the community. Discussion was had about different ways to control speeding on the streets. It was concluded that the digital speed signs are the most effective, like the one purchased for Church St. earlier this year for approximately \$2500. Discussion was had about budgeting for the additional speed signs and a new police vehicle that will be needed in the next two years using both the Police Capital Equipment Reserve and possible use of NYS SAM Grant. A resolution to purchase two digital speed signs and their necessary accessories not to exceed \$5000 from the Police Capital Equipment Reserve, subject to permissive referendum was approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all present.

Discussion was had about raising the price of solid waste disposal (SWD) stickers. Treasurer Prime reported that if the cost of SWD stickers were increased by \$1.00, the additional revenue would cover all costs for refuse and garbage appropriation lines, A8610. There was concern that a \$1.00 increase all at one time would be too much, and that any cost increase should be done incrementally. A resolution to increase the cost of the yellow solid waste disposal (SWD) stickers by \$0.25, for a total cost of \$2.50, effective April 1, 2020 was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, and carried by all present. Key budget dates were discussed, and the Meeting was adjourned 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime
Treasurer
Deputy Clerk