

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

June 8, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met June 8, 2020, via digital platform. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Robinson, Edsforth, as well as Sargent Danko, Chief White, Attorney Kelly, James Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Trustee Vandewater arrived at 7:07pm

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Mayor Fuller opened with a discussion of reverting to in-person meeting for July. The Board agreed that it is time to meet in the Board Room with the option of using the virtual platform for the public.

Vouchers

Abstract #14: Accounts Payable Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 566 - 579 totaling \$9,215.49

Water Fund voucher number 103 totaling \$70.00

Sewer Fund voucher number 74 totaling \$160.00

Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to pay these bills. Trustee Brown made this motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by Trustees Brown, Edsforth and Robinson.

Abstract #1 Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 1 - 8 totaling \$20,086.62

Water Fund voucher number 1 totaling \$406.00

Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to pay these vouchers. Trustee Brown made this motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by Trustees Brown, Edsforth and Robinson.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief White delivered the May report; no new members, 26 calls, 153.65 training and activity hours. Training has resumed with social distancing. One new air pack was damaged in the John Street fire an insurance claim has been submitted with a replacement quote of \$6,181.58. Angelo Grant funds were used to buy 2 thermal imaging cameras. The Library requested a video of the Firehouse for the children. Kevin Shephard shot a 22-minute video which came out great. Chief White asked Board approval for the expenditure of \$17,850 for 7 sets of gear purchased on state contract. Trustee Brown made that motion, expenditure not to exceed \$17,850 seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the May report. There were 7 criminal cases for the month, 41 for the year, total of 4 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, larceny, simple assault and shop lifting issues have has been the incidents handled. Speeding has started to increase. Two radar signs have been ordered with a delivery of 4 weeks hence. Waiting for grants, which have been suspended due to Covid-19. When NYS reopens these programs, extra Mayor Fuller thanked the Police for their support and presence during the protests.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the May report. May was a crazy month. The generator at the sewer plant was hit by lightning. A replacement rental has been delivered. Well number #3 was hit by lightning. The motor was destroyed as well as the chlorine analyzer. Last week was the first week back at full staff. We are following all the safety protocols set forth by the County. A water leak happened this week, which was backbreaking for both the men and the 1988 backhoe. The backhoe has lost its hydraulic and electrical systems, so an excavator likely needs to be purchased. It will run about \$58,000. A meeting will be set up with the Mayor and Treasurer about that purchase.

Youth: President Mumby delivered May report: GYC remains closed since March 16. June 29th may be the reopening. Gannon Park might be utilized on Tuesdays. The Mayor mentioned Supervisor Ward asked for the use of Gannon Park for the Youth Program. President Mumby will coordinate with the Town.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the May report: **Pause NY** – The office is still closed. The Board will discuss reopening both the office and Board Meetings as mentioned earlier. Roy Richardson from B&L has reached out to EFC regarding Water Project funding. They have not responded yet. **CFA Meeting** The New York Consolidated Funding Application was announced but to date has not yet been announced; we need the date in order to move ahead. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The budget has been going back and forth between us and the Department of State. We will soon be at the point of appointing an advisory committee, which we will probably launch in a digital format. **Member Item Grant through DASNY** We are planning to proceed with proposals for 2 new vehicles, one for the police department and one for the DPW. We also have a multi-modal sidewalk grant in progress. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** We are still looking forward to Wally's opening as soon as possible once restaurants are able to reopen. **Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village** Thanks to Kyle's efforts, we did receive an estimate for the purchase of our units from National Grid, and we sent an intention letter confirming that we want to move ahead with purchasing and replacing our inventory of streetlights.

Old Business:

Water Meters – Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice presented some background on the water meters. Meetings have taken place with 5 major water meter providers in the northeast to find the one best suited to the Village needs. Neptune had the features which the DPW and the engineering team thought was the best fit for the Village. A price quote was obtained from Neptune. EFC agreed that with the following Resolution, the meters could be standardized. The price for 5/8" meter is \$207. Per meter. The 1" meter \$343.88, the 2" is \$202.16. Software is \$12,150. Total is about \$200,000, which is about where the estimate was. Assuming funding closes in July, the transmission main would be bid out late Aug and meters could go late July. We would need an installation bid. So separate bids on meter procurement and installation. The timeline for installation depends on resident's compliance. There may be a few cases of uncooperative residents, with the installation of new meters falling to the DPW. In this case, the cost of installation will be adjusted, so we are not paying for services not rendered. Attorney Kelly explained the reasoning behind the following resolution allows the Village to go with Neptune Water Meters as they best fit the standards that fit our needs and there is a single source for these products in the northeast. A letter attesting to this should be on file.

Resolution No 29 of 2020 – Water Meters Standardization - motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Gannon Park – Mayor Fuller opened a discussion of reopening. The school's playground is currently open, the chlorine in the water, the Town wanting to use the Park, the fact there is a jungle gym, basketball court, potential signage, dog excrement, port-a-potty issue were all discussed. The Village

has ownership of the Park, so any rental will be not be covered by the Youth Center. Perhaps a sign with hours, water on a timer, no dogs sign and a fine to deter usage are all needed. Park will be opened July 1st. Signs will be ordered. Town will be asked to share port-a-potty expense. Attorney Kelly will research language. Superintendent Flynn will have the park cleaned of dog feces prior to opening.

Thunder Mountain – Should it be opened again? **No** is the decision.

New Business

Resolution No 30 of 2020 - Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Review

As explained by Attorney Kelly; this exempts the Village from County review in matters that are of local concern. There is a list of 13 actions. It's a win-win as it saves time for both the County and the Village. The Mayor asked for a motion to pass this Resolution allowing the signing of the agreement. Motion made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Public Meeting will be held this summer to discuss and inform the public on the water project and water meter installation. No action needed at this point.

Sidewalk use for business – Discussion prompted by an inquiry from a local merchant. Trustee Edsforth pointed out that the sidewalk dimensions in front of the merchant would have an impact on whether tables would be allowed. Trustee Brown suggested tables in Mowry Park. The sidewalk and corner on Hill and Main would be too narrow to accommodate tables safely. Trustee Vandewater is an advocate of encouraging business, but allowing it on a case-by-case basis. More information will be gathered before drafting guidance on this.

Correspondence

Resolution No 31 of 2020– Gather has submitted notification to the Village of Greenwich of its intent to obtain a liquor license and the Village does waive the 30-day notification required by New York State Liquor Authority. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Food for Kids contribution – Motion was made by Trustee Robinson to donate \$500 to Food for Kids, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

8:46 pm - Motion to go into executive session to discuss pending or potential litigation. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

9:04 pm - Motion to adjourn executive session on a motion by Trustee Edsforth, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

9:04 pm - Motion to adjourn the meeting made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Permits:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion from Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling