

## Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met August 10, 2020. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Robinson, Edsforth, as well as Sargent Danko, Superintendent Flynn, Fire Chief White, James Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Trustee Vandewater arrived via virtual platform at 7:15. Attorney Kelly was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

### **Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 58 - 99 totaling \$18,282.75

Water Fund Voucher numbers 9 - 15 totaling \$9,950.38

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 10 -12 totaling \$1,201.81

Transfers From: A1990.4 - \$2801.55 To: A1910.4 - \$2801.55

Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to pay these vouchers and approve the transfers. Trustee Brown made this motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the July report; no new members, 14 calls, 258 training and activity hours. Total hours 338.49. To replace the damaged air pack lost in a fire earlier this year, Chief White asked permission from the Board to spend \$1000 to cover the insurance deductible from the general operating fund. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. A Simply Safe Interior Camera System has been donated and installed. The cost is \$9.95/month to maintain. Chief White asked Board Approval to approve this reoccurring charge on the Village credit card. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. The \$1500. DEC matching grant awarded for portable radios will allow a purchase of higher quality radios. Approval to spend the \$1500 was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all. The Fire Department Summer Youth Program is tentatively set for the last week of August, held in the Fire House, half-day, with social-distancing protocols in place. The Board had no objections to this plan. Revisiting the Fire House siren; cost would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. It is probable that there is civil defense grant money out there to cover/offset the cost of purchase and installation. The Mayor took an informal poll of the room and it seemed that sentiment leaned towards the siren as a service to the community and aid to emergency notifications in the Village. Chief White will reinvestigate costs and location. The Hill St. Fire House does not have 3-phase electric power. Incorporation of the Fire Department will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting when Attorney Kelly is present.

**Police:** Sargent Danko delivered the July report. There were 14 criminal cases for the month, 63 for the year, total of 3 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, EMS/fire assistance, animal complaints, harassment and larceny issues have been the incidents handled. The DPW installed 2 new signs on Main St and Gray Ave. Speed report data collected from traffic signs for the period of Aug 1-10:

Main St. 38,723 vehicles – one way only-

- 1049 in violation
- 26-30mph 19,458 vehicles
- 31-35mph 9,777 vehicles
- 36-40mph 952 vehicles
- A few higher, possible emergency vehicles

Gray Ave. 4,438 vehicles – one way only

- 41 in violation 36-40mph
- 26-30mph 1,366
- 31-35mph 368
- 36-40mph 36
- 41-45mph 5

Church St 13,461 – one way only

- 21-25 6,694
- 26-30 4,909
- 31-36 641

Mayor Fuller would like to make the public aware of this data. The data points out the difference between perception and reality.

**DPW:** Superintendent Flynn delivered the July report. Paving this year will be limited due to the impending Water Project. But a couple of areas that will be paved are the north end of Prospect St/ North Road, Mill Hollow and the Street Department parking lot. Cumberland project has started with the usual extra meetings and requests. The opening of Gannon Park has been going well, social-distancing protocols have been observed with the part-time worker able to do her part in cleaning and reminding people to be compliant.

**Resolution No.33 of 2020: Purchase of Excavator Truck** -- the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby approve the expenditure not to exceed \$55,000 for purchase of an excavator truck. Funds for the purchase as follows; \$15,000 from the Department of Public Works operating budget, \$5,000 from the Sewer Capital Equipment Reserve and \$34,000 from Water Capital Equipment Reserve, subject to permissive referendum. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered July report: GYC remains closed since March 16. A decision will be made about reopening after the Governor's mandated public comment period on Public School reopening. The Youth Center Reopening Committee is meeting this week.

**Mayor:** Mayor Fuller delivered the July report: **Gannon Park** Gannon Park seems to be going well! Almost every time I walk by, I see someone joyfully running through the splash pad—usually a small child. **Water Project** We move ahead with this project, and we plan to close on the funding in September if all goes as planned. The water meters can begin once we close on the loan, probably in the late fall. The wells are drilled and have been tested. The water main plans are in progress, with the DPW working with B&L. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We have had word from the Dept. of State that the documents should be complete by the end of the year, and after that we will move forward with the grant. **Member Item Grant through DASNY** We are working on 2 proposals for new vehicles, one for the police department and one for the DPW. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** We are expecting the CO for Wallies any day. Once the CO is received, we will close out the \$500,000 New

York Main Street grant. There may be a 'soft opening' this year to open the bar area but this is still being discussed. The dining room will not be opening. It's a difficult decision to make regarding any opening for this year. Regarding 73 Main Street and the ESD grant for \$300,000. With all the delays due to COVID-19, the renovation of 73 Main will start up again in early 2021 with a completion date in the Fall 2021. **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, but we have no news from National Grid on the process. **AGFTC Grant** We received a grant to update our zoning in the business district, and we reviewed the RFP for vendors. We are on their fall, 2020 plan, so we expect to see those RFPs issued sometime in the fall. **E/V Charging Stations** I met with a representative of ChargePoint, which manufactures electric vehicle charging stations and works with NYSERDA to install them. From what I learned, NYSERDA has funds to grant to municipalities to install these stations, and I am looking further into the process by meeting with an electrical company about the feasibility of installing at least two chargers here in our parking lot. Users pay directly to ChargePoint, and the company sends 90% of the revenues to the Village. Our obligation will be to pay for the electrical work.

**Old Business:**

**Health Insurance:** After meeting with both Amsure and Marshall & Sterling, both brokers recommended the 2020/2021 version of the CDPHP plan we have currently. We are happy with relationship, follow-through and level of service and recommend staying with Amsure. Village Health Insurance for 9/1/2020-8/31/2021 will be CDPHP Silver 324 Health Plan administered by Amsure . made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Resolution No 38 2020 Village Election 9/15/2020: Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby appoint Susan Ward, Sarah Becker, Kathleen Nichols-Tomkins, and Marilyn Dore as election inspectors on September 15, 2020 made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.**

**Simpson Street:** The condition, odor and danger must be addressed. The Mayor has asked Attorney Kelly to move forward with eminent domain, condemn the property, fence it and take it down. The Board agreed. The County Code Enforcement Officer will be contacted to condemn the property.

**Fuel Bids:** The 3 bidders submitted bids to compare. Superintendent Flynn has been happy with Bove's service. The Board decided to award the bids as follows: GA Bove for propane and fuel oil, John Ray \$ Sons for diesel and Main-Care Energy for gas. Bids as follows:

• 2020 Bids	Gas	Diesel	Fuel Oil	Propane
• GA Bove	.2800	.1700	.1700	.1700
• John Ray & Sons	n/a	.1450	.1700	.1900
• Main-Care Energy	.2351	.1495	.1675	.1695

**Court Docket Review:** Trustees Brown and Edsforth will schedule a time with the court records in the next couple of weeks

**Annual Financial Report (AUD):** Treasurer Prime reported that it was finished on time this year. All major funds were added to this year. Sewer fund increased by \$31,000 this year. Mayor Fuller asked what will we do if State revenue (AIM) is decreased / eliminated this year. The answer is the \$14,500 would affect the general fund only and there is a contingency built in.

**8:13pm** - Motion to adjourn the meeting made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling