

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

November 9, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met November 9, 2020 on a virtual platform due to Covid concerns. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson, Tefft arrival 7:17), as well as Sargent Danko, Attorney Kelly, James Mumby and Treasurer Prime.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 201 - 246 totaling \$173,424.82

Water Fund Voucher numbers 31 - 42 totaling \$7,472.93

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 23 - 33 totaling \$3,305.01

H Fund Voucher number 12 totaling \$2,603.00

Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to pay these vouchers, which she signed earlier in day. Trustee Brown made this motion, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the October report. There were 10 criminal cases for the month, 104 for the year, total of 5 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, mental health incidents, DMV related, and drug possession have been the incidents handled. Traffic sign data attached. Operation Santa is underway with boxes at Big Lots and Dollar General among other locations.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the October report. The opening has gone well. The pottery classes with Emily Crawford are going well. One need is having more things for kids to do, since they have more free time than anticipated.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the October report. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We received the contract for the BOA grant from the NY Dept. of State. We worked with Chazen to review and request changes, ending up with a finalized document which we signed and returned. The next steps will be to name and convene a steering committee. **Preserve NY Grant** We received the funds for the building condition report for Village Hall. The initial survey of the building was completed in October. **Water Project** We are ready to release the RFPs for the water meters, and we anticipate that the work will start in early 2021. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** We are anticipating a soft opening soon for Wallie's—more to come on that soon. Work on the yellow building is proceeding. **Converting Streetlights to LED** and **Natural Gas for the Village** Andy has reviewed the contract we got from National Grid for the fixtures, and we will be meeting to plan for next steps by mid-month. **AGFTC Grant** I heard from Aaron Frankenfled, and they will move ahead with the grant for the zoning in the business district. The next step will be to release the RFPs for vendors. **E/V Charging Stations** The NYSERDA grant for funds to pay for the stations is in progress. As we discussed last month, users pay directly to ChargePoint, and the company sends 90% of the revenues to the Village. **Village Website** With a lot of effort from Jane Dowling and

former Trustee Maureen Edsforth, the work on the new website continues. We met with the website designer last week to discuss website changes and also hosting our emails. All of the Village officials will be getting new email addresses and/or moving current email addresses to a new host. The target date for launch is mid-November.

Old Business:

Church Street Traffic: Three residents of Church Street have expressed concern over the volume and speed of traffic on Church Street. As in previous discussions; speed bumps, moving signage, additional signs, stop signs and diverting traffic were all mentioned with pros and cons of each. Each solution has some repercussions; school traffic, snowplows, congestion at the red light to name a few. Sargent Danko researched and offered two suggestions; adding a stop sign at Church and Washington Square and increasing traffic enforcement. He thinks a weekly dedication of 16 hours in two eight-hour shifts, paid overtime could be carved out of the current budget. He would also, ideally, have a speed sign at all entrances to the Village, which would cost between \$14,000 and \$15,000. They provide an abundance of data as well as alerting drivers of their current speed. Trustee Brown expressed the opinion that both traffic enforcement and signs worked. She suggested ordering a sign for the west bound lane of Church and having a trial for traffic control. Mayor Fuller asked for a **Motion** for a trial of three months of weekly shifts of 16 hours dedicated to traffic enforcement. Made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and passed by all.

Eddy Street Sidewalks: The potential of installing sidewalks on Eddy St. was brought before the Board over the summer. Trustee Vandewater doesn't see this as being viable; no room, telephone poles in the way, grade drops off on both side, narrow front yards, no shoulder, not to mention snowplows would push snow onto the sidewalk, making them impassable or needed to be plowed. Mayor Fuller will mention to B&L in an upcoming meeting before a no on this idea. .

Public Meeting Water Project: Argyle Brewing has a tent and heaters set up on the patio. Mayor Fuller would like to schedule a meeting with B&L, Village Officials and the public. A date of Saturday afternoon, December 12, weather permitting was decided on.

Permits:

- The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce has submitted a Park Permit for November 20, 2020 through December 6, 2020. The "Holiday Lighted Tractor Display in the Park" would feature a single lit tractor using Village electric. The Board passed pending Superintendent Flynn's approval. On a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.
- Jaqueline Waite has submitted a building use form to use CCGY twice a month on Thursday afternoons to meet with the Girl Scouts. Approved on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Correspondence:

Judge Roberts asked if the 3rd floor could be used on court days starting 11/17/2020. The court is limited to 25% capacity, scheduling appointments is ineffective, there is nowhere to wait inside the Village Office Building to maintain social distancing. Waits can be long. A discussion ensued regarding safety concerns over unsupervised use of the space. Tabled.

8:26pm – Motion to adjourn **by** Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling