

## Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

September 14, 2020  
Regular Meeting

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met September 14, 2020. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Robinson, Edsforth, as well as Sargent Danko, Deputy Superintendent Buell, Attorney Kelly, Fire Chief White, James Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Trustee Vandewater and Superintendent Flynn were absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

### Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 100 - 152 totaling \$58,993.78

Water Fund Voucher numbers 16 - 24 totaling \$6,519.02

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 13 – 19 totaling \$6,406.30

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

### Department Reports:

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the August report; two new members; Stephen Buell and Michael Kelly, 14 calls, 1089.75 training and activity hours. Total hours 1119.09. Summer Youth Program went as planned with 10 kids participating in the week-long half day program. The new engine is going into production shortly and will be delivered in December. Mayor Fuller asked for a motion to approve Stephen Buell and Michael Kelly as members of the Fire Department. Trustee Brown made that motion, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

**Police:** Sargent Danko delivered the August report. There were 20 criminal cases for the month, 83 for the year, total of 10 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, harassment, mental health, drug possession and larceny issues have been the incidents handled. The numbers of children being crossed by the crossing guards are being monitored. Currently, the crossing guards are scheduled to coincide with the youngest schoolchildren's commute. Budgeted amounts for crossing guards was adopted in May, long before the school amended their hours, which staggers arrival and departure times for GCS students. The Police are aware of the staggered hours and are trying to work with the school to find solutions to this unusual set of circumstances. Mayor Fuller suggested exploring grant possibilities. Technological ideas were discussed, but not seen as a real solution due to prohibitive cost. The crosswalk by the library is the most challenging, with many drivers not stopping until the pedestrian is well into the road, or not stopping at all. Trustee Brown suggested using the stand-alone figures that were used in the past, not as a long-term solution, but a measure to draw attention to the crosswalk and

potential pedestrians. Another challenge is finding people willing to do the job. A wide net has been cast in past, with no interest in the job. Currently, an officer is covering Washington Square and Church St., because the Village has only 3 crossing guards on payroll. Asking the school's Resource Officer to cover the crosswalk by the school would be helpful. Trustee Robinson thought there was little chance of the school agreeing to this. The search for solutions is ongoing.

**DPW:** Deputy Superintendent Buell delivered the August report. There has been some illegal dumping up at Thunder Mountain outside the gate. Usual work is being completed.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered August report: GYC will open October 7<sup>th</sup> as long as the school remains open. The plan is to open Monday, Wednesday and Friday with time in between to clean. There will be 15 stations with a range of masks and sanitizers and plexiglass. The hours will be 9am to 3pm with sign-up for staggered hours. Food will be provided in individual servings. An air-filtration system has been ordered. A doorbell will be installed. Temperatures will be taken and in the event of illness or a temperature, the contact adult will be called to retrieve the child. Attorney Kelly suggested a written protocol in place for this scenario.

**Mayor:** Mayor Fuller delivered the August report: **Gannon Park** The decision to open Gannon Park turned out well, and the people who enjoyed the park followed our safety guidelines. I want to thank the DPW for their support and extra effort to keep the park open. Trustee Brown asked about locking the park at night, now that the splashpad is not being used. The answer is, the park will be kept open unless problems arise, which we will monitor. There will still be weekly disinfection. The issue of dogs in the park came up and Attorney Kelly reminded everyone that tickets cost \$50-\$250 under the amended law. The best course of action is to call the police. **Water Project** The water project is moving ahead, and at our October meeting we will pass required resolutions for the water meter procurement process and the bid process. We plan to move forward with meter conversion this fall. Mayor Fuller talked about a Public Meeting to inform the public and give them an opportunity to get any questions answered. Tentative date will be mid-October, hopefully at Argyle Brewing. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** The CO has been issued for Wallie's and the owners will be issuing a press release within the next few weeks. With all the delays due to COVID-19, the renovation of 73 Main will happen in 2021 with a completion date in the Fall 2021. **Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village** We are in the process of reviewing the proposal that we received from National Grid for procuring the streetlights, which we plan to convert to energy-saving LED fixtures. **Member Item Grant through DASNY** We are working on 2 proposals for new vehicles, one for the police department and one for the DPW. **AGFTC Grant** No new word on this grant, but we understand that we are on the fall agenda. The background is that we received a grant to update our zoning in the business district, and we reviewed the RFP for vendors. **E/V Charging Stations.** We won the National Grid grant to pay for most of the electrical work for the charging stations that will be located in our parking lot. The next step is to apply for NYSERDA funds to pay for the stations. As we discussed last month, users pay directly to ChargePoint, and the company sends 90% of the revenues to the Village. Since won the funds from National Grid, if we get the NYSERDA grant our costs will be minimal. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We have had word from the Dept. of State that the documents for this grant should be complete by the end of the year, and after that we will move forward with forming the oversight committee.

## Old Business:

- Kevin Shephard spoke representing the Board of Directors and FD membership on the topic of considering not-for profit status for the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Shephard began by stating that the Fire Department is content and happy with the relationship with the Village and doesn't want to jeopardize or change that at all. The motivation behind this status change is to be able to engage in fund raising activities and own those funds it raises. After the resolution is approved by the Board, two consecutive weeks of notices will be placed in the paper to allow public comment at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Resolution No 39 2020 Resolution – To conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Approval to Consider the Approval of the Formation and Incorporation of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Pursuant to Not-For-Profit Corporation Law §404(f)** Passed on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

- A water rate increase will be necessary to pay for the Water Improvement Project. The water rates were not increased this year due to the economic impact of the pandemic. A study group will look at the data and come up with a plan with first meetings in October to discuss at the November Board Meeting as well as some preliminary information for the public at the yet unscheduled October Public Water Project Meeting.

## New Business:

- Church Street parking regulations. Attorney Kelly remarked that the park side of the street has no parking according to the law. Sargent Danko addressed the lack of signage, which would seem to solve the problem. The DPW will see if they have signs available, otherwise new ones will be ordered.

**Resolution No 40 2020 Resolution: Appointment of Shannon Celeste-Hahn as Animal Control Officer commencing October 1, 2020.** Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all. She will be an employee of the Village.

**Resolution No41 2020: Authorize the appropriation by transfer of \$475.00 from A1990.4 to A3520.4 to cover the cost of a virtual Animal Control Training course.** Passed on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

## Permits:

- Annabel Gregg requests Dorr Park for a voter registration sponsored by the Young Progressives. They also request permission to move picnic tables temporarily for this use. Attorney Kelly weighed in that the DPW should move the tables. Approved.
- Mo Adrich requests permission for 25 people to walk the Village Streets peacefully on October 3 and gather in Mowry Park to remember Jalek Rainwalker. Approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all. This is approved conditionally on staying on the sidewalk and maintaining social distancing.
- Wallie's LLC standardized 30-Day Advance Notice has been submitted on September 10 with the intent to file for a full on-premise liquor license. The Village of Greenwich hereby grants

approval and waives the 30-day waiting period. Approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

**8:25pm** - Motion to close Public Meeting the meeting made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

**8:47pm** – Motion to move out of Executive Session made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**8:47pm** – Motion to adjourn **by** Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling