

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

March 8, 2021

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met March, 2021 on a virtual platform due to Covid concerns. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson, Tefft, as well as Sargent Danko, Attorney Kelly, Deputy-Superintendent Buell, Chief White, Treasurer Prime and CCGY President Mumby.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 327 - 369 totaling \$ 37,931.06

Water Fund Voucher numbers 64 - 70 totaling \$3,199.54

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 45 - 55 totaling \$ 58,986.37

Fire Dept Vehicle: E-One Pumper Fund Voucher numbers number 20 totaling \$2,233.84

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the February report. No new members – 24 calls. EMS 13, MVA 2, building fire 1, hazardous condition 1, power lines down 4. New engine rescue is in service. Each driver has to have minimum 2 hours of driving time, 7 are certified. 2000 KME engine rescue is out of service and is being prepped for sale. Motion to approve the purchase of plywood to line station walls to preserve wall condition. The estimate is \$1000 which should come out of the regular equipment fund. Motion to approve this purchase made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Mandatory trainings on Workplace / Sexual Harassment have been completed.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the February report. There were 9 criminal cases for the month, 20 for the year, total of 7 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, drug possession, mental health incidents, MVA related, and EMS aid were the incidents handled in February. Traffic tickets – 41. Scam calls are on the rise, so beware and don't hesitate to hang up.

DPW: Deputy Superintendent Buell delivered the February report. Prepping equipment for spring. Well #3 went down. Motor has burned out. This was the well that was struck by lightning. A contractor is due to take a look and warranty coverage will be investigated.

Mayor Report – February 8, 2021 Police Department Public Process Cambridge and Greenwich have worked together to create a combined document recommending a plan to move forward, which will be available to the public beginning today. A public meeting will be planned for March 22nd, when we hope to adopt the plan. **AGFTC Grant** We have engaged a consultant to manage this grant, and the committee has formed. We had our first meeting on Monday the 8th to plan how to proceed. Our Board representation is Trustee Vandewater and myself. This grant focuses on updating zoning regulations in our business district. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The advisory committee for this grant has been named, and the kickoff meeting is scheduled for this week. This committee will consist of representatives from the Village and the Town, and we will work together to identify key locations to address. Trustee Tefft will serve on this committee. **Preserve NY Grant** This work is in progress; we will have an updated building condition report later this year. **Water Project** The water meter work should begin by around April 1 The water main work will begin in later in the year. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** The grant for Wallie's is complete, and we are waiting for a definite opening date. Work on 73 Main Street proceeds, and we expect that grant to be complete later this year.

Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village We will discuss the agreement with NYPA at this meeting. **E/V Charging Stations** The grant application for the funds from NYSERDA has been resubmitted; we needed to fix some items on the original application. We will be able to move ahead with the project now.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the February report. Attendees – 70, about 6 kids a day, new members – 5. A small and steady group has been attending. The CCGY is planning a raised bed garden for the Bleeker St side which will have the ability to be mobile.

New Business:

- **Greenwich Free Library Annual Report** delivered by Library Director Annie Miller. A Board approved annual report is required to maintain a charter as a library. Ongoing construction is going well. Requests from patrons are fulfilled curbside. Reopening is slated for May. When the Library is back to full service is unknown at this point.
- **Water Law - AMENDMENT OF VILLAGE OF GREENWICH LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2008, ESTABLISHING RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE** – Attorney Kelly explained this amendment would levy a penalty for water meter non-compliance installation. The company contracted to install meters have planned a flexible schedule to accommodate working people, with installers available early evenings and some weekends, so there is really no excuse not to respond. The Board discussed what an appropriate penalty would be to incentivize compliance. A \$100.00 penalty was discussed A Public Hearing will be held on the 25th of March
- **Water late fees discussion** – Penalties were suspended during Covid-19. A discussion to resume late penalties was discussed.

Old Business:

- **NYPA Contract Discussion** – Attorney Kelly recounted his objection to the provision in the NYPA contract which gives NYPA the ability to terminate the project in 30 days' notice without any cause. NYPA's legal department would not change the provision, adding that the Village had the same provision. We asked our representative if NYPA has ever used this provision. The answer is "they have never used it." The Board decided after discussion, that the contract should be signed and the risk is minimal, seeing they have never used it.
- **Resolution No9 of 2021 - Authorize and Approve NYPA Contract and National Grid Agreements Necessary to Convert Streetlights to LED** made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Budget Meetings** – Treasurer Prime reported that in order to be under the tax cap, \$30,000 will need to be shaved. AIM was reduced by 20%. 2% raises could be cut. Mayor Prime would like to be presented with a couple of models. Budget needs to be filed with the clerk on the 21st. Tentative Budget cannot be touched from publishing in the paper to the Public Hearing on April 12th. Budget Workshop will happen March 18 at 6:30pm.

Permits:

- Ann Townsend submitted a Park Permit for May 25th for Mowry Park for a George Floyd Remembrance Day. There will be signs and flowers. It will be similar to the ongoing vigils, abet longer. This will be from 1-5pm with clean-up. Attorney Kelly thinks a permit is not necessary. No advertising will be placed.
- Mr. Ding-A-Ling applied for a 6-month Peddler's Permit. Approved.
- A question came into the Village Office regarding permit requirements for a vendor that sets up inside one of the storefronts. The Board and Attorney Kelly determined no permit is necessary.

- Steve Patrick has asked to use part of the Whipple City race course for the GCS X Country Team. March 14 – May 1st. Approved.

8:37pm – Motion to adjourn by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling