

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

May 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich met May 10, 2021 on a virtual platform due to Covid concerns. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater (late join 7:54pm), Robinson, Tefft, as well as Sargent Danko, Attorney Kelly, Superintendent Flynn, Chief White, Treasurer Prime and CCGY President Mumby. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice Construction Phase Proposal for the Water Improvement Project - Contracts 1,2, and 3. There were several questions on cost specifics, so Roy will provide a detailed breakdown in time for the May 27th meeting. All new pumps will be needed because when analysis was run, it was discovered that the new hydraulics demanded new pumps. Roy will send that report to the Village. Materials - B&L concurs with the Mayor that pre-purchasing pipe makes sense based on current data. American Pipe had an 8% price increase April 1st, with another 8% increase due July 1st. Roy will set up a meeting with EFC and the treasurer early next week, to start the process of this change in purchase timeline. Carley Parker has the pipe inventory almost completed. Estimated timetable for project; Contract 1 with DOH is underway, Contracts 2 and 3 are about to commence. If approval from DOH happens in May, contracts could go out to bid in June with digging starting in August.

Dave Keel - Thunder Mountain Analysis – 28-year veteran of managing forests. The Norway Spruce Plantation is over-mature and would benefit from regenerating. This would be harvested in the winter due to shallow root system. stand of low-grade pine (read low-value), white birch and poplar called Pioneer species. Up the ridge to the south is a stand of mature hardwood, desirable to a logger. The area north of the power line is a stand of young hard maple, less in need of management. There is material down on the utility line could be salvaged. The erosion on the roads needs management by mechanical means to keep the earth in place. “There is lots do to out there” says David Keel whether the Village works with me or another. Areas 5, 2 and the plantation could generate significant income. The average woodlot, managed properly could generate close to \$1000 an acre. Areas 5 and 2 could exceed that. Recommendation is to not do it all at one time. Do a portion of Area 3 (lower grade wood) along with a portion of Area 2, which is higher grade wood, and then assess. All of this will make sounder infrastructure and trails. The system used by Dave is a cut-to-length Scandinavian system; which is not a chainsaw and skidder which minimizes stand damage and salt impaction. Attorney Kelly asked for a sample contract and standard stumpage value. The response is there is a standard from DEC, although other factors affect value; mileage, conditions, etc. It’s a good time to harvest because prices are strong. The work could be done within the span of one year, but recommendation would be slower and mostly in the winter.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 455 - 492 totaling \$38,858.75

Water Fund Voucher numbers 86 - 97 totaling \$13,660.02

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 67 - 72 totaling \$1,537.58

Water Supply Improvement Capital Project Voucher number 22 totaling \$9,307.00

FD E-One Typhoon Pumper Capital Project Voucher number 23 totaling \$1,918.82

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 April report. One new member – Burt Lambert. Motion to accept new member; Burt Lambert, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all. 15 calls. 7 EMS. Water rescue boat has been purchased delivery is pending. No bids have received for the surplus rescue truck. Trustee Brown made a motion to approve an extension on bidding until the June meeting, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. Permission to purchase 2 additional SCBA bottles at \$1,274 each. Motion to approve this purchase made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all. Treasurer Prime stated that the Capital Project went \$4,000 which will require a budget modification.

Resolution No.14 of 2021: Budget Modification for Capital Project Named; Greenwich Fire

Department Vehicle: E-One Typhoon Pumper made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the April report. There were 7 criminal cases for the month, 41 for the year, total of 2 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, harassment, V&T were the incidents handled in April. Traffic tickets – 20.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the April report. Tomorrow we are going to put water into the Baptist Park, since there is an open hole due to work being done on Salem St. the 2020 Water Report is excellent; clean, healthy water.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the April report. Attendance is the same as last month. Eggs have been hatching downstairs. Pottery with Emily Crawford has been popular. The installation of garden beds on the side of the Community Center will commence shortly. A Youth Leadership program has been proposed and merits further discussion.

Mayor Report – May 10, 2021 - Police Department Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Trustee Brown, Sgt Danko and I met last week to continue the work on posting information about the police department policies on the Village web site. **AGFTC Grant** The committee meeting for this project took place on Friday, when Chazen presented their proposed amendments to our Zoning Law, which consist of creating a special zoning district for our downtown business area and adding a site approval application and process that would clarify the approval for new projects. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** This past week I toured the Dunbarton site with a Chazen Company engineer, to evaluate the buildings and the site. Unfortunately quite a bit of further degradation of the building conditions has occurred, and the large brick building is very unstable due to a main beam breaking. Chazen recommends that we stabilize the walls—they had some ideas. Also we are going to meet with the environmental testing expert from Chazen to discuss the testing that had been done several years ago and determine what we can do with that data. Lately, I have observed many groups of teenagers going down into the site, and I think it is even more popular a place for teens and other people. When we visited we saw quite a lot of new graffiti. This is a dangerous place for people to gather. I'd like to discuss options. **Water Project** The water meters are going well, and we had an update meeting with B&L, as you heard earlier. **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 soon. **New York Main Street grant** We are expecting the CFA round to release this summer, and we are planning to apply for a new Main Street grant. This one is a little different, in that it will be for a total of \$400k, and it will benefit a group of business owners. On Thursday the 13th our consultant Sharon Reynolds will meet with interested Main Street business owners to

explain the details of the grant and distribute applications. The Board will be voting on their approval for this grant at this meeting. **Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village** This project is moving ahead, and we should see progress soon. **E/V Charging Stations** Construction of the EV stations will begin soon, and we will have 2 charging stations outside Village Hall, including a spot on the Chargepoint map. **Dog Park Planning** We will be discussing a grant for the dog park, and Trustee Tefft has taken the lead on this project. We will discuss the grant at this meeting.

New Business:

- **Resolution NYMS Contract** – Approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Tefft and carried by all.
- **Community Solar and Village Solar** – Superintendent Flynn commented that when the solar array went into the parcel by the water plant, the bills decreased by 50%. More information on working with companies that identify viable locations for solar arrays, go out for RFPs to enable us to judge feasibility. There is no obligation and we do not need to pay for this service. More information is needed.
- **New Cannabis Laws discussion** – Opting out deadline is December. Mayor Fuller is against opting out, as is the Board. The potential for revenue, business and opportunity is too great to close the door on at this time.
- **Village Property Land Survey** – North Road had two bids; \$10,900 and \$9,000. One bid for Rock St. One more vendor was asked for bids and declined. A bid will be procured from Bruce Agard for Rock St. Motion to accept Bruce Agard Proposal for Land Survey of the Thunder Mountain parcel on North Rd for \$9,000 by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Dog Park Grant approval** – Trustee Tefft is applying for a Petsafe “Bark for Your Park” grant. Applications are accepted through June 30th. Winners will be announced September 2. Five grants for \$25,000 will be awarded for the creation of new dog parks. A letter needs to be provided from the Village pledging a space for the park. A motion was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all approving of the Petsafe grant application.
- **May 22 Beautification Day** – Rulynn Graves has organized a group of business owners to plant flowers around the trees on Main St in the business district. They are doing the planting themselves. They are asking support from the Village in the form of mulch from the DPW and money towards plants. Mayor Fuller would like to contribute \$500. Superintendent Flynn will have mulch delivered to Main St. Trustee Brown made a motion to contribute \$500 towards the purchase of flowers, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all contingent on a confirmation of the plan.

Permits:

- Fox Pest Control Peddlers permit application. Denied based on Executive Order 202.
- GGCC Permit for Whipple City Festival 6/19/2021. Approved

Correspondence

- No Parking sign requested for Salem St. Subject to DOT approval. Mayor Fuller will respond.

9:42pm – Motion to adjourn by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling