

## Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich

June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held June 14, 2021 on a virtual platform due to Covid concerns. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Robinson, Tefft, as well as Sergeant Danko, Attorney Kelly, Superintendent Flynn, Chief White, Treasurer Prime, and CCGY President Mumby. Clerk Dowling was absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

**Melissa Davidson of Northern Insuring** presented the quote for Cyber Security Insurance for the Village of Greenwich for \$2,382.29, and the reasons the coverage may be important for municipalities. She gave examples of scams that have occurred in other municipalities, and options to improve security that would lower the premium cost. Discussion was had about the options the Village could take to implement better security measures, and organizations that could be used as consultants. Melissa will follow up by sending the list of preventative measures. The Board will review these options, and also get three quotes from consultants to improve security.

### Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 19 totaling \$104,306.72

Water Fund Voucher number 1 totaling \$406.00

### *Accounts Payable Vouchers (2020-2021 Fiscal Year)*

General Fund Voucher numbers 518 – 541 totaling \$47,231.02

Water Fund Voucher numbers 102 totaling \$70.00

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 76 – 77 totaling \$3793.94

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

### Department Reports

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the May report. Two new members – Andrew Miller and Zack Bonner. Motion to accept new member; Burt Lambert, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all. 20 calls. 11 EMS. 633.01 total member hours. Were able to find a motor for the Water Rescue boat on Amazon for a lesser price than expected. SCBA Bottles purchased last month are now in service. Four members graduated from Interior Firefighting Operations. The Covid-19 pop-up vaccine clinics have been well attended, and very successful. CPR programs are continuing and well attended. Chief White reported that there has been some interest in the surplus 2000 KME Engine Rescue listed for \$60,000.00, but the offers have been low, and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Discussion was had about the prices of other comparable engines that have sold. A \$10,000.00 reduction in listing price to \$50,000.00 was made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all. The approval to purchase seven sets of Morning Pride gear through NYS contract pricing of \$2967.69 per set, totaling \$20,773.83 was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Police:** Sergeant Danko delivered the May report. There were 10 criminal cases for the month, 51 for the year, total of 5 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, harassment, V&T, Aid EMS, Criminal Mischief, and sex offenses were the incidents handled in May. Traffic tickets – 28. Sergeant Danko thanked Superintendent Flynn for providing extra coverage in advance of the Whipple City Festival Street Fair this upcoming weekend. Mayor Fuller asked if Sgt. Danko anticipated any parking issues. He responded that there will be an officer at each barricade on the east and west side of Main St. where the road will be closed. There will also be an officer at the intersection of John St. & Main St. where there will be access to the Post Office. There will be parking allowed on only one side of Washington St., where all the traffic will be diverted from Main St. to allow enough room for larger trucks and tractor trailers. The section of Main St. being used will be closed from 11AM-7PM, and discussion was had about when no parking on the street will start to be enforced. A motion for no parking allowed on Main St. from the intersection of Hill St. and Washington St. starting from 9AM-7PM Saturday was made by Trustee Brown, seconded

by Trustee Tefft, and carried by all. The Chamber will distribute flyers to local residents to notify them. Mayor Fuller would like to apply for a Carrie Woerner Member Grant, and asked Sgt. Danko to provide specs and a price for a vehicle he may need in two years.

**DPW:** Superintendent Flynn delivered the May report. There was a lot of water used during the hot spell that required the 3<sup>rd</sup> well to be kicked on. Ever since we have been gaining the water level back, so it has been rectified. The DPW will be providing a person stationed at the intersection of Bleeker St. and Hill St. to direct traffic properly through the detour, and only allow local traffic onto Hill St. They will also be doing garbage pick-up after the event. Mayor Fuller would like to apply for a Carrie Woerner Member Grant, and asked Supt. Flynn to provide specs and a price for a vehicle he may need in two years.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered the April report. Attendance is the same as last month. Eggs have been hatching downstairs. Pottery with Emily Crawford has continued to be popular, the last class was in May, but will start up again in the fall. The garden beds on the side of the Community Center have been installed and Isaac has been awarded his Eagle Scout Badge. Exploring the idea of hosting movies, which requires a license of \$615.00/yr. The Youth Center will have an information booth at the Whipple City Street Fair. President Mumby inquired about getting an AED for the Youth Center which could be shared with the entire building and located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor funded by a Mary McClellan Grant. Chief White noted that it will be important to get the same style that the Fire Department currently has because the pads are what are replaced most often, and can be costly. Chief White will connect with President Mumby to coordinate this purchase.

**Mayor Report: AGFTC Grant.** The next step in the process is for Chazen to update the zoning document with proposed changes, in the next month. Once the proposed updates are final, it will be reported to the Board and move toward the adoption process. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant.** The committee was asked to submit comments to Chazen about the initial report and the inventory of existing properties that are being investigated. Once these are edited, the committee will break into subcommittees to work on specific aspects of the project: Dunbarton, the circle project, and the waterfront project. The committee will be touring the site with a planning firm at the end of the month. **Water Project.** The water meters are more than 70% installed, and East National Water is working to wrap up as many accounts as possible. The last phase is more difficult since it involves accounts that have resisted the workers coming into their homes. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD.** The Village is looking forward to Wallie's reopening, which is planned for early July. **New York Main Street grant.** The Village is working quickly on gathering the required information and completing the grant application. Our meeting for interested businesses resulted in 11 businesses interested in applying, and our consultant Sharon Reynolds is working with these individuals to get their required information compiled. The application deadline is in July. **Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village.** The conversion of the streetlights progresses, and Mayor Fuller and Trustee Vandewater have reviewed the documents and feel ready to move forward. We are working with NYPA and National Grid for the next steps. **E/V Charging Stations.** Construction of the EV stations is almost complete; we are waiting for National Grid to inspect the electrical work. Very soon the Village will have 2 charging stations outside Village Hall, including a spot on the Chargepoint map. **Dog Park Planning.** The Village is currently waiting for a survey of the proposed site of the dog park on Rock Street, and once that is complete the Board will move ahead with seeking a grant and further planning.

#### Old Business:

- **Charging Stations.** In anticipation of the stations going live, Mayor Fuller asked the Board whether the Village should charge a small fee or waive the cost for use of the Electric Car Charging Stations newly installed at 6 Academy. The annual cost for the station is approximately \$700.00, which the Village has pre-paid for the first year. Attorney Kelly noted that the Village may need to charge because if they waived the fee, they would be gifting a private entity, which is not allowed by law.

#### New Business:

- **Accept Water / Sewer Billing**

Water	\$111,542.40
Water Reserve	\$14,083.77

Sewer	\$30,394.14
Sewer Reserve	\$3,345.83

A motion to accept the billing amounts listed above were accepted on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

- **J. Schneible Inquiry** – Neighboring parcel owner James Schneible of 18 Bleeker St. wrote to Mayor Fuller to inquire about whether the Village Board had any interest in selling a small strip of the Village Hall Property, 6 Academy St., that runs adjacent to his property. The Strip in question would be approximately 15' X 107' running from the 18 Bleeker St. property to the blacktop of the 6 Academy St. property, and from the sidewalk to the Town of Greenwich property that borders the 6 Academy St. property. Attorney Kelly stated that the Board would be required to declare the piece of land in the inquiry surplus prior to selling it because the piece of land in question is not its own parcel, and is currently part of the continuous 6 Academy St. parcel. Discussion was had about the ongoing plans to renovate the Village Hall property, and the unknown needs this may require in the future. The Board unanimously agreed that it is best not to proceed with this transaction at this time. Mayor Fuller will notify resident James Schneible.

#### **Correspondence**

- Washington County Home for Aged Women – Grants are available to be applied for organizations to provide services to improve “health and welfare of aged, indigent, and infirm residents of Washington County,” and the application form will be available in the Village Clerk’s Office.

**8:27pm** – Motion to adjourn by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime