

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
December 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held December 13, 2021 via digital platform. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Tefft, Robinson, as well as Superintendent Flynn, Chief White, Attorney Kelly Treasurer Prime and CCGY president Mumby. Sargeant Danko was absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 239 - 280 totaling \$103,246.97

Water Fund Voucher numbers 44 - 54 totaling \$14,835.92

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 27 - 35 totaling \$2,791.03

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Fund Voucher numbers 33 - 34 totaling \$39,601.00

Transfers

FROM: A1990.4	\$11682.67	TO: A1620.44	\$23.06	Building Repairs
(Contingency)		A1910.4	\$5747.03	Insurance
		A9015.8	\$3750.34	Police Retirement
		A9040.8	\$1446.31	Workers' Comp
		A9055.8	\$715.93	Disability Insurance

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the November report: one new member; Josiah Watts – 25 calls. 17 EMS. MVA- 3, 1 potential electrocution, 2 propane gas leaks, 1 motor vehicle fire-, 1 power line down- 296.75. Purchases/ Bills: Heavy Month bill wise- apparatus services and inspections were completed. All were good! Ladder 324 – Pump seals had to be replaced. Ladder 324; gauge cluster sensor is bad, and is on back order. Our mechanic has verified with the manufacturer that the truck can be used in GFD district only. SCBA bench test was completed- all are good. This is an inspection by an outside vendor. Engine 323- Work is almost complete, the truck should be back shortly. FEMA Grant- The new air station is in and is scheduled to be installed on 12/15. Mayor Fuller suggested listing the old truck because it doesn't cost anything, and there is always potential to sell. Mayor Fuller was wondering about the possibility of using members regular physical exam as the firefighter exam. Since each exam costs \$130 each, it would be a considerable savings with 50 members. Chief White will follow up with Phil Spezio. He is doubtful, but will check.

Motion to approve Josiah Watts as a new member of the Fire Department made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

Police: Mayor Fuller delivered the November report: A total of 8 DCJS cases reported with a total of 116 for the year. One arrest with a total of 50 for the year. Seven calls for service with a total of 50 for 2021 so far. Motor vehicle accidents; 5, bring the total for the year to 21. Incidents handled; grand larceny, larceny, harassment, domestic abuse, missing child, trespass, bad checks, vehicle and traffic and aid to EMS. Traffic tickets; 16 with 318 for the year. Operation Santa toy drive is complete. Annual Traffic Parade went smoothly with an estimate of 9000 attendees.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the November report. Leaf pickup is just about ended. Streets will be swept and then all lawn debris will be required to be in containers and bags. The sidewalk plow caught a curb and was very damaged. A claim will be made to the insurance company. Water inspection

was completed. The great news is that John Hogan and Ken Charron are soon to hold the newest Water Licenses. Albert Gutasy was hired as the newest MEO and will start next week.

Youth: CCGY President Jim Mumby delivered the November report: The center was closed for two weeks, but attendance was still strong. There were some Covid related program interruptions. Kids are out checking on the Christmas trees daily. CCGY intends to ask the Judge if she could accommodate the Youth Center being opened Mon-Friday starting next spring. Saturday has not been well attended. An exterminator made an assessment the \$300 initial fee and \$70 maintenance seems like a good idea, as the mice have been rampant.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the November report: **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** Lots of work on this grant with our consultant. We will be holding a total committee meeting tomorrow afternoon to hear a summary of the work that has been done to date. Our goal is to have a final report complete in the spring, and the next step is to apply for the next BOA designation. As part of the project, we submitted an application to the EPA for further assessment of the contamination on the site. We hope to be successful in our application this year. **Water Project** We are still navigating the start-and-stop nature of getting our funds from the EFC. Engineering plans for next phases of the water project have been submitted. The meter project is nearing completion. **AGFTC Grant** We recently received a copy of the final proposed Zoning law changes. Chazen will present the final report to the Village Board, and we will discuss and vote on adoption. We will have a presentation at the January Board meeting. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** Wallie's is complete. Work continues on the brick building across the street, with a completion date expected for early in 2022. **New York Main Street Grant** We hope to hear something about this application this month from the State; the application has been submitted, and we are in the waiting phase. **Converting Streetlights to LED** We are making progress on this; we are discussing financing issues with NYPA and will move to the next step. **Dog Park Planning** No change in status. We are waiting for the survey of Village property on Rock Street, and once that is complete, we will proceed with the dog park planning. We are looking for a new surveyor. **Greenwich Hydros** See above. We submitted comments to the FERC by October 24th. We haven't heard any follow-up. **Village of Greenwich Flags/Banners** Flags are flying. We plan to meet with banner companies and begin the process of commissioning banners in the next few weeks. **Wastewater Grants** – both applied for.

Old Business:

- **1979 Village Ordinances Updating Project** – Attorney Kelly thought that the regulations should be grouped together and then take one by one and re-enact the pertinent ones into a local law. Extraneous or obsolete ordinances can be rescinded. Work will start on this.
- **2022 Board meeting Schedule** - The only conflict is October. October 3, which is the first Monday that Month will be the meeting day.

New Business:

- **Motion to approve the hire of Albert Gutsey III for new MEO in the DPW** made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Permits:

- Tour of the Battenkill ~ Saturday May 7, 2022 from 9:00-2:00pm. Approved contingent upon submission of certificate of insurance
- Third floor room use permit 1/12/22 from 5:30 (or so) to 8:30. Battenkill Annual Meeting. Approved contingent on insurance certificate and paperwork.

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:17 pm Motion to close Executive Session and open Regular Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to close meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling