

Minutes - Special Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
November 18, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held November 18, 2021 via digital platform over rising Covid rates in Washington County. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Tefft, Robinson, Vandewater as well as Attorney Kelly, Karen Clark from Barton & Loguidice and Jeffrey Baxter from USource. Trustee Brown attended via zoom at 8:00pm. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Karen Clark from B&L: walked through Parts 2 and 3 of the FEAF. How the project will impact land, water, air, threatened and endangered species, agricultural districts, esthetic, historic districts, open spaces, critical environmental areas, energy, transportation, noise, odors, exterior lighting, human health. Impacts were rated on a numerical scale. Modifications on drainage may be necessary – this was rated as a minor impact. Restrictions may be put in place because of the potential of Monarch Butterflies. The above list was rated as no impact or minor impact.

Resolution No.41 of 2021 - Proposed Action: Village of Greenwich Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Project - RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF GREENWICH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT passed on a motion by Trustee Tefft, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Resolution No42 of 2021 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS passed on a motion by Trustee Tefft, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Resolution No43 of 2021 - BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A CERTAIN PROJECT CONSISTING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S PUBLIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SAID ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN COSTS PRELIMINARY AND INCIDENTAL THERETO IS \$5,300,000, APPROPRIATING SAID SUM THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$5,300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION. Subject to Permissive Referendum.

Mayor Fuller clarified that we are applying for grants to cover costs of this project. At this point no decision has been made to borrow all of these funds. WIIA requires a Bond Resolution to pre-fund project. WQIP has even more generous funding than the WIIA grant. This is written with flexibility, so going ahead with just disinfection is possible.

Motion to approve Bond Resolution made on a motion by Trustee Tefft, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Jeffrey Baxter from USource spoke about what NextEra Energy does. They guide clients through the process of developing and executing energy and sustainability strategies. Developers build solar arrays off-site, and a community can subscribe; for zero cost, and save an average of 10% of electricity costs in the form of bill credits. Mayor Fuller added that an upside is this program allows participation without starting a capital project. The process so far has been the development of an RFP, which was sent to 25 developers, two of which responded with offers. Oya and Borrigo were the two finalists. Oya will be online in Q2 in 2022, Borrigo will be operational in Q2 in 2024. The offers differed in terms; Oya is 5 years and Borrigo is 20 years. Attorney Kelly asked about location of arrays. The answer is “unknown” at this time. He also inquired whether transmission loss over distance affects credit and the answer was “no”. Power is calculated at the source in the form of a bill credit. The Board tabled a decision for the time being.

8:02pm – Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling