

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
October 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held September 13, 2021. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Robinson, as well as Superintendent Flynn, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, and CCGY Director Waite. Trustees Tefft and Vandewater attended via zoom. Attorney Kelly was absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 156 - 195 totaling \$77,333.40

Water Fund Voucher numbers 27 - 39 totaling \$9,186.73

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 15 - 19 totaling \$2,171.59

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White reported no new members – 25 calls. 11 EMS. The FAST Rescue board approved at the September meeting arrived and members have started training with it. Preventative maintenance and repairs are scheduled for all of the trucks this month. GFD Fit for Duty 5k was a great success with 65 participants. Next community CPR class will be 10/21 at 6:30pm. Mayor Fuller will have this put on the Village calendar.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the September report. There were 15 criminal cases for the month, 96 for the year, total of 9 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, assault, larceny, mental health, larceny, and driving while intoxicated were the incidents handled in September.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the September report. He hopes to start leaf pick up next week. The Gannon Park playground has been re-opened after replacing the woodchips. The department continues to be shorthanded as members have been taking vacation and paternity leave. Supt. Flynn reported that the volunteers working with them to install flags have indicated they would like to install more from Argyle Brewery extending out to the Village line on County Route 372. Mayor Fuller asked Supt. Flynn for the pole numbers, and she will work with her contact at National Grid to get approval. Discussion was had about where to put the Christmas Banners and Greenwich Banners, if they are to share the same pole as the flags. It was decided the banners will go on the sidewalk side of the poles.

Youth: Director Waite delivered the September report. Attendance – 190. Pottery with Emily Crawford and Theater with Lindsey are popular activities. Director Waite attended the first youth board meeting for Washington County, which was an eye opener. The board is working together to close gaps of services, how to network, and how to create better trained and educated service providers in the county. There will be pumpkin carving on the 22nd, and a Fundraising contest at Gather on the 23rd. The Village will post this event on their calendar.

Mayor Report – The projects are moving forward with the Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant. Meetings have been scheduled for both the subcommittees and the full committee. The next public meeting will be at the Halloween parade on October 31, where Chazen will set up a table where the public will have a chance to voice their opinions. The Water project continues, the Mayor and Clerk met with East National, our DPW, and B&L to strategize completing the water meter project. We went through the spreadsheet to plan action for each of the outstanding accounts. The next step in the AGFTC Grant is to receive the final version of the proposed changes in the zoning law in the business district. Chazen will present the final report to the Village Board, and we will discuss and vote on adoption. The Mayor gave a brief update on the Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD Grant—Wallie's is doing well, and they plan to add to the menu soon. Work continues on the brick building across the street, with a completion date expected for later this fall. Nothing has changed with the New York Main Street Grant from last month; the application has been submitted, and we are waiting to hear whether we have been successful. The Village is in the process of discussing the next steps with NYPA in the process to convert the streetlights to LEDs. The Village is waiting for the survey of Village property on Rock Street, and once that is complete, the board will proceed with the dog park planning. Kruger is looking relicense the Hydroelectric facilities on Rock St. and Mill

Hollow. The deadline to send public comment to the Kruger representatives by October 24th. Last Sunday volunteers from the community, who had worked with the VFW to raise funds to purchase flags for the Village, installed American flags down Main Street from Stewarts to the corner by Argyle Brewing Company. We plan to meet with banner companies and begin the process of commissioning banners. The plan is to have the Hometown Heros banners ready to mount by Memorial Day 2022.

Old Business:

- **Water/Sewer Billing.** The following amounts were approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and carried by all:

Total	\$161,405.84
Water	\$99,291.24
Water Reserve	\$11,930.35
Sewer	\$29,572.81
Sewer Reserve	\$3,212.53
Arrears	\$17,398.91
- **Meter Discussion & Findings:** Mayor Fuller reported that the meeting with East National Water, Barton and Loguidice, and Supt. Flynn was very helpful. Out of the approximately 40 accounts with issues, they were able to identify many that actually could be installed by East National, three that require curb box work by the DPW, and 5 accounts that will need a new service line from the street, which the cost is on the property owner. Mayor Fuller will be drafting letters to three non-compliant accounts. Discussion was had about what the penalty will be if they continue not to comply, and was tabled until after the letters are sent and more data on their previous usage can be gathered. The Village will contact those who need new service lines to discuss their options with them. It was agreed that if there was financial hardship, the homeowner can enter into a contract with the Village where the DPW would be able to do the service line work for the homeowner, and payment can be made over time in installments accruing interest.
- **Kruger** will be relicensing the Hydroelectric facilities on Rock St. and Mill Hollow. The deadline to send public comment to the Kruger representatives by October 24th. Mayor Fuller encourages the public to send their comments regarding public access to the Battenkill. The Clerk will post the information on social media and the Village website.

New Business:

- **Schedule Special Meetings for WIIA Grant SEQRA:** Two meetings were scheduled to initiate and close the SEQRA for the WIIA Grant; Monday October 18th, and Thursday November 18th. Both at 7:00pm at the Community Center.
- **Resolution No. 33 of 2021** to Allow Village of Greenwich Court to use Third Floor for Jury Selection November 18th and 19th, 2021 was made on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and carried by all.

8:03pm – Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:06pm – Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson to move out of Executive Session.

Motion: Approval of Settlement Agreement between Village of Greenwich, plaintiff against Karen Otero, defendant, after minor date revisions are corrected was made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown, and carried by all.

8:07pm – Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime