

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
September 13, 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, Tefft, Superintendent Flynn as well as Attorney Kelly, Sargent Danko, and CCGY President Mumby. Trustee Vandewater and Chief White were absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:01pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 111 - 155 totaling \$85,969.79

Water Fund Voucher numbers 16 - 26 totaling \$9,582.54

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 10 - 14 totaling \$8,466.44

Water Supply Improvement Capital Project Voucher numbers 30 - 31 totaling \$84,296.95

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: Trustee Robinson delivered the August report. No new members – 22 calls. 8 EMS. Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of a FAST Rescue board from Fast Rescue Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$2,300, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Resolution No.28 of 2021 - Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund Expenditure for Arctic Compressor and Triple Fill Station BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby authorize the expenditure of not more than \$2700.00 from the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund for the purchase of Arctic compressor and triple fill station from Dival Fire Safety not covered by the FEMA Grant. Passed -on motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the August report. There were 10 criminal cases for the month, 81 for the year, total of 2 arrested for the month. Domestic violence, aggravated harassment, sexual abuse, mental health, larceny, and animal cruelty were the incidents handled in August. The American Legion has offered to donate signs to put in the Village's major crosswalks. Superintendent Flynn expressed his appreciation, as did the Board. He added that historically, Main St signs get beat-up by traffic fairly quickly. The Board accepts the offer, with thanks, from the American Legion for crossing signs for the Village. Sargent Danko also reported that he would like to hire Christopher Akin for the vacant full-time position. The civil service list has been generated, Chris Akin has been interviewed pre-Covid and qualifies. He has worked for the Village for 5 years. He has been through the academy, had his physical and scored in the top three. Motion to hire Christopher Akin as full-time Police Officer was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the August report. NYMIR Risk Assessor was here for the yearly evaluation. The Public Works garage was fine, Gannon Park playground will be closed until the required thickness of woodchips, or equivalent can be procured, weeded and laid down. The department is severely shorthanded. The lighting down at the water and sewer plants is dim and in terrible shape. Bob St Mary worked on proposals with Hill Electric with incentives from National Grid. The water plant would cost \$609, with incentives: \$215. Annual savings: \$183, 5-year savings: \$900. The sewer plant would cost \$5237, with incentives: \$1020. Annual savings \$2000, 5-year savings: \$10,000. Storm last week knocked everything off-line in both water and sewer plants. The automatic chlorinator is still not operational. Motion to approve water and sewer plants lighting upgrade made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the August report. Attendance – 162. Movies, Washington County Fair, pottery, back-to-school distribution, theater, deep clean and successful fundraising all happened in August. Back-to-school

hours Wednesday – Friday 2:30-5, Saturday 12-5. Jackie Waite has been invited to sit on a youth board for Washington County.

Mayor Report – AGFTC Grant Proposed zoning ordinance changes will be presented this Friday, August 13, from 5-7 at Argyle Brewing Company—our consultants from Chazen will present the proposed plan that we have developed. We want to have as many Greenwich residents join us as possible so they can hear about the changes and add their comments. Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant This has been a busy month for the project. We had a full committee meeting and have also scheduled the sub-committee groups—the Dunbarton committee, the waterfront committee, and the traffic circle committee. These committees will focus on their areas with more specific research and decision making. The Dunbarton committee met, and we heard a report from the design group who toured the site last month. The ideas were really exciting to committee members, and we look forward to next steps. Water Project The meter installation phase of the project is down to the last few installations. The design plans for the next phases of the project—water main installation—are with the Department of Health waiting for approval in order to send out the RFPs. Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD Wallie’s is doing well, with the parking lot full most times I’ve gone by. The brick building work continues and should be complete this fall. New York Main Street grant The application has been submitted, and we should hear this fall about the outcome. Converting Streetlights to LED and Natural Gas for the Village Our conversion of the streetlights progresses, and I have signed the documents in order to move forward. E/V Charging Stations Construction of the EV stations is complete; the charging stations are ready to go. We are on the ChargePoint map and ready for users. Dog Park Planning No change yet; we are still waiting for a survey of the proposed site of the dog park on Rock Street, and once that is complete we will move ahead to seek a grant and plan further. Clerk Jane Dowling reported on water meter installation project. Water Meters installed – 788, 3 installed with data unavailable, 12 installed backwards, 40 meters still need to be installed with 24 of those needing manual reads for the next billing in October. EFC funding for East National Water has not been approved. ENW started work in April and has not been paid. All paperwork is sitting the EFC waiting for approval. Trustee Brown suggested passing a resolution which would allow payment to ENW, which does not need to be acted on, but is there in the case of more delay. The Board agreed.

Resolution No.29 of 2021: Payment for Water Meter Installation to East National Water LLC not to Exceed \$120,000 made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

Public Comment: Marie Troy and Mike Savage presented a case for flags in the Village. He has purchased 15 flags and spoke to National Grid, George Perkins at the VFW. Donations have been made to the VFW for 12 more flags which the group would like to install on poles in the Village. Traffic control and some help with coordination is being asked but no “burden on the Village.” No flags, upkeep or installation is being asked. Flags, time and equipment is being donated. Mayor Fuller asked about National Grid’s requirements. Mr. Savage responded by saying poles with lights need to be selected, forms to be filled out and National Grid will approve. Superintendent Flynn had a map of lighted poles. The flags would be mounted high enough for large trucks not to interfere with. One of the group mentioned the ability to mount flags on non-lighted poles if a lighted pole is across from it. All donations will go through the VFW. They have an account set for this purpose. Mayor Fuller suggested a “Hometown Heros” banner program to the discussion and asked if the group would get behind this idea as well. The response was an enthusiastic yes. Mike Savage will get in touch with the DPW to coordinate. A **motion** was made to support both the flag program and Hometown Hero program by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

New Business:

- **Local Law Repeal:** Attorney Kelly followed up on the NYMIR Risk Assessor’s request to repeal Local Law #2 of 1986 and let New York Village Law 6-628 prevail, which has been litigated many times over the decades. NYMIR would be the ones defending it, and if they feel strongly, we should go with their guidance. Attorney Kelly will circulate the law so it can sit with Trustees for 10 days prior to the Public Hearing.
- **AARPA Money:** Mayor Fuller would like to schedule a meeting to talk about what to do with funds. Monday September 27 at 7pm in-person was agreed to.

Permits:

- GGCC Permits for Tractor Parade and Parks Permit on 11/20/21 starting at 6:00pm. **Approved**

Correspondence

- Charles Hughson memorial bench thank-you letter was read.
- Traffic on Church St. After much discussion and many potential scenarios, the Board agreed to reach out to a traffic expert at DOT.

8:30pm – Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

9:06pm – Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson to move out of Executive Session.

Motion: Approval to hire Lance Barber full-time as split second Sargent contingent on Cambridge Board's agreement of the same. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Attorney Kelly to review donated sick leave time and revise Personnel Policy accordingly.

9:10pm – Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling