

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
February 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held February 14, 2022 via digital platform. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Tefft, Robinson, as well as Attorney Kelly, Sargeant Danko, Chief White, Superintendent Flynn, Treasurer Prime and CCGY president Mumby. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 321 - 372 totaling \$71,095.79

Water Fund Voucher numbers 67 - 74 totaling \$4,800.73

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 46 - 48 totaling \$2,350.19

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Fund Voucher number 35 totaling \$2,963.50

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the January report: no new members; 22 calls, 9 EMS, 1 building fire, MVA-3. Engine 323 repair bill of \$7276 covered by insurance. Station was inspected by the original building engineer. Non-compliant issues will need to be addressed and upgraded as follows: Sprinkler system to be extended into dispatch office, add fireproof sheetrock to same office, upgrade railings on the mezzanine, stairs and landing. Members will handle labor. Cost of goods and repairs total \$4179. Sprinkler System installed by original company; SRI, will cost \$2195., fireproof sheetrock - \$ 128.00, railings on mezzanine \$1008., stairs and landing- \$848.00.

A last note to thank all involved with the fire last weekend; community members, DPW and Police, investigators, EMS agencies, County services, National Grid, NYSDOT and 13 fire departments.

Resolution No.4 of 2022: Approval of expenditures of \$4179.00 from Fire Department Building Reserve. Approved on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the January report. Mr. Flynn took a moment to thank all involved with the fire as well and underscored how well the departments worked together. The water used from the tank for the fire was 160,000 gallons with an unknown amount from the river. The tank has gained 12' in the last 10 days. Well #3 is not pumping due to manganese. The filters need to be changed. This impacts how fast the tank fills. The potholes have been a huge issue and have been partially filled. The catch basins froze from the water from the fire.

Police: Sargeant Danko delivered the January report: Thanks to all involved in the fire. A total of 7 DCJS cases reported. Four arrests with a total of 4 for the year. Twenty-five calls for service with a total of 25 for 2022. Motor vehicle accidents; 4. Incidents handled; harassment, domestic abuse, trespass, vehicle and traffic and aid to EMS. DOT has approved the crosswalk system which will be contracted out for installation in 2023.

Youth: CCGY President Jim Mumby delivered the January report: Attendees: 242 Volunteer Hours: 30, New Members 13: New Volunteers: 1. Dan Lucia is new program manager.

Mayor: The Fire at the Wilmarth Building at 126 Main Street While it came at a tremendous cost, the fire last week showed us a real-life example of the complicated work that our Greenwich Fire Department and all the neighboring squads do, along with the Greenwich Police Department, our Village

DPW, the County Sheriff's department, the New York State Police department, the Red Cross, Washington County support services, St. Paul's church, residents, and countless other agencies and people who stepped forward to help. The firefighters were able to contain the fire to that one building, which is testament to their professionalism and excellent training. No one was seriously hurt, which is again due to the quick response and excellent work. Thank you to everyone who helped on that day and since. Our thoughts go out to the residents of the apartments and businesses in the building, to Marta Ward, who owns the building, and to the neighboring businesses, whose buildings aren't lost but are damaged. Thank you to the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for organizing a fund and materials drive for the fire victims. **New York Main Street Grant** We have received the contract and are working on getting all the paperwork done to get the grant launched. Sharon Reynolds, our consultant, has been in touch with the subcontractors who will be doing the environmental and scope of service work, and she has contacted the participants' **Grant** We were also awarded the WQIP grant for the disinfectant system we are mandated to install at the wastewater plant. The next step for this grant is a meeting to decide how we want to approach the design phase for the disinfectant system. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The final report has been created, and we will be discussing at this meeting. Once we adopt the plan, the next phase is to submit it to the NY Department of State for consideration as a designated BOA. **Water Project Engineering** plans for next phases of the water project have been submitted, and we are waiting for approval from the Department of Health. **AGFTC Grant** Chazen will present the final report on the zoning update recommendations to the Village Board in March, and we will discuss and vote on adoption at the April meeting. We will be discussing the zoning updates at this evening's meeting. **Main Street Anchor Grant and ESD** Wallie's is complete. The building at 73 Main Street is complete. Congratulations and thank you to Greenwich Preservation Group on the beautiful work on these two anchor buildings on Main Street. **Converting Streetlights to LED** We are moving forward with this project, working with NYPA. **Village of Greenwich Flags/Banners** Flags are flying. We will meet with a second banner company and choose a company in the next month. **Dog Park Planning** No change in status. We have a promised deadline for the survey, and once that is done, we will move forward with the planning.

Old Business:

- **Resolution No.5 of 2022 THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH ESTABLISHING ITSELF AS LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEARA, ISSUING AND MAKING NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS UNDER SEQRA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE GREENWICH REVITALIZATION PLAN, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF A PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR BOA DESIGNATION** Approved on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.
- **Accept 2/01/22 Water/ Sewer billing** with a total of \$160,274.38. Water \$93,352.77 and sewer \$30,567.45 with water reserves \$12,036.99 and sewer reserves \$3,279.18. Motion to accept billing made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater.

New Business:

- **Sarah Murphy Librarian** introduced herself and spoke about upcoming programs such as Adirondack Worm Farm, hiring a part-time Youth Program Coordinator and the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.
- **Discussion of site-plan** review led by Attorney Kelly. There have been many changes to zoning laws. The biggest question is who should handle site-plan review? The three choices are; the Village Board, a Planning Board or the ZBA. Aaron Kendall and Caitin Vollmer from the ZBA were asked for their input. The opinions offered were in favor of a fully staffed ZBA. With additional training available especially by LaBella leading a training. Also the ZBA can hire their own lawyer,

which would have to be budgeted. LaBella is also available to review site-plan review, especially if costs are passed onto applicant.

- **Motion to expand functions of ZBA to review site-plans act as Planning Board until such time as a Planning Board is appointed** made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Motion to appoint George Casey to ZBA** made by Trustee Brown, seconded Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Motion to appoint Sarah Tuttle to ZBA** made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- **Jim Schneible** boundary modification. Subdivision approval not required. Mayor Fuller to sign map as Village Mayor as advised by Attorney Kelly.
- **John St Parking** – parking options discussed. Tabled.
- **Resolution No6 of 2022 TO OPEN A CAPITAL PROJECT NAMED; NEW YORK MAIN STREET GRANT PROGRAM** made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Air purifiers for courtroom** based on the size and configuration of the courtroom another air purifier should be purchased.

Permits:

- St Paul's Park Permit Mowry Park June 25 – Sleep in Heavenly Peace from 7am to 3pm. Approved.

Correspondence

- **Karen Sideri** submitted a letter expressing thanks for all involved in the Wilmarth building fire. One idea is an appreciation day. Chief White noted that the VFW has an appreciation day already, perhaps there could be a coordination.

8:43pm - Motion to close meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Tefft and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling