

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
April 11, 2022
Public Hearing

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held April 11, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Tefft, Robinson, as well as Attorney Kelly, Sargeant Danko, Chief White, President James Mumby, Treasurer Prime and Superintendent Flynn and Joseph Panza.

Mayor Fuller opened the Public Hearing at 6:59 pm. The first order of business was accepting Trustee Tefft's letter of resignation effective 4/11/2022 due to imminent relocation out of the village. As a replacement, Mayor Fuller appointed Joseph Panza. He is starting immediately and will remain in office until the March 2023 election to run for the remainder of Trustee Tefft's term, which is 2024. Jill Tefft was warmly thanked for her service to the Village.

Organizational Meeting

Motion to approve the following appointments was made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Village Clerk	2 yrs.	Jane Dowling
Village Treasurer	1 yr.	Karen Prime
Deputy Clerk	1 yr.	Karen Prime
Deputy Treasurer	1 yr.	Rebecca Brown and Jane Dowling
Court Clerk	1 yr.	Joanne McDowell
Village Attorney	1 yr.	Kelly & Sellar Ryan PLLC (Hourly Rate: \$150/hr. effective 6/1)
Health Officer	1 yr.	William Sarchino
Dog/Animal Control	1 yr.	Shannon Celeste-Hahn
Zoning Officer	1 yr.	Eric Becker

Appointments made by the Mayor:

Deputy Mayor	1 yr.	Cathy Brown
Budget Officer		Cathy Brown
Public Works		Vandewater (water/street/sewer)
Police		Brown
Fire		Panza
Buildings & Beautification		Robinson
Youth & Seniors		Robinson
Tech		Panza
Grant Seeking		Panza

Motion to approve the following designations made by the Mayor was made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Regular meeting night	2 nd Monday of each month (subj. to change)
Audit Vouchers	6:30pm prior to meeting or earlier for virtual
Official Depository	Glens Falls National Bank per investment policy
Official Newspaper	Eagle
Mileage rate	\$058.5 per mile (subject to change per IRS)
Meals	\$20.00 per meal, not to exceed \$50.00 per day

Advance approval authorizing payment of claims:

Public Utility Services

Postage

Permits

Garbage Disposal Fees

Schools

Training & Conferences

Medical premium

All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit

The Board of Trustees will review the following policies over the next months:

Zoning law

Animal Control

Ordinances

Current Rosters approval will be tabled until the next meeting.

Police

Fire

DPW

Organizational Meeting to close was made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Regular Meeting:

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 411 - 461 totaling \$100,029.28

Water Fund Voucher numbers 81 - 90 totaling \$3,194.92

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 57 - 61 totaling \$2,593.65

Motion to approve paying the vouchers was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the March report: no new members; 24 calls, 13 EMS, 3 building fires. Activity and training 277.5 hours for the month and 165.69 hours for emergency response. Gear update- Delivery pushed back to May now. Three bids have been received for swift water rescue suits.

Motion to allow the purchase of two swift water rescue suits from REI for a price not to exceed \$1,400.00 made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. **Motion** to allow annual purchase of EMS Vector Solutions software at a price of \$1485. Yearly made by Trustee Brown, seconded by trustee Robinson and carried by all. Burn ban through May 14.

Police: Sargeant Danko delivered the March report: 11 cases were handled with 28 reported to the DCJS for the year. One arrest, 8 for the year. There were 35 calls for service. Incidents handled; multiple harassments, and domestic violence, trespass, vehicle fire and multiple civil stand-bys. An official thanks to Paul-Henry LaPorte for his 4 years of service to the Village. The department is currently at half-staff. There have been complaints about excessive speed through the cross-walks by the school. There has been an officer there daily monitoring the situation.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the March report. The potholes have been addressed with winter mix. This is a temporary solution. There are two particularly bad streets, which will have to be either paved this season or dovetailed with the water project. Spring clean-up will be from 4/18- 4/22 with Thunder Mountain open that week. The furnace that Trustee Tefft offered for purchase was assessed, and deemed unsuitable due to the horizontal space it needs to occupy. Asking the Board to appoint Michael Smith to Working Supervisor for one year. **Motion** to approve the appointment of Michael Smith to Working Supervisor for the period of one year made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the March report. Attendees: 399, volunteer hours:26 hrs., new Members: 8. Stewarts Holiday Match Grant - \$3,000.

7:30 Public Hearing - Amendments to the Village of Greenwich Zoning Code. The proposed Zoning Code amendments would update outdated parking regulations and ensure that new development along Main Street is pedestrian-friendly and in line with the vision of the 2019 Main Street Streetscape Plan. The primary components of the proposed zoning code amendments are (1) establishing a Main Street Overlay District generally along the Village's Main Street Corridor between Church/Academy Street and Mill Hollow; (2) establishing a site plan review process that would apply within the Overlay District; (3) providing supplemental design guidelines for the Overlay District that would be considered as part of site plan review; (4) updating parking requirements to reflect current Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) parking requirements and allow greater flexibility; (5) incorporating definitions and guidelines for food trucks and electric vehicle charging stations; and (6) additional updates to address ambiguity and inconsistencies

Mayor Fuller asked for comments from the public. No comments.

Motion to close **Public Hearing** made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Mayor: Mayor Report – April 11, 2022 New York Main Street Grant This grant is moving forward with environmental reviews and scope of service estimates in progress. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The final report has been submitted to the Department of State, and we are waiting to hear about whether we achieve Designation status. Meanwhile we are moving forward to plan grants that we will submit to in the CFA. **Water Project** RFP documents have gone out for the next contracts for the project. The timetable for the water project is being affected by the scarcity of supplies for it; pipe is very hard to obtain. We expect to see delays in the next year. **WQIP Grant** We were awarded the WQIP grant for the disinfectant system we are mandated to install at the wastewater plant, which is just part of the larger wastewater system needs. Per our presentation by B&L about the wastewater system at a recent budget meeting, we need to design the whole wastewater project before making a decision about the timeline for this upgrade, because doing it separately presents a design problem. Trustee Vandewater submitted the wastewater project to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Rep. Stefanik, per their requests for projects for the 2023 budget. **AGFTC Grant** We will vote on the zoning updates tonight, after the public hearing, which will further facilitate the business district development. **Converting Streetlights to LED** The next step will be procuring the new fixtures and installation. This is another project that is impacted by supply chain issues, and we are waiting for guidance from NYPA about the procurement. **Greenwich Veterans Banners** We have launched this program, and both the Village and Town offices are accepting applications. The application is available in both offices and on both websites, and we are gathering applications. We will be identifying and seeking permission for the

poles. **Building Condition Report** The NY Preservation Group building condition report on Village Hall has been submitted. The report's author will present his findings at our May regular meeting. **Dog Park Planning** Our survey of the Rock Street property is in. The next step is to plan the park and procure funds. **Dunbarton Mill Site** Since we declared the Dunbarton buildings unsafe, and since we have had reports of children congregating in the buildings, we will proceed with securing the buildings, and we have an estimate for the work. Sargent Danko suggested the participation of neighbors to call the PD when they see or hear anything coming from the site. Clearing access to the site so the Police can make spontaneous patrols. **Simpson Street House** Because of the emergency situation at 10 Simpson Street, we will proceed with demolition of the house and buildings. I signed an emergency declaration to this point. Charles Friedman has submitted a bid for demolition of 10 Simpson Street, approval of which, will be tabled until the public meeting tomorrow night.

7:45pm Public Hearing Public Hearing on the 2022/2023 Budget. Mayor Fuller asked for comment. Mayor Fuller asked for comments. No comments made. Budget is tabled until a budget Meeting is scheduled. Motion to close Public Hearing made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve closing /securing the buildings on the Dunbarton Site using framing, plywood and various non-fence means. A bid was procured from Hayes Construction, not to exceed \$15,000 made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:00pm Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2022 Tax Cap Override. Mayor Fuller asked for comments. A question was asked regarding the potential of raising taxes. **Motion** was made to close Public Hearing by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Resolution PROPOSING LOCAL LAW No1 of 2022 AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C. Made on a motion by trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all except Trustee Panza; abstain.

New Business:

Jon Cullinan presented an informal overview of 34 Washington St development of 12 apartments. Jim Ballard, architect has reviewed zoning laws and rendered drawings, which were displayed. Layout, floorplans and details were discussed. Ten units are the same size. The hope is tenants will consist of legacy Greenwich people, who wish to stay, but have no viable options. Four office suites will be above, only available to residents. There will be an interior courtyard with common areas to be decided.

Resolution No10 of 2022: THE RESOLUTION FOR ISSUANCE OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MAIN STREET ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS Motion to pass made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all, except Trustee Panza, who abstained.

Resolution No11. of 2022: Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials based on their record of activities on attached form RS 2417-A. Attached sheet: Kyle Vandewater, Rachel clothier and Jane Dowling. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Old Business:

Schedule End-of-year meeting: Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30.

Permits:

- Walk for Freedom - Mowry Park – October 15, 2022 1 – 3:00 – Approved

Public comment:

Questions about NYMS grants – will this change character of Main St? No substantive design changes planned.

Will LED lights affect health? Lights are dimmable and cobra heads are very much down directed.

Traffic increase on Rock St due to dog park?

8:58 pm Motion to close Public Meeting, made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling