

Minutes
March 28, 2022
Special Budget Workshop

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2022/2023 budget at the Community Center, 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, and Trustees Brown, Robinson, Vandewater, Tefft and Treasurer Prime.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

The raises for the DPW will be 3% this year.

One of our full-time police officers; Paul-Henry LaPorte will be leaving to join the state police. He has been employed by the Village Police Department for four years and will be missed.

Give Hunger the Boot has submitted a revised application for their campaign sign. It will be placed in Veterans Park. Approved.

Prayer Vigil in Mowry Park for Ukraine. Sunday, April 10 starting at 1:00pm. Approved.

Request from GYCC Youth Center to continue Nature's Way through April 2022 and again next winter. Approved.

Dunbarton Security: The Village declared the Dunbarton Mill Site unsafe by **Resolution No27 of 2021**. Young people and children have been entering the buildings with shouts and screams heard by passersby. The Board agrees that the buildings must be secured to prevent entrance and injury. The use of fences and barriers was discussed with Trustee Vandewater volunteering to conduct a visual assessment and make recommendations. Action on this pending Trustee Vandewater's findings.

Sidewalk on Route 74: Village residents have complained to Mayor Fuller about the unsafe walking conditions sans a sidewalk. Since this is a county road, the decision must be made by Washington County. Trustee Vandewater will follow up with county officials.

April 11 is the deadline to submit paperwork to Elise Stephanik's office for potential funding for the wastewater project. Mayor Fuller will reach out to her office for more information.

Budget

We are at 3.43% tax increase. The tax rate has been level for two years. Treasurer Prime suggested using \$15,000 from Fund Balance to lower the tax increase 2.07%, which is under the tax cap. The Board agreed to this plan.

Garbage: Private haulers are charging \$35.00 - \$45.00 a month for pick-up. Village service can be as low as \$10.00 a month if garbage is contained to a single tall kitchen trash bag a week. This savings should be more widely circulated in an effort to persuade more residents to "go local." A monthly Village garbage pick-up service could be offered to residents preferring a non-

sticker method of garbage removal. Pricing should reflect a savings over private haulers. The use of Village designated barrels was discussed as well as an information campaign on prices and options. To be discussed pending more ideas.

Thunder Mountain: RFPs will be going out to foresters.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling

Village Clerk