

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich  
May 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held May 9, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Panza, Robinson, as well as Attorney Kelly, Sargeant Danko, Chief White, President James Mumby, Treasurer Prime and Working Supervisor Michael White standing in for Superintendent Flynn.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. William Brando from John G. Waite Associates, Architects PLLC presented some background information on the Village of Greenwich Community Center Conditions Study, completed in March of 2022. Bill explained that the study was based on a “top down” approach; roof, soffits, drainage, cornices, cupola, bird intrusion, masonry stability, walls, etcetera. The last study was in 1997 and since then, the building has degraded most significantly in the areas of; roof, masonry rear walls, and the old water meter building. At what point do problems become significant safety issues is difficult to predict. There have been upgrades to the electrical panels and furnace. Next steps would be to determine needs and answer how those needs will be fulfilled. Mr. Brando mentioned his boss is skilled at locating grant opportunities and has success in breaking down big projects into achievable goals which can lead to a chain of grant awards built on those successes.

### **Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 462 - 502 totaling \$155,769.40

Water Fund Voucher numbers 91 - 101 totaling \$7,950.67

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 62 - -67 totaling \$3,614.82

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Fund Voucher numbers 45 totaling \$5,978.07

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

**Karen Clark** from Barton & Loguidice talked about the Village response to the March 3, 2022 letter from the DEC. A draft letter addressing the SPEDES violations, data issues, acknowledgement of the serious issues with the wastewater treatment plant and the funding challenges the Village faces was discussed, which also included a formal request to modify the schedule of compliance. A discussion of Barton and Loguidice Full Design Proposal of May 5, 2022 took place, with Karen Clark answering questions and providing background. The total for planning and design services is \$445,000. Funding will be sourced from AARPA funds and a combination of potential grants and loans. The general consensus seemed to be that no choice is left. **Motion to approve** the planning and design phase at a cost of \$445,000 proposed by Barton & Loguidice was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Karen Clark will revise the response letter to DEC and send it back to the Village tomorrow, for the Mayor to sign.

**Clean Water** – Roy Richardson and Don Fletcher were unable to make the meeting, but Roy sent an email earlier in the week outlining some background of the Contract 1 bids. There were only two bidders with a spread of over 1 million dollars. When questioned, non-bidders responded with the uncertain ductile pipe prices and availability being a factor. We could re-bid the project as two contracts: Contract 1A is for providing DIP, valves, and hydrant assemblies (long lead items) and Contract 1B to install these items and furnish and install other items to complete the job. Under the 2 Contract scenario, if the prices go up, then the Village takes the risk and works with the supplier to address. Likewise, if the prices go down, then the Village can work with supplier to reap the

benefit. This also gets the materials in manufacturing now, as we prepare to re-bid the other work. The Board of Trustees agreed this new two-contract plan looks like the best path forward.

## Department Reports

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the April report: Jackie White back to active status; 20 calls, 12 EMS, 1 building fire. Total member hours 728.07. Ray Energy has bid \$25,000 for the old fire truck. Chief White would like to sell it to them for a number of reasons; he doesn't want to pay for any unexpected repairs, it is taking up valuable real estate in the fire house, and the truck will be donated by Ray Energy to a North Country facility which is in need. **Motion** to sell the 2000 HME Fire Engine to Ray Energy for the sum of \$25,000 made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Chief White excused himself to attend a school event at 8:10pm.

**Police:** Sargeant Danko delivered the April report: 11 cases were handled with 39 reported to the DCJS for the year. Four arrests, 12 for the year. There were 33 calls for service. Incidents handled; multiple harassments, and domestic violence, trespass, dog complaints, fraud, agency assists and civil complaints.

**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 April report. Attendees: 297, volunteer hours: 50.25. Program Manager is leaving at the end of May. The search is on for a replacement.

**Mayor:** Mayor Fuller delivered the April report - **2022 NYPA Customer Clean Energy Exchange 2022** I will be attending this NYPA conference on Wednesday; it will be an opportunity to learn about clean energy opportunities that can benefit the Village. **New York Main Street Grant** This grant is moving forward with RFPs for contracts going out for several of the businesses that are part of the NYMS program. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We are continuing work on the next steps for this program. We have identified the Village priorities. We will proceed with preparing the application for the pre-Development work, which will focus on design work for the designated sites. The cost of this grant will be assumed by the Town of Greenwich, since the Village paid for the initial BOA grant. **Comprehensive Plan** I have had a couple of meetings with the Town about working on a comprehensive plan that will update the Town's plan and add in a plan for the Village. So, this will be another shared project. We will be discussing and I hope approving the plan at the June meeting. I've discussed funding it with ARPA funds, and our Treasurer concurs that this will work. I will distribute the proposal for the work to the Board, and we will discuss it at the June meeting. **Water Project RFP** documents have gone out for the next contracts for the project. We will discuss at this meeting. **WQIP Grant** We will discuss the wastewater system at this meeting. **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 an update from NYPA about the procurement. **Greenwich Veterans Banners** The first group of banners are with our producer, West Signs. We will be getting them mid-month, and we plan to install them before Memorial Day. **Building Condition Report** the N.Y. Preservation Group building condition report on Village Hall is complete. We will have a report on it this evening. **Restore NY Grant** I met with Laura Oswald about this grant, which is expected to release this spring. This is a possibility for some Main Street projects. **Dog Park Planning** Our survey of the Rock Street property is in. We haven't made any progress on the dog park, but we'll work on this in the coming month. **Dunbarton Mill Site** The buildings at the Dunbarton site have been secured. We will install No Trespassing signs around the site as the next step. **Simpson Street House** The contractor is waiting for the necessary permits in order to carry out the demolition. No trespassing signs will need to be posted up at Thunder Mountain with possible additional security cameras needed. There has been some illegal dumping and vandalism.

#### **New Business:**

- **Main Street Flowers** – the Village has been asked by Rulyn Graves for a \$200.00 donation to help purchase flowers for Main St. **Approved**

#### **Permits:**

- Memorial Day Parade Permit submitted by Jeannie Pemrick on behalf of VFW and American Legion for a Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> parade from 5:30-6:30pm. **Approved.**
- Town of Greenwich Gannon Park use permit application was submitted on behalf of Greenwich Youth Program for Mondays 7/5/22 – 8/5/22 from noon -3pm. **Approved.**

#### **Correspondence:**

- GCS James "Kim" Gannon Memorial Scholarship for Performing Arts. **\$500.00 Approved.**
- GCS Norma A. Gannon Memorial Scholarship for Community Service **\$500.00 Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling