

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
July 11, 2022

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

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 13 - 62 totaling \$58,623.39

Water Fund Voucher numbers 3 - 7 totaling \$13,602.05

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 3 - 6 totaling \$2,965.92

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the June report: One new member: Nick Marci – exterior only. 19 calls, 13 EMS, 2 MVAs. Total member hours 387.52. Deputy Chief Buell’s position will remain open until December elections.

Police: Trustee Bown delivered the June report: 14 cases were handled with 62 reported to the DCJS for the year. Three arrests, 20 for the year. There were 27 calls for service. Incidents handled; multiple harassments, domestic violence, larceny and criminal mischief.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the June report. Paving checklist was discussed; Gray Ave, Church and Van Ness Ave. The price has gone up exponentially. The company that we hired identified the 50,000-gallon leak, which has been repaired. We are currently leak free, although the tank is at 32’, due to very high usage and dry conditions. The splash pad hours have been cut from 10-5. We can only use two of our three wells, and only so much water can go through a 6” main. There should be some time in August to dedicate to sidewalks. Keeping slate vs replacing it was discussed. Church and Washington Streets are to be first.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the June report. There were 359 attendances in June. So far July has been slow. Denise has been the summer coordinator. Two other associates have been hired for the summer. Food for kids have not been able to provide lunches being so busy with other programs. Food improvisation has been taking place.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the June report - **New York Main Street Grant** Work on the properties on Main Street is in progress; all of the participating projects are at different stages but active. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We are waiting for word about our Designation status, but meanwhile we are working on the follow-up grants in anticipation of success. We will pursue the next grant in partnership with the Town of Greenwich, with the Town acting as the lead agency for this grant. **Water Project The**

availability of pipe materials has affected our schedule for the water mains. We are moving forward with the idea of purchasing the materials separately from the overall contracts, so that as we secure pipes we can contract with installers. **Wastewater System** Trustee Vandewater submitted the wastewater project to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Rep. Stefanik, per their requests for projects for the 2023 budget. We heard from the Assemblyperson's office that our project has moved on to the next phase. This is just one of a number of phases/benchmarks we need to pass in order to be successful. Meanwhile, we approved the design phase for the project, and Barton and Loguidice is working on that. **Converting Streetlights to LED** We have completed the list of tasks that we must complete before we closing with National Grid on the fixtures, in order to install new ones. Our next step is to confirm availability of the new fixtures, before we close on the existing one. **Greenwich Veterans Banners** We have completed installation of the banners for this year, with the group that was hung before the July 4th holiday. We will reopen the Banner program in 2023, to be hung by Memorial Day 2023. Thank you to Maria Robinson for coordinating the program, to our DPW for doing a great job of hanging the banners, and to our Clerk and Treasurer for doing support work in the office. **Dunbarton Mill Site** We received the EPA assessment grant for the property; we submitted the required documentation for the project plan and budget. I had a call with our representative from the EPA, and we should receive our contract documents around the end of July. After that we will launch the project. **Thunder Mountain Property** We are waiting for the forester report on the property, which will present the plan for managing the forest as well as the estimate for revenue that we will anticipate receiving once the harvest is complete. We hope that the harvest will occur this fall/winter. Before we move forward with a plan, we will hold a public meeting to inform the public about the project. Jim Allen is an independent forester who will oversee the project. **Comprehensive Plan** The Village will join the Town in their update of the Town of Greenwich Comprehensive plan. The Town Comprehensive plan will be updated for the first time since the early 2000s. The new plan will include the Village, which will be the first Comprehensive Plan for the Village. We launched the project and have formed a committee, which we will approve tonight. The committee has now met the first time to discuss focus priorities for the Comprehensive Plan update. We will be meeting in August and then three more times before we finalize a draft plan in early 2023. **Restore New York** For the first time in 10 years, the Restore New York grant released today. This is a grant that would be sponsored by the Village, working with a private party, and that would rebuilding our lost building on Main Street. The first step in applying for this grant is a letter of intent, which is due by August 11. I will be attending a webinar about the grant on Wednesday. A private developer has not been identified yet. **Naming Route 372 Bridge** – next month we will pass a resolution to name this bridge in Brian's name. Carrie Woehner will than propose a bill in the assembly. It would be in next winter's session. Once the bill gets passed, DOT will sign it and create a plaque.

Old Business:

- **Resolution No18 of 2022:** Appointing the Comprehensive Plan Committee consisting of Jim Nolan; Supervisor Tom Graves; Town Board Member, Pam Fuller; Mayor Village of Greenwich, Maria Robinson; Village Trustee, Bill Tomkins; Town of Greenwich Planning Board Chair, Sarah Tuttle; Village ZBA Member. Peter Veale; Village and Town resident and John Mattison; Town resident. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Motion** to approve Town of Greenwich as Lead Agency in a joint application for BOA pre-development activities funding. Made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

New Business

- **Resolution No19 of 2022: Adopt VTR #12 -Adoption of a 25mph Speed Limit on the Portion of Gray Ave not covered by School Zone**, made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No20 of 2022 Honoring the Dedication of Brian Buell to the Village of Greenwich**, made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Correspondence:

- Approval of placement of a sign in Mowry Park by The Comfort Food Community to advertise “Hats off to Devin” event on August 20th. The sign will be placed a few days prior to the event. Approved.
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Public Comment:

- Judge Clothier inquired whether the Board was interested in a monthly report. The Board was open to a monthly court report.

8:06pm Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel and litigation issues, made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:49p Motion to close Executive Session and reopen Regular Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion: Approval of health insurance coverage until the end of August 2022 for the widow and two children of Brian Buell at a monthly cost of \$942.47. Made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

The Board will address changes to the Health Insurance Policy at the August Meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling