

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
June 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held June 13, 2022 in the Board Room at 2 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Vandewater, Panza, Robinson, as well as Attorney Kelly, Sargeant Danko, Superintendent Flynn, President James Mumby, Treasurer Prime and Assistant Chief Corey Hopkins was standing in for Chief White.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 12 totaling \$102,909.28

Water Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 2 totaling \$470.30

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 2 totaling \$1,874.60

NYMS Grant Voucher number 1 totaling \$1,500.00

Accounts Payable Vouchers (2021-2022 Fiscal Year)

General Fund Voucher numbers 546 – 554 totaling \$13,756.75

Water Fund Voucher numbers 111 – 115 totaling \$2,732.71

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 71 – 72 totaling \$5,361.15

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

Department Reports

Fire: Assistant Chief White delivered the May report: 24 calls, 14 EMS, 1 camper fire. Total member hours 387.52. Gear, which was ordered over a year ago, has finally arrived and is in service. Pricing has escalated 30%. After the hose and ladder testing, only 100' of hose will need to be replaced. Destination of proceeds from the \$25,000 sale of the 2000 Fire Engine is to be determined at a future date.

Police: Sargeant Danko delivered the May report: 9 cases were handled with 48 reported to the DCJS for the year. Five arrests, 17 for the year. There were 27 calls for service. Incidents handled; multiple harassments, and domestic violence, trespass, dog complaints, MHU, agency assists, abuse and endangering the welfare of a child. Speeding was discussed, especially on Gray Ave. Reducing the speed limit, moving the electronic sign, adding a sign and adding patrol were all options discussed. Attorney Kelly will prepare a speed reduction ordinance for the Board to review and discuss at the July meeting. A bill has been on the Governor's desk awaiting signature to allow our hybrid officer to take the Civil Service test to enable her to become full-time.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the May report. The low water tank level is a persistent issue. Two leaks have been repaired, but have made minimal difference. Consumption is sky high. There is a tremendous amount of sprinkling going on. We are at constant 251,000 gallons of usage a day. A water company which specializes in analyzing this problem has been contacted and we would like to hire them. Even with the new wells; which are not operating yet, the wells will do little good with 6" mains. The ductile iron pipe shortage has kept this project from moving forward. There is immediate need for a wastewater pump which has been sourced at \$6700. Approval is needed. Good news, the 5-year tank

inspection passed with no problems. Streets- patching has started, but material has to be trucked from Queensbury so we are able to handle only one load a day. Paving; part of Gray Ave is in need, all of Church and Van Ness Ave. The price has skyrocketed. They will come in and do an estimate. The high price might make paving all three streets unfeasible.

Motion to hire GPRS to locate water leaks was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Resolution No16 of 2022- Approve the purchase of a pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$6,700 out of the Sewer General Fund and further **Resolved**, the funds of \$6700 will be transferred from the Sewer Reserve Fund to the Sewer General Fund, subject to Permissive Referendum made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the May report. Attendees: 294, volunteer hours: 40. Director Jackie Waite is leaving at the end of the week. Denise will be the GYC Summer Coordinator. Summer hours begin after school ends; noon – 5pm M-F.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the May report - **New York Main Street Grant** The work on the properties on Main Street is in progress. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We have not yet heard about our pending application for Designation status, but we are hopeful that we will be successful. Meanwhile we are planning the application for the next phase of the BOA, in anticipation of gaining designation status. **Water Project** The availability of 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. **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, which is good news. We will need to go through a number of phases to be successful. Meanwhile, we approved developing the design phase for the project, and Barton and Loguidice is working on that. **Converting Streetlights to LED** We have a list of items that we need to complete before we can close with National Grid on the fixtures, and then install new ones. We will be working on this list this week. **Greenwich Veterans Banners** - We received the second group of these banners and will hang them before the July 4th holiday. We will reopen the Banner program in 2023, to be hung by Memorial Day. **Dunbarton Mill Site** We received the EPA assessment grant for the property; it will begin on or after July 1. **Thunder Mountain Property** We are considering the proposals we received about managing the forest at Thunder Mountain. We want to take care of the forest as well as bring some revenue in to the Village. We should be making a decision soon.

New Business:

- **Norabelle Greenberger** – The best way to update zoning to have a Comprehensive Plan. The Village does not have one. The Town has a 2004 version. Since much legwork has been done as part of the BOA already, this is a streamlined proposal for both Town and Village. Two phases, the first focusing on areas that weren't part of the BOA; agriculture, school, housing. These are issues that are outside of the BOA area of study. There would be committee meetings, appointed by Board Resolution, public summer event, then submitting a grant application in September to the Hudson River Greenway. A Town/Village plan would qualify for a \$15,000

grant award to be used for Comprehensive Plan updates. This would help fund the second phase of the planning, which would be recommendations. The budget for this proposal is \$43,000. Less the \$15,000 with the anticipated grant. This would be \$28,000 to be split between the two municipalities. The AARPA money can be used for this. October thru April is the second phase of the proposal. The Board was in agreement that this is worthwhile endeavor.

- **Motion** to approve moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan: Phase I and Phase II to cost \$14,150. Phase II would not start until the Greenway Grant is awarded made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Tech Monkeys Proposal** – Trustee Panza has been in contact with them and elaborated on the contract. After a discussion, the Board decided to go back to Tech Monkeys for another quote to assess, recommend and update hardware as a one-time project.
- **Forestry Proposal** – An independent contractor will be hired to assess, review and oversee P&C. Once an assessment is done, we will have an idea of revenue. Some public outreach will be planned to get the message out to the public. Perhaps a public meeting at the library.

Old Business

- **Resolution No17 of 2022:** Michael Moses to be hired as a Part-time Police Officer at a salary of \$18.00 effective 6/1/2022. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Motion** to accept 6/1/2022 Water/Sewer billing made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

6/1/2022 Water/ Sewer Billing
\$129,734.18 Total
\$82,823.81 Water
\$14,417.02 Water Reserve
\$29,280.82 Sewer
\$3,212.53 Sewer Reserve
-\$771.72 Overpayments applied
\$128,962.46 Net

Public Comment

- Paryese Becker, owner of 56 Salem St spoke about the need to connect to public sewer. The Board suggested she get in touch with Superintendent Flynn. The Board added that there was no objection on the Village's part to adding her property to the sewer system and her next step was contacting the County and her engineer.

Correspondence:

- Food for Kids donation - **\$500.00 Approved.**
- 15-17 Depot St. Complaint and health violation. Attorney Kelly will issue a citation to the owner.

Motion to adjourn at 9:01pm made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling