

Minutes
August 15, 2022
Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a special meeting Present were Mayor Fuller, and Trustees Brown, Robinson, Panza, Attorney Kelly Flynn and Assistant Fire Chief Hopkins.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Resolution No24 of 2022 - Authorizing Fire Department to Declare 2008 Three Quarter Ton Chevrolet Pick-Up Surplus: Approved effective immediately, made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all. Assistant Fire Chief Hopkins requested that the funds from this sealed-bid sale would go back into the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund. This request is taken under consideration. Assistant Fire Chief Hopkins left the meeting after this agenda item.

Allen Forestry Proposal – Jim Allen has submitted a proposal for overseeing the sale of Thunder Mountain timber. His contract encompasses oversight of the timber management, marking, bidding, sale, logging, public education and project sign-off

The plan for the Norway Spruce is thinning, some patch-cuts, some heavy thinning and keeping 100' barrier around the reservoir. There will be group selection, which will cause regeneration. There will be removal of invasive species. This is achieved by a combination of manpower and to a lesser degree, chemical use.

Timetable: Insurance certificates in place, marking timber and mapping, a harvest plan. Looking to have the marking complete by the end of September. Showings happen 2-3 weeks before bids are due. Bids come into the Village, even perhaps by the October meeting. If bid is awarded then, the preparation starts for a winter cut. Logging itself will probably take 3-4 months. Addressing the areas that need to be accomplished in frozen ground will be a priority during the winter. Bidding – stumpage bids are a price per 1000, paid weekly or every two weeks. Lump sum – volume gets estimated, if they go over the volume, they get the extra. One a bid is accepted, there will be a \$3,000-\$5,000 bid bond required. This amount will be held by the Village until the end of the job. Every check delivered will be accompanied by a voucher from Allen Forestry.

Signage will be provided especially where the property can be accessed from other properties. "Logging Area Ahead" is often most effective and minimizes liability. While logging activity is happening, there should be no public allowed. The Village will post signs on North Rd as well as website and Facebook notices.

Public meetings were discussed. Mr. Allen is available with the exception of 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. On-site walk throughs were mentioned as well. Informing and educating the public will be a top priority.

Motion made by Trustee Brown to accept and authorize Mayor Fuller to sign Allen Forestry proposal, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

New Business:

Restore NY - Two intention to apply letters have been submitted and accepted. The two properties are Eddy Plow Works and the second is the former Wilmarth Building site. The first application is due October 11. A decision will have to be made which will be the first.

NY Forward – A letter of intention was submitted. Our region had 24 submissions. We have a number of projects possible. The only other municipality in Washington County that applied was Fort Edward.

Health Care – The Village Health Insurance Policy needs revision. Medicare eligible current employees' insurance should be comparable to under-65 coverage. The cost for the supplemental will be capped at \$150. Surviving spouse and family health insurance benefits will be terminated on the last day of family member's death. Cobra is an option. Attorney Kelly will work on the revised language for the September meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling

Village Clerk