

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
August 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held August 8, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Panza, Robinson, as well as Attorney Kelly, Chief White, Superintendent Flynn, Sargent Danko, President James Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Trustee Vandewater attended remotely but did not participate in voting.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 63 - 106 totaling \$103,419.73

Water Fund Voucher numbers 8 - 18 totaling \$12,259.03

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 7 - 10 totaling \$16,417.48

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Fund Voucher number 3 totaling \$11,400.00

NYMS Capital Project Fund Voucher number 2 totaling \$36,960.00

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 July report: No new members. Busy month 46 calls, 25 EMS, 3 MVAs. Total member hours 698. The annual contract for the grant writing service is up for renewal for \$4500. No grant awards yet this year, but the applications look promising. Summer Youth Camp for 8-12yo. started 8/8. Hours are 9-noon.

DPW: Superintendent Flynn delivered the July report. Water levels are recovering. The school was using a huge volume of water, that usage has stopped which has allowed levels to normalize. Sidewalks – Church St will not be able to be done before school starts. There is 200k in CHIPS money. 50k will be earmarked for sidewalks. Concrete has been running \$120. /Yard. That does 3 5'x5' sidewalk squares. The 150k will be used for paving. Trustee Brown will work on an RFP for the sidewalks.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the July report: 7 cases were handled with 69 reported to the DCJS for the year. Three arrests, 23 for the year. There were 25 calls for service. Incidents handled; multiple harassments, domestic violence, dog bite, unattended death, larceny and landlord tenant issues. Officer Cooney received praise for how she handled the dog bite incident. The electronic speed signs will be moved to the upper end of Gray Ave when the DPW can schedule it. Superintendent Flynn has ordered the new speed signs to be posted on Gray Ave.

Motion: made by Trustee Brown to purchase a post "Children at Play" double-sided sign to be placed in the yard of 51 Gray Ave, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the July report. There were 215 attendances in June. So far July has been slow. The kids have been participating in various programs; the Fire Department's prevention bus, Music from Salem among others. The mice are back. Electrical work is scheduled for fair week.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the June report - **New York Main Street Grant** Projects are progressing, at different stages. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** We are waiting for word about our Designation status, but meanwhile we submitted the follow-up grants in anticipation of success. We submitted the Greenwich BOA Pre-Development grant application last week, with the Town of Greenwich taking their turn as lead agency. **Water Project** No change on this one in the last month. 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** we learned last week that our wastewater project is now on Sen. Gillibrand's list of projects, in the amount of \$1,600,000. We hope this will be funded! **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 scheduling a closing with National Grid. Trustee Vandewater will call Joe Pallone. **Dunbarton Mill Site** We received the EPA assessment grant for the property; we submitted the required documentation for the project plan and budget. We should hear soon about our contract for this assessment. After we receive it we will launch the project. **Thunder Mountain Property** Trustee Panza is working on the plan for forestry for this project. He explained hiring Jim Allen would work for a percentage, mark the trees and seek the bids. He would oversee the process. This is the more modern way that foresters work. **Comprehensive Plan** We are working on solidifying the business relationship between the Town and the Village for the work on this grant. Attorney Kelly will draw up a contract between the Village and Town for this project. **Restore New York** The Village will submit two letters of intent for Restore NY. Once we hear from their team, we will determine which project(s) we should submit as full applications. **NY Forward.** We plan to submit a letter of intent to apply for this grant, which would provide the Village with up to \$5M for work on a number of projects.

Old Business:

- **Record of Activities for Rachel Clothier.** Judge Clothier has kept track of her hours for the required time of three months. and has submitted her ROA for approval. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Resolution No23 of 2022** – BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby approve the expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 from the Building Capital Reserve for repairs to the electrical service for 6 Academy Street subject to permissive referendum. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

New Business

- **Memorandum of Understanding** agreement between Village and Town BOA Pre-development activities. Both the Village and Town will be responsible for 50% of local match, for a total of \$9,250 through in-kind services and cash. The Town of Greenwich will act as lead agency. **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Fuel Bids** for 2022/2023 – John Ray has the lowest differential for diesel and fuel oil and Bove for propane. **Motion** to use these fuel providers made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- Village Hall Door Restoration – deadline is **8/24**. Still reviewing options.

- Fountain in Dorr Park Electrical Service. National Grid will be meeting Superintendent Flynn to look and offer suggestions. Further discussion after the meeting.
- Court Records Annual Audit will be performed by Trustees Brown and Robinson.
- **22 Barber Ave Motion** to approve the application for a corrected 2022/2023 Village tax bill for 22 Barber Ave from the amount of \$841.67 to \$0. Washington County received this parcel via the tax sale process, and is making this request. Motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **101 Main St Motion** – Trustee made a motion to accept \$500.00 from 101 Rue Principale for past water charges as it is in the best interest of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No22 of 2022** – Bridge over the Battenkill River in the Village, to be renamed Brian Buell Bridge made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- NY Forward proposal by LaBella to assist and complete application for NY Forward, which will cost \$7,500; proposal subject to revisions by Attorney Kelly. **Approved** by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Correspondence:

- August 31st Lawn Party at Library – Food Truck Peddler’s Permit needed? The Board’s answer is “yes”, a one-day Peddler’s Permit is necessary.

Public Comment:

8:37pm Motion to close meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling