

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
October 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held October 3, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Panza, Vandewater, Robinson, as well as President James Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Michael White attended in place of Superintendent Leo Flynn and Fire chief Mike White. Attorney Kelly was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll call of Village Trustees

7:00 pm: Public Hearing RESTORE NY Round 6 application process. Deadline is October 11. The three properties included in this application include the burned Main Street Wilmarth building and the adjacent buildings owned by; Jonathon Cullinan and Daniel Petteys.

Norabelle Greenberger led the discussion and provided background. This grant provides up to 2 million dollars to fund reconstruction, rehabilitation and demolition. The awards will be announced in before the end of the year. All projects will be under construction within a year. No payments will be required by the Village. The specifics of the projects are; rebuilding a 3-story structure in the footprint of the former Wilmarth Building including 7 affordable housing units with ground floor commercial spaces which are ADA accessible. The former GF National Building will be rehabbed into a mixed office building with updates. The former Greenwich Hardware Building is planning a hospitality restaurant space.

Mayor Fuller asked for any public comment:

Dan Petteys, one of the applicants, expressed his gratitude for the time and effort of all involved with the Restore NY grant process, and the many other grants applied for on behalf of the community. A question on parking was asked. The answer was; the building plan will have to go through the ZBA approval process. Some businesses rent space from Dan Petteys and he will make that the same arrangement is made with the new owner(s) of the Wilmarth building.

Close Public Meeting

Open Regular Meeting

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 152 - 191 totaling \$51,732.75

Water Fund Voucher numbers 25 - 31 totaling \$4,097.27

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 17 - 19 totaling \$2,280.66

NYMS Capital Project Fund Voucher number 4 totaling \$1,500.00

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

Department Reports

Fire: Michael Smith delivered the September report: No new members. Calls - 25, 12 EMS. Purchases - \$16,893.18 for 6 sets of new gear on NYS contract pricing. This was already in the budget, approved on a motion by Trustee Panza, seconded by trustee Brown and carried by all.

DPW: Michael Smith delivered the September report. Normal work being carried out. The department is short staffed and looking forward to adding another worker. The Mayor responded that the advertisement is being drafted and should be ready this week.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the September report: 6 cases were handled with 79 reported to the DCJS for the year. Four arrests, 31 for the year. There were 32 calls for service. Incidents handled; Mental health, drug possession at school, harassment, unattended death and animal complaints. Two crossing guards have been hired. A new crosswalk system to be installed next year at the red light, when the new traffic lights are installed by the state.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the September report. There were 325 attendances in September even. They have been focused on positive reinforcement with kindness tokens when they can be redeemed for Stewart's ice cream. There is a three strikes warning system in place now for unwanted behaviors, which seems to be working because everyone wants to keep their tokens.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the September report **New York Main Street Grant** Work continues at various stages on all the participating properties on Main Street; 4 or 5 projects will be complete this year, and the remaining will be complete in 2023. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The Town and Village submitted the application for the BOA Pre-development grant in early September; we expect to hear whether our application was successful by the end of 2022. **NY Forward Grant.** We submitted our application by the deadline of September 23rd. We received a request for further information and returned that this past week. Announcements of the successful applicants will be made before the end of the year. **Restore New York** The Village submitted two letters of intent for Restore NY. We had a site visit from 2 Restore NY officials, and they had positive reactions to both of our proposed projects. We are working through the requirements for the first application, which will be submitted by October 11th. **Water Project.** No change on this one in the last month. The availability of pipe materials has affected our schedule for the water mains. **Wastewater System.** We submitted a WIIA Grant application for the full cost of a new wastewater plant. This project is also a submission for a member item through Rep. Stefanik's office. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures** Our tentative closing date with National Grid is scheduled for October 17th. We are waiting to hear about when the new fixtures will be available. **Dunbarton Mill Site** We received our contract for the EPA phase II assessment and are waiting for guidance about our next steps. **Thunder Mountain/Reservoir Property** We conducted a public meeting on September 19th with the purpose of explaining the forestry plan for our Village property and answering questions. Our consultant Jim Allen explained the proposed project and took questions from the audience. We had 39 attendees; 14 were Village residents. **Comprehensive Plan** A Comprehensive Plan committee meeting was held this week, on Tuesday. A main activity in the meeting was planning the public meeting, which will tentatively take place in mid-November. We hope to engage both students and adult citizens.

Old Business:

- **Resolution No28 of 2022 - Village Board Support for submitting the Restore New York Round 6 application - RESOLVED** by the Village of Greenwich Village Board authorizes submission of a Restore NY grant application not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the 120-132 Main Street Revitalization project proposed by Battenkill Motors, LLC, Flatley Read Holdings, Inc., and Petteys Property LLC. Approved on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No29 of 2022 - Court Docket Review Completed.** Motion made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all

- **Resolution No30 of 2022** – Authorize the Treasurer to open a Capital Project for Design Phase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Approved on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

New Business

- **Resolution No31 of 2022: Consent to Amend the Certificate of Incorporation by Rough and Ready Engine and Hose CO No.2. WHEREAS**, the Rough and Ready Engine and Hose Company No. 2 was incorporated on or about December 22, 1904 under Article IV of the Membership Corporations Law with the Consent of the Village of Greenwich Board of Trustees for the stated purpose of participating in the prevention and extinguishing of fires in the Village of Greenwich, N.Y. under the direction and control of the Village of Greenwich. Made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **DPW 2008 Ford** was declared a total loss by the insurance company. The insurance payout for a total loss would be \$10,960.74. Superintendent Flynn would prefer to accept this and purchase a new truck. The insurance company has agreed to the transfer of the old flatbed onto a new vehicle.
Motion to accept the total loss payment of \$10,960.74 from the insurance company made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No32 of 2022: PROHIBITION ON ALTERATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS OR WORK OF ANY KIND ON VILLAGE REAL PROPERTY TAX PARCEL # 229.2-5.1.** Trustee Brown made a motion to pass said resolution, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **10/1/2022 Water/ Sewer Billing** accepted by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
 \$156,405.14 Total
 \$102,319.39 Water
 \$11,997.00 Water Reserve
 \$29,129.74 Sewer
 \$3,185.87 Sewer Reserve
 -\$9773.14 Overpayments applied
 \$146,632.00 Net

Permits

- GGCC Halloween Parade 10/30/22 at 1:00pm. Approved

Public Comment:

- Mountain biking and the unauthorized building of trails at the Reservoir was defended by a number of non-Village visitors and commented on by a small contingent of Village of Greenwich residents.

8:40pm Motion to close public meeting and go onto Executive Session to discuss potential litigation made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

9:29pm Motion to close Executive Session made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

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Respectfully submitted Jane Dowling