

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
December 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held December 12, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Panza, Vandewater, as well as GYC President James Mumby, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, Attorney Kelly and Treasurer Prime. Michael White attended in place of Superintendent Leo Flynn. Trustee Robinson was absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 261 - 299 totaling \$52644.10

Water Fund Voucher numbers 48 - 59 totaling \$14,248.32

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 27 - 34 totaling \$3,212.24

NYMS Grant Program Capital Project Fund Voucher numbers 9 totaling \$2,500.00

WWTP Improvements Capital Project Voucher number 8 totaling \$18,275.00

TRANSFERS

FROM: A1990.4	\$15000.00	TO: A1420.4	\$5842.00	Attorney, Contractual
Contingency		A1620.4	\$1590.00	Building, Contractual
		A6989.4	\$7193.00	Economic Dev./Grants
		A7550.4	\$375.00	Celebrations, Cont.
A5110.2	\$3568.00	TO: A5142.2	\$3568.00	Snow Removal, Equip
Street Maintenance, Equip				

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the November report: Zake Lent is a new member; he would like to be an interior firefighter and EMT. Calls - 25, 5 of which happened during the Tractor Parade. EMS calls – 12. Emergency response hours 252, training hours, 208, activity hours 336 for a total of 796 hours. The new utility pick-up truck is in service complete with a new cap which the department purchased. The election of officers was held on December 6.

Motion to Approve New Member of Greenwich Fire Department: Zake Lent made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

Motion to Approve Greenwich Fire Department Election of New Officers:

Fire Chief – Michael White

Deputy Chief – Cory Hopkins

Assistant Chief – Michael Smith Jr.

Captains – Adam Dwyer, Brady Squires

Lieutenants – Phil Spezio, Clayton Wren, Stephen Schukes

Approved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the November report: 9 cases were handled with 102 reported to the DCJS for the year. One arrest, 37 for the year. There were 24 calls for service. Incidents handled; Mental health, harassment, bad check complaints, animal bite, criminal mischief and aid fire/ems. The ten toy

boxes were collected and delivered to Cambridge and Greenwich Schools to be wrapped and distributed. The Tractor Parade on November 19 went smoothly but was one of the busiest for calls.

DPW: Michael Smith delivered the November report. Quiet overall. Finished leaf pick-up and readied equipment for winter.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the November report. There were 260 attendances in November; down a bit, but GYC was closed for a week. Trustee Panza donated a freezer with thanks from all. Capital Tractor donated much appreciated gloves for the kids during the Tractor Parade. New program - drumming circle. Electrical work is still needed, especially with the addition of the freezer. Mayor Fuller will follow up with a potential electrician. The mice problem has improved greatly.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the November report. Welcome, Nick Casey, as our newest full-time employee with the DPW. Nick previously worked for the Village in a part time position, so he begins his position with a head start of knowledge about the job and the team. **Congratulations to our DPW Working Supervisor Mike Smith** Mike was elected by the members of the Greenwich Fire Department to the position of Assistant Fire Chief in the election held last week. **New York Main Street Grant** We have 10 projects in process. Several of the projects will be complete in 2022; the others are in progress and will complete in 2023. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The Town and Village submitted a joint application for the BOA Pre-development grant in early September; we are anticipating the announcement about successful applications around the first of the year. **NY Forward Grant.** No update on this grant. We submitted our application by the deadline of September 23rd. We presented our proposal to the decision committee in October. We expect announcements to come by the end of this year. **Restore New York** The Village submitted two letters of intent for Restore NY. We submitted our application for the Main Street project by the deadline in October, and we received a followup request for more information from the Restore team. We don't know when announcement will be for this one, either, but we hope it will be between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We submitted two letters of intent for the second round, and both were approved. We are working with the two property owners to see who will have the necessary information for application. **Water Project** We have little change on this one in the last month. The availability of pipe materials has affected our schedule for the water mains, but we are close to releasing a material bid for the pipe. **Wastewater System** We submitted a WIIA Grant application for the full cost of a new wastewater plant, and did not receive it. The wastewater project is also a member item through Rep. Stefanik's office. We're still on the list of active projects but do not know when the announcements of recipients will be released. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures** We are ready to install new fixtures when they are available. We're waiting for a firm date for their delivery. **Dunbarton Mill Site** Thank you, Treasurer Karen Prime, for putting the RFP together for the assessment work on the Dunbarton site. This work will be done under the EPA grant that we recently received; our goal is for work to begin in the spring. We will be accepting proposals until January 19th for the project. **Hayes Reservoir Property** The Village will launch a task force to consider usage and maintenance for parks and recreation areas in the Village. The Hayes Reservoir property will be one of the focus areas for the task force. We've been working this month on the process and the application, which we plan to release before the end of the year. Applications will be accepted for the task force during January with the goal of choosing members and planning the first meeting for early February. Also, we are in the process of identifying a trail expert to inspect the mountain bike trails in order to confirm their safety, which we hope to schedule soon. We've discussed the trails and the forestry project proposal with our insurance risk management officer. **Town-Village Comprehensive Plan** We held two public events on November 15th as part of our comprehensive plan process. Both were well attended and yielded good data and ideas for priorities. The Comprehensive Plan process will

continue in our first meetings of 2023, when LaBella PC will give us a report about progress to date and findings that will affect the plan. **AGFTC** The Village and Town will apply for an AGFTC grant to study and plan bike and pedestrian traffic, connections, and accessibility. This will be a planning grant with an award of \$25,000. The Village has previously worked with AGFTC on our streetscape plan and our zoning update plan for the downtown business district.

Old Business:

- **Motion to Approve LaBella Professional Services Agreement Restore NY Round 7 – at a cost of \$5,000** - Approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Resolution No38 of 2022: Schedule Public Hearing on January 9, 2023 at 7pm for the Purpose of Round 7 of Restore NY Communities Initiative Program for 49-53 Main St.** Included in the scope of work for the laundromat and apartments; roof, siding, front remediation, barn, utilities, ADA accessibility. Trustee Brown made the motion to approve this contract, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

New Business

- **Motion to apply for Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council (AGFTC) Grant Application** passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Scott Fitzgerald** from Solar on Earth spoke on the NYSERTA program started in 2018. Signing up will provide 10% off the Village's utility bills. Zero cost to enter the program and cost-free to leave. No installation is required because of community solar.
Motion to approve signing Solar on Earth Contract – made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Approve** part time laborer Delbert Kirk effective November 17, 2022. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- Village of Greenwich Parks and Recreation Area Task Force to be created for the purpose of improvement of these areas. After discussion, the number of potential members of this group was limited to 5 to 7. Notice to published in the paper, on website and facebook.

Permits

- **Tour of the Battenkill** will take place on April 29th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Maps and application submitted. Approved.
- **Suzanne Cohen play rehearsal** from 6pm-9pm and perhaps weekend afternoons. The application is **approved** pending occasional conflicts with Greenwich Youth Center.

Public Comment:

Correspondence:

- Ronald Edsforth has written regarding the condition of the damaged berm in front of 20 Gray Ave. A muddy trench has formed by trucks parking on this part of the roadway and grass, which freezes, thaws and causes unsafe pedestrian conditions. The DPW will erect no-parking signs to address these conditions. Gray Avenue is slated to be paved next year. The curb will be repaired at that time.

8:25 Motion to close Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Dowling – Village Clerk