

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
Public Hearing Restore NY Round 7
January 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held December 9, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Robinson, Panza, Vandewater, as well as GYC President James Mumby, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, and Treasurer Prime. Michael White attended in place of Superintendent Leo Flynn. Attorney Kelly was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the **Public Hearing** at 6:58 pm. Restore NY Round 7 – Property Assessment List 49-53 Main St.

Norabelle Greenberger from LaBella gave some background on the Restore NY Round 7 project, funded by Empire State Development which funds up to 90% of projects costs for building, rehab, demolition and new construction. This is intended for vacant or underutilized buildings. Round 7 has \$150,000,000 available to awardees. Two Village projects were identified for Round 7 and letters of intent were sent out. Both were approved to move forward to apply. The project that has been selected to move to the application phase is 49-53 Main St. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give members of the public an opportunity to voice questions or concerns regarding the project. The application will be submitted by the end of January with awards announced in March or April. Any work done after the application is submitted can be considered part of the project. Megan Davis thanked the Board on behalf of herself and her partner Brian for the help, support and knowledge with the application process. Mayor Fuller thanked them for their investment in the Village. The estimated amount asked for will be about \$220,000. The foundation and structural work are about 90% complete. These funds, if awarded are for the rest of the project. No further questions.

Motion was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting. Carried by all.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 300 - 349 totaling \$59,509.39

Water Fund Voucher numbers 60 - 67 totaling \$13,064.44

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 35 - 43 totaling \$12,818.82 Water

Supply Improvements Capital Project Voucher number 10 totaling \$270.00

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 December report: No new members. Calls - 27, EMS calls – 11. Emergency response hours 98.5, training hours 535, activity hours 351.5 for a total of 985 hours. Total hours for the FD in 2022 was 7465. A busy year. A down payment for the Air Cleaning System purchased with FEMA Grant funds of \$97,000 will be \$15,000, which will be returned. The costs for this project will be \$5,000, which will come out of the Building Reserve. Chief White noted The Angelo Foundation has donated \$12,500 and expressed thanks to Past Chief Jerry Herbst.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the December report: a quiet month with 7 cases reported to DCJS with 109 reported for the year. Two arrests, 39 for the year. There were 26 calls for service. Incidents handled; Mental health, domestics, harassment, bad check complaints, animal bite, criminal mischief and aid fire/ems. Calls for service in 2022 – 343. Full-time officer position; Civil Service has sent out canvasses to successful individuals on the list. Civil Service will notify us when interviews can commence. Update on crosswalk system – the redlights expire next year. We will get a new set of lights and a crosswalk system at that time. The Mayor added that there been complaints of tractor trailer trucks driving on Hill St in the evening 7-10pm. Sargent Danko responded by promising additional patrols in that area in the evenings.

DPW: Michael Smith delivered the December report. A lot of equipment repairs in December. Some water leaks, storm clean-up, frozen meters.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the December report. There were 310 attendances in December even though it was a short month due to vacation. A new program “Myth Busters,” a science-based activity will be starting.

Mayor Report for January 9, 2023

The end of 2022 brought some good news to the Village. First, we got word from ESD that we have been awarded Restore NY grant for \$1.6M, for the Wilmarth project, which includes renovations for the two adjacent buildings. The work on this project can begin immediately—planning work has been in progress for a while, but the construction work can now begin.

Second, we heard from Sen. Schumer’s office that our wastewater grant was still in the Omnibus bill, and then this week we received confirmation from a representative of Rep. Stefanik’s office that the \$4.4M is approved, and they are working out the details of disbursing the funds.

Finally, we learned this past week that the BOA Pre-development grant we applied for with the Town of Greenwich has been awarded; this will allow us to move forward with some of the work identified in the BOA process. **New York Main Street Grant** The 10 projects in process continued forward. We expect projects that were not completed in 2022 to complete in 2023. **NY Forward Grant.** No update on this grant yet. We submitted our application by the deadline of September 23rd. We presented our proposal to the decision committee in October. We don’t anticipate an award here, since we heard that we were not ranked in the top three applicants. (We were one of the top 6.) **Restore New York -** We submitted two letters of intent for the second round of Restore NY, and both were approved. We made the decision at the last meeting to move ahead with an application for the 49-53 Main Street project, which will include the new laundromat and a house with two apartments. That application is due at the end of January.

Water Project RFPs for the pipe are just about ready to release. Once we get bids on the pipe, we can issue RFPs for the installation. **Wastewater System** We received word that the Village will receive \$4.4M toward our new wastewater system from the Federal government, as reported above. Details will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, we had proceeded with the design phase for the new plant. That is in progress. This grant will be added to the earlier grant we received for installing the disinfection system. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures** We are ready to install new fixtures when they are available. The report from NYPA is that they are scarce and we don’t expect to have them in stock for some months.

Dunbarton Mill Site - We expect proposals by January 19th for the assessment project. We will choose a vendor, and the work is expected to start in spring, 2023. **Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force** The Village announced formation of a task force to consider parks and recreation areas in the Village, which will be coordinated with the parks work done through the Comprehensive Plan process. The deadline for applications for the task force is January 17th, with the first meeting tentatively planned for February.

Town-Village Comprehensive Plan The planning for the Comprehensive Plan continues, with a meeting scheduled for early February. We will hear from consultant Norabelle Greenberger tonight about the findings to date. **AGFTC -** No update on this; the Village and Town have sent a proposal 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. The EPA Assessments Grant RFPs have been sent out resulting in some questions from potential bidders. To be as accurate as possible, Barton & Loguidice will provide assistance in answering potential bidder questions, facilitate the RFP review process and provide general help to the Village. B&L will not be a voting member of the committee in the consultant selection process. Once a consultant recommendation has been made to the Village Board, B&L services will be completed. This service will have a ceiling of \$5,000.

Old Business:

- **Comprehensive Plan Update – Norabelle Greenberger; LaBella.** In December the Village and Town were awarded \$15,000 to fund the next phase. The findings on the community profile were; populations are declining in the Town and Village. While county and town have had age increases or stayed level, the Village populations' age has declined. The Village has increased diversity as well. Greenwich is an economic driver in the County; employment is highest, highest median income, highest levels of education. The next phase of the Comprehensive Plan Update is updating the zoning. The events held over the past year has highlighted interests and desires of different members of the community. The next steps will be diving into recommendations based on information gathered. The next public event will be in the spring, where draft recommendations will be presented. The draft plan will be done by the summer, with adoption at the end of the summer.
- **BOA** next steps. The state will reach out to the Town as Lead Agency, probably by the fall.
- **Sidewalks** – Trustee Brown would like to start the process of getting as many sidewalks redone as we have the funds to do. The amount of CHIPS money, costs, strategy and scheduling are unknowns. How much, if any part of the work would the Village DPW be able to do? Mayor Fuller thinks we need to find grant monies. Trustee Brown would like to start by looking at local RFPs to compare.
- **HRA** – CDPHP is using Health Equity Solutions to administer the Village Health Reimbursement Arrangement. No changes to the plan. This document is retroactive to September 1, 2022.
Motion to authorize Mayor Fuller to sign agreement made By Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

New Business

- **Resolution No1 of 2023 - RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ROUND 7 RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM for 49 -53 Main St** passed on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- **Resolution No2 of 2023 – Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration for 49-53 Main Street Renovation** made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- **2023 Fire Protection Agreement Between Town of Greenwich and Village of Greenwich** – motion to approve and authorize Mayor Fuller to sign the contract, made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Resolution No3 of 2023 – Polling Place and Time for Village Election March 21, 2023** made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **Motion** to approve Election Inspectors Susan Ward and Marie Grimmke for Village Election for I Trustee held on March 21, 2023 passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Permits

- Michael Nichols submitted a Building Use Permit for the purpose of a play production for March 24, 25 and 26. Tabled until insurance can be provided by applicant.

8:12 Motion to close Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:12 Motion to reopen Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Motion made by Trustee Brown to hire Barton & Loguidice to oversee the RFP process for the EPA grant awarded the Village to assess the former Dunbarton Mill site, not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:14 Motion to close Regular Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk