

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
February 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held January 13, 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, Attorney Kelly, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, and Treasurer Prime. John Hogan attended in place of Superintendent Leo Flynn. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 350 - 402 totaling \$82,712.13

Water Fund Voucher numbers 68 - 78 totaling \$6,077.78

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 44 - 52 totaling \$6,435.24

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Voucher number 15 totaling \$3,210.00

Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Project Voucher number 16 totaling \$13,690.00

NYMS Grant Program Capital Project Voucher numbers 11 - 14 totaling \$49,363.15

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the January report: three new support members; Beth Charron, Mary Beth Flynn and Linsey Sawtelle. Three other members have moved to inactive roster. Calls - 26, EMS calls - 12. Fire related calls - 14. Emergency response hours -153.45, training hours - 264.3, activity hours - 282 for a total of 699.75 hours. A busy month due in part to 3 structure fires within 3 days on the coldest days of the season. The Air Cleaning System being purchased with FEMA Grant funds is well under way with the vendor approved and work being scheduled. The Chief's vehicles all have EMS bags in them now, shortening the time to arrive on scene, making a trip to the station unnecessary unless the response person is alone. A grant through Mary McClellan has been awarded for \$20,000 for the replacement of FR325. A 2023 Chevy Tahoe has been selected. GFD will use \$20,000 from fundraising and is asking for \$20,000 from FD Capital Equipment Fund. The 2011 Tahoe currently in use would go to Deputy chief Hopkins. The \$60,000 would cover the cost of the vehicle plus most of the fittings needed. The extra equipment would be paid from existing FD funds. The other two topics are volunteer tax exemptions and putting \$25k back into FD Equipment Reserve Account from the sale of the 2000 ER 321. Tabled.

Resolution No.4 of 2023 Approval of expenditure up to \$20,000 from Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve for purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe subject to Permissive Referendum passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the January report: a quiet month with 10 cases reported to DCJS with 10 reported for the year. Two arrests, 2 for the year. The volume of call reports has been undercounted. The most accurate numbers are a combination of dispatch calls and calls entered into our system. The number reported to the board on a monthly basis have not included the dispatch calls. This will change going forward. There were 150 calls for service. Incidents handled; mental health, domestics, fraud, larceny, harassment, trespass and 2 motor vehicle accidents. Officer Kimberly Cooney scored in the top three on the Civil Service test, aced the physical and she now is certified as eligible to be hired as full-time police officer for the Village. The search for a police vehicle is ongoing and urgent. The Department

received a \$12,000 grant from the Department of Criminal Justice for a body camera and equipment. The US Deputies Association providing a grant for four police vests.

DPW: John Hogan delivered the January report. Daily usage is up, billings remain stable which indicates some lost water somewhere in the system. One such place could be the elementary school because it still lacks a new meter due to the need of an insertion valve. This will be looked into further. An alert system to monitor the sewer plant was discussed. No action at this time.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the January report. There were 310 attendances in January. Upcoming basket raffle fundraiser at the Greenwich Free Library on February 24.

Mayor Report -- February 13, 2023

Police Committee the Police Committee with the Village of Cambridge met last week to discuss the contract. We determined that the contract works well as written, and we plan to update it to be signed by September, 2023. I sent the contract to our attorney Andy Kelly for review. **New York Main Street Grant** The work on the 10 projects continues. We expect projects that were not completed in 2022 to complete in 2023. **BOA Pre-Development Grant** This grant will allow us to develop detailed plans for four projects: updating the zoning code for Town of Greenwich, updating the zoning code for the Village of Greenwich, doing an engineering study of extending the wastewater infrastructure to the Dunbarton site, and further feasibility study of a water district in the Town of Greenwich. We had the launch meeting this past week with the NY Department of State. **Restore New York** We had our first meeting with ESD to launch the Round 6 Restore NY award. The three property owners, Norabelle Greenberger and I met with several ESD folks. We left that meeting with forms to complete as the next steps for the grant. Restore NY Round 7 application was submitted by the end of January deadline. **Water Project** We understand that pipe is becoming available and that RFPs for the pipe are releasing. We plan to be able to go out for bids for pipe installation by the summer. **Wastewater System** We received word that the Village will receive \$4.4M toward our new wastewater system from the Federal government, specifically the EPA. We received a contact at EPA and will be in touch with that person. Meanwhile, we had proceeded with the design phase for the new plant. This new 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. We are waiting for a firm date from NYPA. **EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site** We will vote on a vendor at this meeting; once the vendor is chosen, we plan to schedule the work to begin this calendar year. **Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force** We've received a number of applications and will be approving the list of task force members at this meeting. Once the members are approved, and the facilitation grant is approved, we plan to launch the task force by the end of February by scheduling the first meeting. **Town-Village Comprehensive Plan** A Comprehensive Plan meeting took place last Tuesday, with a report on current status and planning, a discussion, and some worksheets that the committee members will complete. We will convene again in 2 months. **AGFTC** The Village and Town have heard that our proposal for an AGFTC grant to study and plan bike and pedestrian traffic, connections, and accessibility will be approved. This planning grant with an award of \$25,000 will be organized as soon as we get the official approval. The Village has previously worked with AGFTC on our streetscape plan and our zoning update plan for the downtown business district. **NY Forward Grant.** Still 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.)

Old Business:

- February 1, 2023 Water / Sewer Billing - Accepted on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
 - Water \$91,378.15
 - Water Reserve \$11,983.67
 - Sewer \$29,770.84
 - Sewer Reserve \$3,252.52
 - Total \$136,385.18
 - Arrears \$25,032.13
 - Total \$161,417.31
- **Motion** to switch Village Election Inspector from Marie Grimmke to Marilyn Dore made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

New Business:

- **Resolution No5 of 2023 – Appoint Kimberly Cooney to Fulltime Permanent Police Officer.** Motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Resolution No6 of 2023 – Approve Renewal of Police Municipal Cooperation Agreement** commencing on September 15, 2023 and ending on September 14, 2028. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- Budget workshops to be held on February 27th and March 6th at 6:30pm.
- Electrical repairs to the Community Center have been started by Bill Humiston who has assessed the electrical supply to the freezer in the Youth Center and will remedy in the next week. He will be asked for a written estimate on work to the back box, water heater and upstairs box to discuss at an upcoming meeting.
- **Motion** to approve Parks and Recreation Task Force members made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Members are: Susan Arena, Dorothea Casey, Megan Davis, Jason Easton, Clifford Oliver, John Peck, Shannon Snyder, Sarah Tuttle.
- **Motion** to approve LaBella Task Force Proposal not to exceed \$3,000 made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater with Trustee Panza in favor and Trustee Brown abstaining.
- **Motion** to award proposal for EPA Site Assessment and Redevelopment Planning of the former Dunbarton Mill Brownfield Site to LaBella made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson with Trustee Panza in favor and Trustee Brown abstaining.
- **Motion** to raise garbage sticker price to \$2.75 per sticker made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- Water / sewer price increase – tabled.

Permits

- Michael Nichols submitted a Building Use Permit and proof of insurance for the purpose of a play production for March 24, 25 and 26. Approved.
- Permit for the use of Mowry Park on September 16, 2023 from 9-5 for the purpose of building beds for children in need sponsored by the Centenary United Methodist Church and submitted by Sharon Parry-Sykes. Approved.

Correspondence

- Memorial bench request to honor Jalek Rainwalker to be placed in Baptist Park. Approved.

Public Comment

Artie Erbie suggested the Village share the cost of a bucket truck with the Town of Greenwich to be used for tasks which is usually a rental. He also stated that the lights on the bridge are out and have been for quite some time. These lights are owned by the Village and are not part of the upgrade to the streetlights contract with NYPA. Trustee Vandewater will look into adding these to the contract.

9:09pm Motion to close Regular Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk