

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held March 13, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Robinson, Panza, Vandewater, as well as Attorney Kelly, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, Superintendent Leo Flynn, Working Supervisor Mike Smith and Treasurer Prime. Trustee Brown and President James Mumby were absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 403 - 440 totaling \$66,612.12

Water Fund Voucher numbers 79 - 87 totaling \$3,779.62

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 53 - 60 totaling \$4,055.57

Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Project Voucher numbers 17 - 19 totaling \$3,030.00

NYMS Grant Program Capital Project Voucher number 20 totaling \$5,320.00.

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

**Department Reports**

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the February report: no new members. Calls - 29, EMS calls – 20. Fire related calls - 9. Emergency response hours - 203, training hours - 174, activity hours - 338 for a total of 715 hours. The Air Cleaning System being purchased with FEMA Grant funds is being handled by Chief Hopkins with the contract signed and installation schedule pending. New Chevy Tahoe purchase – DeNooyer Chevrolet has one in stock and is on hold. NYS bid on this vehicle would make the purchase price \$52,497 which will be a go as soon as the Permissive Referendum is complete. Purchase of new Thermal Imaging camera from Duval in the amount of \$2395 is requested as well as the purchase of four SCBA bottles from Dival at a price \$1240 per bottle at a total of \$4960. The other two topics on the GFD radar are volunteer tax exemptions and putting the \$25k from the sale of 2000 ER back into FD Equipment Reserve Account. Tabled.

**Motion** to approve Fire Department purchase of a new Dival Thermal Imaging camera for \$2395 and 4 SCBA bottles for \$1240 each made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Police:** Sargent Danko delivered the February report: 8 cases reported to DCJS with 18 reported for the year. Zero arrests, 2 for the year. 107 calls for service this month; 257 for the year. Types of cases handled; multiple domestic violence, burglary, harassment, menacing, drug complaint, trespass and multiple fraud cases. The process of ordering a 2023 Dodge Durango to replace the 2015 Ford has begun. The delivery on this vehicle is 6-8 months. Full cost minus lettering and radio is \$49,867.00.

**DPW:** Working Supervisor White delivered the February report. Quiet month except for small volume snowfalls resulting in multiple plowing and salting of streets and sidewalks. Superintendent Flynn spoke on the readiness of the equipment for the impending storm. Mayor Fuller asked about the condition of the attic space that Mike Smith investigated. He reiterated that daylight can be seen through cracks in wood and missing masonry. The steps for a short-term solution are; observing the problem from the outside, perhaps with the ladder truck. Finding a pest control company is another approach.

**Motion** to authorize emergency repairs by Trustee Panza, not to exceed \$3,000 to seal the attic space from pigeons and other pests. Seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Youth:** Trustee Robinson delivered the February report. There were 287 attendances, even with winter break. Rachel Clothier has been helping kids with homework which has been very popular. The back door needs a gutter and President Mumby has volunteered. The DPW will install it.

**Mayor Report -- March 13, 2023 Local Mayor's Meeting** I attended a meeting in Argyle, organized by the Mayor of the Village of Argyle Darren Smith, and attended by Carman Bogle, Dan Carpenter, Matthew Traver and me. We discussed our common problems and experiences and ways we're working to solve them. Virtually all have infrastructure problems and several of us have projects that are ongoing. Police Committee -The Police Contract was approved by Andy Kelly; we sent it to the Cambridge Board of Trustees, who approved it at our last meeting. New York Main Street Grant The work on the 10 projects continues, with progress on several projects continuing. BOA Pre-Development Grant - We continue to refine the contract documents for this work with the Town and the Department of State. Restore New York - We had a second meeting about this Round 6 grant to discuss sustainable building and working practices. Restore NY Round 7 application was submitted by the end of January deadline; we expect to hear about the outcome in about a month. Water Project - RFPs for the pipe were released a couple of weeks ago, and we expect them back in on March 22nd. We will award the work and then work on issues RFPs for the installation. Wastewater System We will have a meeting with the EPA representative for our new grant next Tuesday. We will also continue to work with B&L to get the final design and budget for the new plant. Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures We are ready to install new fixtures when they are available. We are expecting to hear about the delivery date soon. EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site - We awarded the work to LaBella, and we are working on the contract for the work that will be done by them. Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force The first meeting of this group will be held on April 3. Town-Village Comprehensive Plan We will be receiving updated notes from our last meeting soon. We will convene again in 1 month. 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 is approved. This planning grant with an award of \$25,000 will be organized in a couple of months. The Village has previously worked with AGFTC on our streetscape plan and our zoning update plan for the downtown business district. NY Forward Grant. This grant was awarded to our neighbor the Village of Cambridge. Congratulations on a good application and good luck to them!

#### **Old Business:**

- **Motion** to authorize Mayor Fuller and Clerk Dowling to sign the LaBella EPA Site Assessment and Redevelopment Dunbarton contract made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Mayor Fuller asked Trustee Vandewater to be the Trustee on this project.
- **Forestry Project** Jim Allen spoke to Mayor Fuller about the possibility of harvesting the Norway Spruce stand. He said it would be a relatively simple project with a timeline of 9-11 weeks. The area would be closed to the public. The estimate range is \$41,000 - \$65,000. The discussion of closing the area down in the summer may cause pushback. Attorney Kelly stated that a SEQR is needed. A conversation with Jim about non-summer scheduling options will be planned. Mayor Fuller will inform the Task Force about going ahead with the Norway Spruce.
- **Community Center Electric:** Trustee Vandewater walked through the building with Deedrick Pertholf of Engineered Solutions. He agreed that the water heater needed to be addressed in a similar manner to the freezer solution with armored cable running from the front panel, above dropped ceiling out to hallway and through to the water heater. The other issue is the need for copper ground cables to run from either side of the water meter in the Chamber office into the ground on the outside of the building. The other takeaway is picking projects piecemeal, outside

of the immediate safety issues might not be the best use of resources without a master plan. The good news is, the upstairs is in pretty good shape.

- **Banner Update:** Trustee Robinson reported on the submission process of the Veterans Banners. Applications are due at 2:10pm on April 18. Banners will be installed by Memorial Day. Eleven banner applications have been submitted thus far.

#### **New Business:**

- **Resolution No8 of 2023 DPW Declaration of Surplus – 2000 International Dump Truck and Plow Package, 1962 Huber Road Grader and 1967 Snow Loader from Village of Greenwich Department of Public Works** Motion made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Public Hearing** for the Tax Cap Override will be at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Permits**

- Greenwich Chamber submitted Parade Permits for Whipple City June 16 (5:00 – 6:00pm) and June 17 (11:00am – 6:00pm) and Mowry Park Permit for June 16, 2023 (5:00pm – 9:00pm) Approved.

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Public Comment**

**8:50pm** Motion to close Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**9:13pm** Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk