

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
Organizational Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
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Public Hearing 7:45 – 2023/2024 Tentative Budget
Public Hearing 8:00 – Tax Cap Override
April 10, 2023
7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held April 10, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Robinson, Grimmke, Brown, Vandewater, as well as Attorney Kelly, Chief White, Sergeant Danko, Working Supervisor Mike Smith, President Jim Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Resolution No 10 of 2023 Appointment of Carl Flint as Associate Justice made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Annual Organizational Meeting

Appointments made by the Mayor but needs approval by **Board Resolution: Motion** made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all

Village Clerk	2 yrs.	Jane Dowling –appointed in 2022
Village Treasurer	2 yrs.	Karen Prime—appointed in 2022
Deputy Clerk	1 yr.	Karen Prime and Rebecca Brown
Deputy Treasurer	1 yr.	Rebecca Brown and Jane Dowling
Associate Justice	1 yr.	Carl Flint
Court Clerk	1 yr.	Joanne McDowell
Village Attorney 1 yr.		Kelly & Sellar Ryan PLLC (Hourly Rate: \$150/hr.)
Health Officer	1 yr.	William Sarchino
Dog/Animal Control	1 yr.	Shannon Celeste-Hahn
Zoning Officer	1 yr.	Eric Becker

Appointments made by the Mayor:

Deputy Mayor	1 yr.	Cathy Brown
Budget Officer		Cathy Brown
Public Works		Vandewater and Grimmke (water/street/sewer)
Police		Brown
Fire		Robinson
Buildings & Beautification		Robinson
Youth & Seniors		Robinson
Tech & social media		
Grant Seeking		

Designations made by the Mayor but needs approval by **Board Resolution: Motion** made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Regular meeting night	2 nd Monday of each month (subj. to change)
	Audit Vouchers 6:30pm prior to meeting or earlier for virtual
Official Depository	Glens Falls National Bank per investment policy
Official Newspaper	Eagle
Mileage rate	\$0.65.5 per mile (subject to change per IRS).
Meals	\$20.00 per meal, not to exceed \$60.00 per day.

Advance approval authorizing payment of claims:

Public Utility Services

Postage

Permits

Garbage Disposal Fees

Schools

Training & Conferences

Medical premium

All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit

The Board of Trustees will review the following policies over the next months:

Zoning law

Animal Control.

Ordinances

Investment Policy

Current Rosters:

Police

Fire

DPW

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 441 - 489 totaling \$78,626.39

Water Fund Voucher numbers 88 - 101 totaling \$9,974.89

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 61 - 68 totaling \$2,697.19

Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Project Voucher number 23 totaling \$3,000.00

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

Department Reports

Fire: Chief White delivered the March report: no new members. Calls - 37, EMS calls – 12. Fire related calls - 25. Emergency response hours – 204.42, training hours and activity – 525.6, for a total of 730.02 hours. The Air Cleaning System being purchased with FEMA Grant funds is waiting for a last document before the contract. The new thermal imaging camera has been placed in service on Ladder 324.

Police: Sargent Danko delivered the March report: 8 cases reported to DCJS with 26 reported for the year. One arrest, 3 for the year. 127 calls for service this month; 384 for the year. Types of cases handled; multiple domestic violence and custodial interference calls, larceny, harassment, animal complaint and multiple mental health calls.

DPW: Working Supervisor White delivered the March report. Spring preparations on streets and equipment have begun. There were 16 trees down from the heavy snow in late March. Two water leaks this week. Trustee Robinson thanked the DPW for all the tree clean-up after the storm.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the March report. Strong attendance with 402 total. Safe sitter is coming back with a \$20 charge. Plant-the-plate and bat boxes with Reed Anderson are new programs. Summer hours will be noon-5pm.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the March report **Sidewalks** We've been in discussion with Carrie Woerner's office, who are planning to sponsor a sidewalk grant for us. We'll be creating a proposal for

updating sidewalks throughout the Village, starting with data that prioritized our sidewalks that was created for the Streetscape Plan. **New York Main Street Grant:** The work on the 10 Main Street projects continues, with several projects still active. **BOA Pre-Development Grant:** We continue to refine the contract documents for this joint work with the Town and the Department of State, anticipating a program launch soon. **Restore New York:** Work continues on the Restore NY Round 6 award projects. Restore NY Round 7 application was submitted by the end of January deadline; we don't know when the awards will be announced. **Water Project:** Three bids for the water project materials were opened, and we will award the contracts at this meeting. **Wastewater System:** We met with our EPA representative for the wastewater plant grant. Our next task is to submit an application to confirm the project budget and schedule, as well as other details. Our consultants at B&L will put the material together. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures:** Delivery and installation of our new streetlights will begin within a couple of weeks. **EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site:** A site visit was conducted by the team from LaBella; they will be sending required project documents to the EPA in anticipation of sampling. **Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force:** The first meeting of this group took place on April 3rd; we've assembled an excellent group of members. The next meeting will be in early May, and the group hopes to have a table at Whipple City Days to gather public comments. **Town-Village Comprehensive Plan:** The Comprehensive Plan committee met last week. We reviewed a summary of recommended additions and updates that we've compiled so far. We will hold a public engagement event at the Hudson River Park in May. **AGFTC:** We are waiting for word about launch of the new study about connections for biking and walking trails; we think it will launch in the fall. **NY Forward Grant:** We had a debrief session with our EFC representative, which gave us some good information for our next application.

Old Business:

- **Signage at the Reservoir:** Unauthorized activities are happening at the property such as, but not limited to; use of power equipment, dog training, hunting and use of motorized vehicles beyond designated parking areas. Proper signs need to be ordered to specify unauthorized activities; without this signage, laws cannot be enforced. ENCON has requested the perimeter posted with specific signs. The mayor will follow up with ENCON so we can comply and take action. Once the perimeter is secured, a special operation can be initiated.

7:45pm – Public Hearing 2022/2023 Tentative Budget. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting. Trustee Prime spoke about the increase but holding it to below the tax cap. A question was asked about where money would come from for signs up at the Reservoir. The answer was there is no budget for this and the monies would come out of either Beautification, DPW or a yet-undecided forestry project. Trustee Brown moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

New Business

- **Resolution No11 of 2023 - WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT NO. 1A – MATERIAL BID AWARDS DWSRF PROJECT NO. D0-18575** Sections 1 & 3 to Ferguson for the base bids of \$916,789.80 for Section 1 and \$150,592.40 for Section 3, for a total of \$1,067,382.20. Section 2 to EJ Prescott for the base bid of \$237,285.34. Sections 4 and 5 to Core & Main for the base bids of \$113,329.62 for Section 4 and \$93,893.70 for Section 5 for a total of \$207,223.32. passed on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- Due to increased costs for the Village, namely the charge imposed on recyclables, the Village must raise sticker prices. SWD – Solid Waste Disposal sticker price is currently \$2.50. A proposal

to raise to \$3.00 per sticker effective June 1, 2023 has been discussed at recent meetings. This will allow the Village to break even on costs. **Motion** made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:00 -- Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override. No Public comment.

- **Resolution No.12 of 2023 PROPOSING A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C** – Made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- Budget Meeting set for Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30pm
- **Resolution No.13 of 2023** -Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby establish the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities on attached form RS 2417-A. This is for Trustee Grimmke. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Permits

- **Parks Permit** -Comfort Food Community “Give Hunger the Boot” campaign sign posting in Veteran’s Park May 19 - June 19, 2023. **Approved** subject the location of sign approval by DPW and the sign must be removed when the campaign is over.
- **Comfort Food and GFD** – Coin Drop – Saturday, June 3; 8:00-3:30 Corliss and Van Ness Ave. **Approved.**
- **Peddler’s Permit** – Mr. Ding-a-Ling 5.1.2023-10.31.2023. **Approved.**
- **Parade Permit** -VFW Memorial Day Parade; May 26 5:30 -6:30. **Approved.**

Correspondence

Public Comment

Dan Spigner inquired whether the apartment building on 6 Forest St. water service could be expanded to 2 additional buildings. The buildings were constructed in 1978, 4 were approved, only 2 were built. At that time water lines were authorized to run across lots. That has changed. Now, water lines must be run from a main accessible to the out-of-village property. The new location on Forest St would need to be fed from either Academy or Abeel. The main would have to be extended. Additional residential hook-ups may defer costs and add to the Town Water District. The potential Forest St plan is two units of 5 apartments. Chief White brought up the need for a sprinkler system depending on current building codes, which affects water capacity as well.

Parks and Recreation Task Force will produce minutes.

Gannon Park lights are not included in the smart-lighting upgrade. More on this going forward.

Solar Array is unworking and is being investigated.

8:35PM Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk