

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Village of Greenwich
November 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held November 14, 2022 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Panza, Vandewater, Robinson, 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. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Vouchers

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General Fund Voucher numbers 192 - 260 totaling \$326,405.11

Water Fund Voucher numbers 32 - 47 totaling \$14,942.56

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 20 - 26 totaling \$3,549.44

Water Supply Improvements Capital Project Fund Voucher numbers 6 - 7 totaling \$7,768.96

Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Capital Project Voucher number
5 totaling \$37,977.00

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 October report: Zack Hopkins returned to active service. Calls - 34, 19 EMS, 6 building fires including the one on Maplewood Court. The department is readying for an active fire season. Expenditures were high this month with 37 members getting physicals, Fail Safe hose and ladder test and Millertown Garage inspection and service of apparatus. Total cost of 2022 Chevy Pickup was \$52,000. Funds used for this purchase were raised by GFD, Inc. It still lacks a cap, which is forthcoming. The 2008 pickup sold to a local individual for \$15,000, which the department would like returned to them. Line Officer elections will be held December 6th.

Police: Sergeant Danko delivered the October report: 14 cases were handled with 93 reported to the DCJS for the year. Five arrests, 36 for the year. There were 32 calls for service. Incidents handled; Mental health, harassment, unattended death and aid fire/ems. The toy boxes are set up and ready to accept donations until December 5, at which point, they will be delivered to Cambridge and Greenwich Schools, wrapped and distributed. The Tractor Parade is November 19. The parade route will shut down at 5pm with no parking along the route.

DPW: Michael Smith delivered the October report. The team has been living in a world of leaves. The end is in sight. Two sidewalk complaints will have to wait until spring. The department is preparing for winter snow and ice.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the October report. There were 348 attendances in October; up a bit from September. The mouse issue has improved. December 16 will be the Christmas extravaganza at the Middle Falls Fire Department at 5pm. New smoke detectors were installed by the Village DPW. Fundraising is ongoing, with the goal of purchasing a chest freezer.

Mayor: Mayor Fuller delivered the November report. DPW Personnel Thank you to Kyle Vandewater and Maria Robinson, as well as DPW employees Mike Smith and Ken Charron, for conducting interviews for a new full-time employee. We had more than one very qualified candidates and we offered and were accepted by a very qualified individual, who will begin in two weeks. **New York Main Street Grant** We have 10 projects in process. Out of these, 4 will be completed in 2022; 1 is in progress; 2 will begin in 2022, and 2 will begin in 2023. We have yet to find a contractor for 1 project. **Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant** The Town and Village submitted a joint application for the BOA Pre-development grant in early September; we expect to hear whether our application was successful by the end of 2022.

NY Forward 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 follow-up 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. **Water Project** No change on this one in the last month. The availability of pipe materials has affected our schedule for the water mains. **Wastewater System** We submitted a WIIA Grant application for the full cost of a new wastewater plant. This project is also a member item through Rep. Stefanik's office. We don't have good information about when we'll hear about that. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures** We have closed on the purchase of the current fixtures with National Grid, and we are waiting to hear about when the new fixtures will be available. **Dunbarton Mill Site** We are in the process of writing the RFP for assessment work for the property, which will give us the information we need to assign a value to the property and move on to the next step. **Hayes Reservoir Property** Forestry: we held a meeting on November 9th to hear forester Jim Allen's final report and recommendations for the project at the reservoir property. **Comprehensive Plan** As part of our comprehensive plan process, we have two public events planned for tomorrow. In the morning we'll meet with a group of high school students, and we will hold a community-wide event in the evening. The purpose of both is to gather information about what the community wants to see for Greenwich in the future.

Old Business:

- **Resolution No34 of 2022 – Revisions to Health insurance Policy.** 3.2 Benefit eligible employees and their spouses will be reimbursed for Medicaid Part B and supplemental insurance up to \$150 commencing on the first day of the eligibility month. This Health Insurance Policy revision is effective retroactive to 9/1/2022.

DEATH OF AN ENROLLEE:2.10.1 Enrollee with Individual Option: In the event of an enrollee's death from a work-related injury or death from other causes, who was enrolled in an individual option, coverage under the Village Plan will terminate even though the enrollee may have a surviving spouse or dependents. 2.10.2 Enrollee with Family Option: In the event of the death of an enrollee with a two-person or family option, coverage for the surviving spouse, or surviving spouse and dependents as the case may be, may continue on the Village Plan at Village expense until the earlier of (1) end of the 60 day period within which a surviving spouse and dependents must either elect COBRA, enroll in the spouse's employer-provided plan or select a Marketplace Plan (the "Election Period"); or (2) the date the surviving spouse or dependents obtain COBRA coverage, enroll in the spouse's employer-provided plan; or select a Marketplace Plan. At that time the coverage under the Village Plan at Village expense will end.

The Election Period for COBRA coverage begins when the employer notifies the Plan of the

death of an employee. The employer must notify the Plan within 30 days if a covered employee dies. **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

- **Water billing comparison** – A comparison for the October 1st billing cycle for the years 2019-2022 was run at the mayor's request. There has been an increase from \$99,293 in 2019 to \$146,124 in 2022. The new meters have had their intended outcome; more accurate and easier water reads.

New Business

- **Resolution No35 of 2022 – Reimburse Greenwich Fire Department, Inc for the sale of the Chevy 2008 pickup for \$15,000.** **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.
- **2023 Board Meeting Schedule** – Second Monday of every month except for October, which will be October 2. The year-end meeting will be May 31, 2023.
- **Motion to hire** – Nick Casey as full-time MEO for the DPW. **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Resolution No36 of 2022: Confirmation of the Hayes Reservoir Property as Multi-Use Property VILLAGE REAL PROPERTY TAX PARCEL # 229.2-5.1.** **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- **Resolution No37 of 2022 – Prohibition on Use of Bicycles on Village Real Property Tax Parcel #229.2-5.1.** **Approved** on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, Robinson, Mayor Fuller with Trustee Panza abstaining.

Permits

Public Comment:

- A group of non-Village and Village citizens, commented on Resolutions No 36 and 37.

Correspondence:

- DAR Proclamation; The Month of November will be Designated National American Indian Heritage Month Proclaimed Mayor Fuller.

7:58pm Motion to close public meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

8:03pm Motion to go onto Executive Session to discuss employee compensation made by Trustee Panza, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:22pm Motion to close Executive Session and reopen the regular meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Approve John Hogan to be named "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator" with salary adjustment appropriate to that title effective November 23, 2022 made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Panza and carried by all.

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

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk