

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees

Public Hearing 7:15

June 12, 2023

7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held June 12, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees; Robinson, Grimmke, Brown, Vandewater, as well as Superintendent Leo Flynn, Sergeant Danko, President Jim Mumby and Treasurer Prime. Chief White and Attorney Kelly were absent. Attorney Erika Sellar-Ryan was present for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, as was Jim Allen from Allen Forestry. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 19 totaling \$44,391.63

Water Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 3 totaling \$799.78

Sewer Fund Voucher number 1 totaling \$324.93

NYMS Grant Voucher number 1 totaling \$450.00

Accounts Payable Vouchers (2022-2023 Fiscal Year)

General Fund Voucher numbers 557 – 565 totaling \$7,280.44

Water Fund Voucher numbers 120 – 127 totaling \$1,696.34

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 82 – 84 totaling \$228.48

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

**Transfers**

FROM: A1990.4 \$250.79 TO: A1110.4 \$250.79

**Motion** to approve the transfer of funds was made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

**Department Reports**

**Fire:** Trustee Robinson delivered the May report: no new members. EMS calls – 18. Fire related calls - 9. Emergency response hours – 64.75, training hours and activity – 523, for a total of 587.75 hours. The FEMA Grant equipment deposit of \$5,000 was paid out of the Fire Department's operating budget, and Chief White asks that it come out of the Building Repair Fund. Ladder 324 has undergone annual testing and there are areas of concern which may be costly to repair. More information forthcoming.

**Resolution No.19 of 2023:** Approval of expenditure of \$5000.00 from the Firehouse Building Repair Reserve for an air cleaning system purchased with FEMA Grant funds. Subject to Permissive Referendum. So moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Motion** to approve the expenditure of up to \$1700 for a replacement pump on Brush 326. Motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Police:** Sargent Danko delivered the May report: 10 cases reported to DCJS with 48 reported for the year. Three arrests; Ten for the year, with 138 calls for service this month; 656 for the year. Types of cases handled; domestic violence investigations, multiple VTL arrests, harassment, trespass and multiple agency assists. Traffic tickets; 35, with 123 for the year. When time allowed, crosswalk enforcement was focused on with positive feedback received and citations issued. Thanks to the DPW for installing the balance of speed signs as well as moving one from Gray Ave to Woodlawn Ave.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered the May report. Attendance was 400. Mckayla Gutasy is leaving and being replaced by Heather Harrington. Two picnic tables have been donated by Amanda Barnett of Barnett Fuels. GYC Summer Youth Program is starting June 26 with hours from noon – 4pm. Gannon Park is on the schedules for Tuesdays, weather permitting.

**7:15pm Public Hearing SEQR Hayes Reservoir Forestry Project** – Mayor Fuller opened the meeting and asked Attorney Sellar-Ryan for background. She explained that Part I was detailed at the last meeting, with Part II being presented in draft form. Part I was answered more completely than required, thus making completing Part II easier. This document has been posted on the Village website for viewing and submitted to DEC as an interested agency. No response has been received thus far and none is anticipated. Jim Allen from Allen Forestry explained the SEQR II document's focus was on impact. The answers to these questions are either "no" or "low" impact. Attorney Sellar-Ryan added public comment is not required for SEQR but will be incorporated as part of the record. The state has been notified that the Village will be acting as Lead Agency and a resolution has been prepared to that effect. The next meeting will most likely include a Negative Declaration resolution to be passed. The state will be sent a copy of that as well. No public comment received.

**Public Hearing** closed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

**Resolution No20 of 2023 Village of Greenwich to Act as Lead Agency** The Village of Greenwich Board of Trustees held a public hearing during the regular meeting of the board on June 12, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Greenwich Village Hall at 6 Academy Street. Said public hearing was noticed as a public hearing in both the local newspaper and posted online on the Village website. RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS LEAD AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT 6 NYCRR 617.2(u) RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT. Passed on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

**DPW:** Superintendent Flynn delivered the May report. Preparation for Whipple City is underway. The 35-year-old sweeper is awaiting a part; thus, streets will not be swept in anticipation of the event. The garbage truck and dump trucks have just been fixed, but all three vehicles are old, with parts and repairs costly and frequent. Superintendent Flynn feels that the Schuylerville garbage truck sharing agreement is too expensive, but will follow-up with the Schuylerville Superintendent. Replacing the packer-end of the garbage truck is another option being explored. Much work has been done at Gannon Park, and President Mumby suggested GYC help out in the spring by sponsoring a clean-up day which Superintendent Flynn said would be helpful. The splash pad is now running after discovering upon opening that parts and pipes were needed. Water Project; so far, three truckloads of pipes and one truckload of valves have been delivered with nothing since and no advance notice received. A discussion of space and where to unload upcoming deliveries ensued. One plan is to store fittings in a bay or two of the old fire house which will provide a secure location for smaller parts. The Battenkill Railroad yard and Mill Hollow were also mentioned as options. Advance notice is necessary to have the proper equipment

which can handle the job of removing the loads off delivery trucks. Roy Richardson promised 36-hour notice. Roy also promised to have someone take charge of the deliveries, manifests and quality checks. DEC has opened up a grant opportunity to apply for a much-needed salt bin. Our current bin holds 330 tons, which is enough for village and school use. Each season demands different amounts of salt, so it's difficult to predict each year's need. Mayor Fuller will work on the grant which has a July deadline.

**Mayor:** Mayor Report – June 12, 2023 - Restore New York Work continues on the Restore NY Round 6 award projects, with progress on the adjoining properties on Main Street. We heard this past month that we were awarded the Round 7 grant for the property that will house the new laundromat. We received \$100K to help support the exterior work. Water Project We decided the awards for the work for the pipe and the contracts were reviewed by Atty Kelly. Will update at the meeting. Sidewalks Status unchanged on this. We have the initiation document from Carrie Woerner's office. Trustee Grimmke takes the lead to create a proposal for updating sidewalks throughout the Village, starting with data that prioritized our sidewalks that was created for the Streetscape Plan. Our DPW will support the work by doing the preparation work. Our goal will be to submit the proposal to Rep. Woerner's office before our next regular meeting. Hayes Reservoir Timber Harvest We are conducting the steps of the SEQR process, with the public hearing held tonight. After the public hearing tonight, the documents will be edited per our decisions. We will wrap up the process at the next meeting. New York Main Street Grant Our Main Street grant is still active, with 5 projects about to wrap up, and three with contractors lined up. Two are still in progress; our deadline is the end of this year. On Friday I met with our consultants, who advised me that we should not pursue a new grant this summer, because the uncompleted grant we currently have is not complete and because we really don't have time to prepare a list of participants with all the detailed information needed. BOA Pre-Development Grant This is the joint grant that we received with the Town to move several of the projects from the revitalization plan forward. For the Village, we will plan the update of our zoning ordinance and conduct a study of extending the wastewater infrastructure to the Dunbarton site. We have received the proposal for LaBella, which brings in resources from other engineering firms, including B&L, and meets the requirements for MWBE participation. The Town is the lead agency. We expect a launch this fall. Wastewater System We met with our EPA representative for the wastewater plant grant. The SPDES application has been submitted to the DEC; documents have been signed. Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures 14 lights outstanding that need to be converted – the installers are awaiting additional fuse bodies to complete these conversions to spec. Material was backordered, but they have a tentative delivery date to our warehouse of this Friday. After these are installed, we will have an update early next week on a planned date to complete final conversion and perform QA checks. EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site We've had some back and forth with our EPA representative, who is new to the project. As of last week, we are cleared for the Phase 1 documents to be reviewed by the EPA. Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force The task force will have a table at Whipple City Days to gather public comments. The members will be covering the table. We met with a trail expert to inspect the trails at Hayes Reservoir; since that inspection and the report I received I discussed with our risk management advisor from NYMIR, and I sent a summary to the Board. I'll be updating the task force about this. Town-Village Comprehensive Plan We had a public meeting at Hudson Riverside Park where members of the public gave us feedback about the plan. That feedback along with online survey responder feedback is being summarized now. The committee members will consider and decide what to adjust in the proposed comprehensive plan. AGFTC We are waiting for word about launch of the new study about connections for biking and walking trails; this should launch in the fall. Veteran Banners The banners in hand have been hung; we will have another group that will be hung for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The deadline for submitting applications for this next round is May 19<sup>th</sup>. The contact person is Maria Robinson.

#### Old Business:

• Accept June 1, 2023 Water / Sewer Billing	
Water	\$86,546.75
Water Reserve	\$14,696.95
Sewer	\$29,461.22
Sewer Reserve	\$3,359.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,064.08</b>
Arrears	-\$51.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,012.34</b>
<b>Bills</b>	<b>891</b>

**Motion** to accept the June 1, 2023 Water/Sewer billing so moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

#### New Business

##### Permits

- **Greenwich Free Library** - Park Permit Mowry Park 6:00-8:00PM "Music at the Library." Dates: Tues 6/27, Mon 7/3, Wed 8/30, Tues 9/26, Mon 10/30. **Approved**
- **Greenwich Central School** – Park Permit: Gannon Park 6/13 9:00-noon. First grade field trip. **Approved**
- **Greenwich Youth Center** – Gannon Park Permit: Tuesdays noon – 5pm July-August. **Approved**
- **Town of Greenwich** – Youth Program Gannon Park Permit – Mondays noon-3:00 7/10 - 8/11/2023. **Approved**
- **Salem Central School** – Gannon Park Permit; July 28 9:30-3:00pm. **Approved**
- **GGCC Whipple City Parade Permit** – close Washington Square 6.17.23 11:00am-6:00pm. **Approved**
- **LEAP Wash County Head Start** – Gannon Park permit – Thurs 7/6, noon-1:00pm. **Approved** pending Certificate of Insurance.

##### Correspondence

- **Food for Kids donation.**  
**Motion** to donate \$500 made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.

##### Public Comment

**8:08PM** Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Dowling – Village Clerk