

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees

September 11, 2023

7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held September 11, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees; Robinson, Grimmke, Brown, as well as Sergeant Danko, President Jim Mumby and Attorney Kelly. Trustee Vandewater, Chief White and Superintendent Flynn were absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 125 through 174 totaling \$159,101.99

Water Fund Voucher numbers 19 through 27 totaling \$9,705.17

Sewer Fund Voucher number 14 through 22 totaling \$4,593.75

Capital Fund H-2 (NYMS) Voucher 9 totaling \$14,864.50

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

**Department Reports**

**Fire:** Assistant Chief Smith delivered the August report: no new members. EMS calls – 11. Fire related calls - 16. Emergency response hours – 45.05, training hours and activity – 522.5 for a total of 567.55 hours. Big month for purchases and bills; ER 321 was repaired by Millertown Garage, pump shift, SRI sprinkler system inspection, gas meter calibrations and fit testing were some of the expenditures . Lt Stephen Shukes completed NYS Fire Officer 1 program, Firefighter Nick Marci completed NYS Basic Exterior Firefighting operation class. Community trainings included fire extinguisher training, Narcan and CPR training. Lt Phil Spezio is providing a monthly safety video on facebook. GFD annual 5K race will be the first Saturday in October

**Police:** Sergeant Danko delivered the August report: 17 cases reported to the DCJS making the total reported for the year; 90 cases. Arrests totaled 4; 23 arrests for the year. Calls for service- 1057 for the year 2023. Incidents handled Domestic violence, VTL arrests, criminal mischief and mental health arrests.

**DPW:** Working Supervisor Mike Smith delivered the August report: Gray Ave was paved along with all other routine work accomplished. Lots of equipment repairs occurred. Leaf picker is repaired and ready for the season. A tree on Gray Ave was struck by a box truck, it suffered such extensive damage that it presented a danger to passing traffic and pedestrians and was removed the following day.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered the August report: lots of programs; Music from Salem, Daily Living Skills, Bike Safety etc. NYS Representative Carrie Woerner is visiting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to talk about the \$10,000 appropriation to GYC she sponsored in the last budget. Youth Center school hours are 2:30 – 5:30 M-F.

**Mayor:** Mayor Fuller delivered the August report - **Town-Village Comprehensive Plan**; on August 28, the Comprehensive Plan committee held a public hearing for the public to ask questions and make comments. The Committee/public feedback on the draft Plan was incorporated into an updated document, which is now available. The next step will be a joint Village/Town public hearing.

The Town and Village will hold a joint Public Hearing on the Comp Plan in October – aiming for 10/16. This is another opportunity for the public to provide comments before adoption. **Hayes Reservoir Timber Harvest** - We'll get an update on this project this evening. **Restore New York** - We are waiting for contracts for the 2 rounds of Restore. Meanwhile, work and planning for both of the grant projects continues. **Water Project** -The RFPs for project installation are out, and the deadline is September 21. We will hope to award the contract at our October meeting. **Sidewalks** - We plan to submit the Multi-Modal Sidewalk Grant packet and detailed application to the Department of Transportation and Carrie Woerner's office in the next month. **New York Main Street Grant** Four projects are on schedule to be closed out by the end of this calendar year. This will complete the 10 projects! We hope to apply for a new round next year. **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. The Town of Greenwich will be the lead agency on this phase of the BOA work. Our contribution will be partly in-kind services, with cash contributions making up the difference between in-kind documentation and cash. Work should begin as soon as the joint comprehensive plan is adopted. **Wastewater System** - We received a detailed summary of the work that B&L has been managing. The design phase is in progress, with a number of steps, and this will be submitted to the DEC for their review and, when approved, we hope to be bidding in Jan/Feb 2024 to get ready for next year's construction year. **Converting Streetlights to LED Fixtures** - We are still waiting for the final parts to be delivered and installed, after which we will have the closing for the fixtures. **EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site** - LaBella anticipates that Phase II field work will begin this month, but this would be extended further if debris piles are removed from around the mill building prior to conducting Phase II sampling. LaBella is submitting required quarterly reports into EPA's ACRES program. The Village, EPA, and LaBella participate in monthly meetings. **Parks and Recreation Areas Task Force** -The task force will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow), to plan for next steps. **AGFTC** We are waiting for word about launch of the new study about connections for biking and walking trails; we expect this to happen in the next couple of months. The first phase will be requests for proposals for the work. **WQIP Grant**- The Village, working with our consultants at B&L, submitted a grant application for a new salt shed for the DPW. Our current shed has reached a critical stage. We should hear about whether our application is successful by the end of the year.

#### **New Business:**

- **Appointment** of Joanne McDowell as Village Treasurer made on a motion by Treasurer Brown, seconded by Treasurer Grimmke and carried by all.
- **Old Water Meter Building** advertising for removal from Village property will be placed on social media to see if a member of the public would remove and repurpose instead of paying for demolition and removal. Made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Proclamation to Commemorate September 17 – 23 Constitution Week** made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

#### **Old Business**

- **Municipal Police Agreement** as authorized for Mayor to sign by Resolution No6 of 2023 in February 2023.
- **Resolution No29 of 2023 Authorization to Schedule a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update** made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- **Jim Allen** presented the Hayes Forestry update. The Spruce stand is more than halfway done. Everything is going well. There may be discussion worth having on clearing some additional

spruce between the trail and the pond due to shallow rooted trees. The last series of thunderstorms brought down about 7 additional trees, so this may present a dangerous situation in windy weather. The logging trucks are navigating through the Village streets in a respectful way, and so far there have been no complaints.

#### **Permits**

- **Room Use Permit GYC** – Halloween Dance and preparation will take place 10/27 and 10/28 from noon – midnight. Approved.
- **Room Use Permit GYC** – Halloween Reading and Costume-Making will take place 10/21 from 11:00am - 8:00pm. Approved. Motion to go into Executive Session made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **GGCC Halloween Parade Permit** 10/29 from 1:00 -2:00pm. Approved
- **Parade Permit for GGCC Lighted Tractor Parade** 11/18. Approved Parade Permit. Conditions subject to approval and clarification.
- **Room Use Permit** – Lili Loveday Dance classes from October – June 3:30-4:30. Approved
- **Park Permit Risen Hope Community Church** on 9/27 for use of Mowry Park for community day of worship. Approval pending certificate of insurance.
- **GYC Room Use Permit** – Rain date for Movie night on 9/27 5pm-11pm

#### **Public Comment**

Dean Watkins on Eddy St. is concerned with the state of disrepair of his next-door neighbor's property and the effect it is having on the surrounding properties. The issues are garbage, animals, rodents and livability of the house and property. He has spent hours pushing garbage back from his property line and trimming brush from the areas the garbage migrated to. The owner has been violated before. The Village can issue a violation if a report and complaint are filed.

8:01 pm Close regular meeting and go into executive session made on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Executive Session – Personnel Issue.** Attended by Attorney Kelly, Mayor Fuller, Trustees Brown, Grimmke and Robinson.

8:22 Motion to close Executive Session made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Dowling – Village Clerk