

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
October 2, 2023  
7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held October 2, 2023 in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Fuller, Trustees; Robinson, Grimmke, Brown, as well as Sergeant Danko, Chief White, President Jim Mumby (left at 7:18) and Attorney Kelly. Trustee Vandewater attended electronically but was not included in votes. Chief White and Superintendent Flynn were absent. Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 177 through 209 totaling \$60777.48

Water Fund Voucher numbers 28 through 35 totaling \$9,966.35

Sewer Fund Voucher number 24 through 28 totaling \$1,653.93

Sewer Capital Project number 11 \$9,444.00

Water Capital Project numbers 10 through 11 totaling \$164,680.62

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

**Department Reports**

**Fire:** Chief White delivered the September report: former chief Dean Watkins has returned to active status. EMS calls – 15. Fire related calls - 11. Emergency response hours – 89.5, training hours and activity – 609 for a total of 698.5 hours. GFD Fit for Duty 5k on Saturday 10/7/2023. The event starts at 9 and wraps up around 10:30. No Police are necessary; asking to confirm Board approval. Air pack training and SCBAs last month. This morning, the department was dispatched for a structure fire in Argyle, and the '93 rescue truck developed a major coolant leak, which required towing. The repair will most likely be costly, but less so than purchasing a whole new vehicle. The truck is in great shape with 3216 hours and 27,737 miles. Millertown Garage is doing the work.

**Motion** to approve GFD Fit for Duty 5k on 10.7.2023. So moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Police:** Sergeant Danko delivered the September report: 8 cases reported to the DCJS making the total reported for the year; 98 cases. Arrests totaled 3; 26 arrests for the year. Calls for service for the year 2023 will be updated on the next report. Incidents handled Domestic violence, VTL arrests, multiple harassments and unattended death. A Officers Nussbaum and Gauthier worked on a grant which was awarded in the amount of \$42,000 for an updated fingerprint system.

**DPW:** Working Supervisor Mike Smith delivered the September report: normal work occurred. Preparing for leaf pick-up. Mayor Fuller added that John Hogan's intention to get in training hours in at Schuylerville's 2A Sewer Plant was derailed slightly due to liability concerns. The COI has been provided, so he should be all set. John needs 2080 hours in order to qualify to take the test. He has 500 hours thus far. He'll be taking the 2 test in mid-November. Nick Casey will need the basic wastewater course to start his training. There seems to be a lack of courses available, so some travel may be required to

achieve this. The mayor asked about an amended garbage truck contract that she has heard Schuylerville sent over. No record of this has been received by the DPW.

**Youth:** President Mumby delivered the September report: Attendance is strong with back-to-school at 396. New registered – 396. Carrie Woerner had a great visit on the 19<sup>th</sup>. A grant from the county provided funds for a dodgeball pit as seen outside on the lawn.

**Mayor:** Mayor Fuller delivered the September report - **Town-Village Comprehensive Plan** The Town and Village will hold a joint Public Hearing on the Comp Plan on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Greenwich building. Both boards will be there, and after the public comments we will discuss and will have the option of voting on adoption. **Hayes Reservoir Timber Harvest** We'll get an update on this project this evening. **Restore New York** Work on both Restore grants continues. **Water Project** We received bids for both contracts, and we will discuss contracts and bids tonight. **Sidewalks** No change in status: We plan to submit the Multi-Modal Sidewalk Grant (\$20,000) packet for John St. and detailed application to the Department of Transportation and Carrie Woerner's office in the next month. **New York Main Street Grant** No update on the status from last month: Four projects are on schedule to be closed out by the end of this calendar year. This will complete the 10 projects! **BOA Pre-Development Grant** Town Supervisor Nolan and I met with our LaBella representatives about the launch of this grant, which will be held in late October or early November with a meeting of the joint committee. **The Wastewater System.** Work continues on the design, with drilling on the property planned. The proposed design, when complete, 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** The long-awaited fixtures have come in and the work is being completed. Once all items are complete, we will close with NYPA to finance the project. **EPA Grant for Phase 2 Assessment of the Dunbarton Mill Site Work** continues on the preparation for soil samples. LaBella submits 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 October 10th to plan for next steps. **AGFTC** No change in this one. 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.** No word yet about the WQIP grant application for the salt shed.

#### **New Business:**

- **Roy Richardson** from Barton & Loguidice spoke about the bids for contracts 1B and 2. Contract 1B is the installation of pipe water treatment plant to the bridge and work on Main St. Contract 2 is installation of pipe in the side streets and non-DOT roads. The apparent low bidder on Contract 1B is Tech Industries at \$2,358,822.75. The bid was complete, references were called, reviews from references were split but nothing precluded them from being awarded the bid. Contract 2 apparent low bidder was TKC at \$3,589,822.00. The same process was used, references were called and everything checked out. Both contractors were asked for MWBE paperwork, which is not required to bid, but is required to be awarded for EFC. The overall budget of this project started years ago at 5+million. Then it expanded to 7.8 million. A calculation of all contracts and costs to-date including Contracts 1B and 2 will be over 9.5 m. This does not include contract 3 which is two new well pumps and connecting the two new well casings to the water plant. Originally it was costed out at \$250,000, but a new calculation will have to be generated. The Main Street work cost estimate was not included in the original estimate. Mayor Fuller asked for ideas on what should be done about funding. Roy suggested

going back to EFC and to extend the 0% loan to include these new costs and to see if there is any possibility of extra grant money. The Village was awarded 3m in grant funds and 4.8m at 0%. Roy pointed out that EFC is offering grants up to 5m or 60% of the project. We may get the extra 2m with the project cost increase. A call needs to be scheduled with EFC. If contracts are awarded tonight, both contractors intend to get pipe in the ground this fall. Tech Industries wants to start on Barber Ave. which could be buttoned up before winter. TKC also want to start installation, additionally will move all pipe inventory back to their winterized warehouses for installation next spring. Trustee Vandewater asked how realistic is a fall start, should these contracts be awarded. Roy answered that the weather is going to play a big part in it. Roy pointed out that we cannot award these contracts if we are over our bonding limit. This limit should be enough so it will not require a re-do. Folding Abeel Avenue into the project has been discussed due to plastic pipe and cross-lot services. EFC and DOH will be on the call if possible.

- **Appoint** Cassidy Doescher as Court Clerk until the end of the term as moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No30 of 2023 Pro-Housing** which demonstrates the Village's agreement and intention to increase the housing stock. There are steps the Village can take to this end. Motion so moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **John Hogan phone stipend** necessary to his job performance because there is no functioning phone at the sewer plant so he uses his personal phone for Village business. A fifty-dollar monthly stipend approved on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Brown and carried by all.
- **Fencing for water plant and solar array** needs to be replaced. John Hogan pointed out safety, security and changing regulations as reasons for this discussion. He pointed out the pros and features of the automatic vs manual gates, especially in light of the narrow, curving layout of Eddy St. He is in the process of procuring a few estimates. A new gate at the sewer plant, also discussed, will hopefully be covered by grant funds. One estimate came in at \$17,000. Much of the expense are the automatic safety devices which are included. The Village will need to wire 115volt power to the gate to enable these features.

#### Old Business

- **Jim Allen** presented an update on the forestry project. The progression has been steady. This week, will mark the project as third of the way through the acreage, completed. The cutting is about three times faster than the loading of the logs. There is about 5 acres of spruce left. Another car was there today, blocking all trucks. The spruce is on track to be over the estimation. Three different trucking companies have been involved. The last section to be done will be the other side of the power lines.
- **Nuisance Laws** will need to be reviewed. The board is tasked with reading and the document and be prepared to discuss next month.
- **Motion to accept October 2023 water and sewer billing**
- Water \$87,815.19, Water Reserve \$12,156.96, Sewer \$30,874.02, Sewer Reserve \$3,385.82, **Total \$134,231.99**, Arrears \$13,937.13 **Total \$148,169.12, Bills: 886**. Approved on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- Shared service garbage truck tabled due to missing document.
- **Resolution No31 of 2023 Annual Review of Court Docket** has been conducted and motion to accept the review so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

**Permits**

- **Park Permit** - Use of Mowry Park by Bottskill Baptist Church for use of live nativity scene on 12.16.23 – late afternoon till evening. Approved.
- **Tractor Parade Permit** - revision - on page two, under the section “Food Vendors” remove sentence: “The GGCC has full authority over street food vendors and commercial vendors within the Village limits for the month of November 2023.” Approved.

8:27 Motion to close Regular Meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Dowling – Village Clerk