

Minutes
February 22, 2024 - Draft
Special Budget Workshop

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2024/2025 budget at the Community Center, 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, and Trustees Brown, Robinson, Vandewater, Grimmke, Sergeant Danko, Superintendent Michael Smith and Deputy Treasurer Brown.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Motion to authorize Mayor Fuller to sign amended documents for J&K Trucking; Contract and Award for Contract 1B was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

A discussion about the potential financing vs paying out of approximately \$143,000 owed to NYPA on the LED Streetlight Project. A spreadsheet was created by Deputy Treasurer Brown, using 5.35% on a 15-year loan, and the payment was roughly \$10,000 per year with interest of about \$60,000. The yearly maintenance agreement is about \$6,000 – 8,000 per year on top of this. There is about \$300,000 in legally appropriable fund balance which includes forestry monies. Partial financing still incurs Bond Counsel, legal and other fees associated with closing a loan.

A checklist for closing the NYPA project will need to be addressed. The Board agreed that it makes the most sense to pay for this project outright out of fund balance, and not incur more debt at this time.

Resolution No 9 of 2024 to appropriate surplus in the amount up to \$145,000 Motion to pay for the LED Streetlight Project was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (2) grant was applied for over the summer and the Village was successful. Both Trustees Grimmke and Vandewater are in favor of this program which is technical assistance to assure our water source is protected. Mayor Fuller pointed out; there is an opt-out clause, which she read. Trustee Vandewater will be the point person on this project.

Motion granted to allow the mayor to sign DWSP2 agreement with DEC made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Front door replacement proposals have been received from Allerdice Lumber in Saratoga. The single door option is less expensive and would be push button lock accessible. The French door is more expensive and would need a key lock. Two other estimates will be sought.

Police Department 2024/2025 Budget

Reducing retirement from 25 years to 20 years would align with other PD in NYS is on the top of the PD wish list. This is to stay competitive and keep officers. The annual cost to the village is

\$15,000 a year, represented by a percentage of payroll. Tabled until next budget workshop and pending additional information from the retirement system.

The current hybrid officer will be moved to Sergeant pay. Two Cambridge officers meet the qualifications and one will be moved into that position. Sergeant Danko estimates \$11,000 increase in the personnel budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Capital Reserve to go into the budget for a car will be \$8,000.

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Sidewalk tractor is a need – Superintendent Smith will price out a medium sized tractor.

Purchasing a skid steer was discussed, but the width is an issue in many cases. The equipment which could be traded in for a variety of reasons are: Kabota and New Holland mid-sized tractors and the Ford backhoe.

New street signs are needed.

Salt shed – the grant was not awarded. A salt shed plan will be looked into with an eye towards building it in-house or with contracting help. The site will be shifted slightly from the present location to accommodate tractor trailer deliveries.

Garbage truck sharing discussion with Schuylerville will be revisited. Mayor Fuller will contact Dan Carpenter.

Personnel services – a full-time Machine Equipment Operator is needed as the department has been down a worker for a couple of years. This will be posted immediately.

Paving – Simpson St. will be unaffected by the water project, so this seems the most likely street.

NYMIR suggestion of removing all “children at play” signs was discussed. The current count of these is 15. They should all be removed in a sporadic manner in order of condition. The Gray Ave sign can be replaced with one that reads “children in area”.

Trustee Grimmke pointed out that correct documentation is needed for four-way stops.

Washington County engineering might put counters up for these signs to prove that there is equal traffic going each way, as opposed to using four-way stops for speed control.

Parking was discussed. Mayor Fuller suggested diagonal parking on Washington Square. Trustee Grimmke pointed out that historically diagonal parking increases fender benders. Other parking options were discussed but no solutions presented themselves.

Trustee Vandewater is going to suggest the Growing Greenwich group to take on the bridge corners as an additional project.

Dog Recreation Area

Trustee Vandewater suggested a letter be sent to the neighboring property owners establishing our lot. Trustee Brown suggested this come from the mayor, accompanied by the survey and an indication of the village’s plans for this parcel. Trustee Vandewater also suggested a fast growing line of trees planted along a fence line.

Mayor Fuller would like to see a couple of dog poop stations on the bridge side of town.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm on a motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling

Village Clerk