

Minutes
April 23, 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 Hurley, and Trustees Moore, Robinson Treasurer Clothier and Deputy Treasurer Brown. Trustee Vandewater was absent.

Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Hurley opened the discussion with Superintendent Smith's recommendation and comparisons of prices and trade-ins on three pieces of equipment. The board did not have enough information to make an informed decision. Tabled.

Beautification – Trustee Moore met with Sandra and Jerry Herbst from the gardening group to discuss a revamp of Dorr Park including the repair and repaint of the fountain and antique light. Trustee Robinson suggested a presentation to the Board with a plan and prices. The subject of planting trees, especially along Main St, along with the challenges of tree planting was discussed. Mayor Hurley would like to segregate the topic of tree planting from the Dorr Park rehab, as trees are a long-term proposition and may be complicated by the water project.

Motion to rescind Leo Flynn Tribute so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all. This will be discussed at a future meeting with a variety of options considered.

Comfort Food Community Coin Drop -The application was tabled on April 15 due to a lack of location specified. The coin drop will take place between 200 Main St and the YMCA on June 1st from 8:00am - 2:30pm. Approved.

Approval of Charlie Sherman voucher which was inadvertently left out of the approved vouchers at the Regular Meeting.

Correspondence

- **Memorial Day Parade** – invite to the Board to join the VFW at the May 24 parade and festivities.

2024/2025 tentative budget

Mayor Hurley discussed raising the Zoning Officer's stipend from \$4,000 because of the time and effort involved. There is \$1,000 in the contractual budget line, which appears to be unused. The Board agreed to raise the stipend to \$5,000 and leave the contractual line as is.

The crossing guards will get a .50 per hour bump. The annual increase is 3% across departments. The Mayor advocated the clerk's salary to be raised to \$44,500 to more fairly compensate for the current role. The DPW Superintendent will get the 3%. The Board Agreed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 on a motion by Mayor Hurley, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling, Village Clerk