

Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees 7:00pm
September 9, 2024 – DRAFT
Public Hearing Franchise Agreement 7:30pm
Public Hearing Amendment to Animal Control Law 7:40pm

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held September 9, 2024, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Grimmke, Vandewater, Robinson and Moore. As well as Sergeant Gauthier, Superintendent Smith, Chief Hopkins, Attorney Kelly, Treasurer Clothier and GGCY President Mumby. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 115 – 151 totaling \$78,636.35

Water Fund Voucher numbers 20 – 27 totaling \$7,993.47

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 18 - 20 totaling \$5,254.70

Water Improvement numbers 19 - 24 totaling \$666,817.86

Vouchers ordered paid by the Board (less the 2 that were missing documentation from General Fund) on several motions by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Draft Meeting Minutes from 8.12.2024 will be presented for approval at 10.7.2024 meeting, draft not circulated prior to meeting.

Department Reports

Fire: Chief Hopkins delivered the August report, see attached.

Police: Sergeant Gauthier delivered the August report, see attached.

DPW: Superintendent Smith delivered the August report, see attached.

Youth: President Mumby delivered the August report, see attached.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered the August report, see attached.

New Business:

- Water rent increase discussion lead by Treasurer Clothier. First increase 30% necessary to meet debt service obligations that are due in December 2024. Rate increase to be effective September 2024. This rate increase will provide an additional \$76K for debt service. Pricing schedule to encourage water conservation, higher rate for higher usage. Rate increase can only be done once a year, public hearing not necessary. Increase in rates effective September 1, 2024 bill so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- Special Meeting to discuss SERQA modification scheduled for 9.16.24, notice to the public was put on the Village website and Facebook today. Tessa Pemrick was present to answer any questions about the application. A negative declaration will be made as environmental conditions will not be changed as a result of the water system project at Abeel Avenue.
- **7:30 pm Public Hearing on the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement**

Better contract to increase Franchise Fee from 3% to 5%. No comments by the public.

- **Resolution No 23 of 2024 Approve and sign Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications** so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.
- **Resolution No 24 of 2024 DAR Constitution Week September 17 -24** Mayor Hurley proclaimed Constitution Week so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore.
- **Resolution No 25 of 2024 Approval of Expenditures for a Salt Barn, \$12,000 out of DPW Reserves, subject to Permissive Referendum** so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vanderwater.
- Greenwich Youth Center Halloween Permit for 10.27.24 @1pm so moved by Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.
- **7:40 pm Public Hearing on the Amendment to Animal Control Law No. 1**
No comments by the public.
- **Resolution No26 of 2024 Amendments to Animal Control Law No 1 of 2024** so moved by Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.
- Mayor Hurley discussed a Community Center Development Potential Letter. Board would like to further discuss using the Village Hall annex as a cultural center, is open to proposals. Village Hall is the focal point of downtown. Town and Village to meet with Labella on 9.16.24, need a plan by the end of October for the DRI application. Need use to be in the best interest of the Village. Mayor will invite Labella to October regular meeting for further discussion.

Permits:

- Halloween Parade Permit GYC – 10.27.24 @1:00pm. Starting at Washington/Main to Town Bldg
- Building Use Permit – Lili Loveday Dance 2:15 – 4:30 on Mondays September 16- May 19. No class on holidays or school vacation. GYC activated first right of refusal, needs space M-F until 4:30pm. Requestor was offered the Board Room, other ideas for space was discussed.

No correspondence

Public Comment:

Should fire insurance rates decrease due to water main improvements? Chief Hopkins is hoping so, will need flow test.

7:52pm Motion to close Regular Meeting made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.