

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
March 10 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

Public Hearing 7:00 pm – Tax Cap Override

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held March 10, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Morelli, President Mumby, Sergeant Gauthier and Chief Hopkins. Trustee Grimmke was absent. Working Supervisor Charron attended for the absent Superintendent Smith. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Public Hearing - Mayor Hurley opened the Public Hearing with a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all. This Public Hearing is required to pass Local Law No1 of 2025 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law section 3-c. No comment. Public Hearing closed on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 387 – 427 totaling \$70,258.49 Minus voucher #404 - \$2,500
Water Fund Voucher numbers 84 – 91 totaling \$3,728.00
Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 59 - 62 totaling \$7,517.53
H-H3 number 47 – \$18,542.24

Motion to pay the above bills so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Approval of the draft Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025, and February 19, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, second by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Department Reports

Fire: Chief Hopkins delivered the February report: Total in-district alarms: 20. EMS calls – 17. Rescue extrication 0, fire 2, hazards 0, service calls 1, Motor vehicle accidents 0, and 0 alarm activations. Mutual aid received – 0. Aid was provided 4 times to Easton, Buskirk and Salem. Total alarms – 24. Fire and Emergency response hours – 91.5, training hours 203.5 and activity – 269.5 for a total of 564.5 hours. Thanks to a committee formed by Deputy Chief Smith, 4 new individuals have joined the Junior Firefighter Program. A truck committee has been established to replace Engine 323 headed up by Assistant Chief Genevick.

Police: Sergeant Gauthier delivered the February report. There were 17 cases reported to the DCJS in February totaling 36 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 1 with 3 arrests for the year. There were 59 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month. Zero motor vehicle accidents for February for both villages despite weather conditions. Incidents handled: larceny/fraud, animal complaint and mental health. A shout out to Officer Mosso who saved a life here in the village back in January. He was able to respond immediately to a 911 call around the corner. The gentleman is back home and recovering. We would like to hire a part-time officer who has retired from the Sheriff's Office as an investigator.

DPW: Working Supervisor Charron delivered the February report: 1075 hours of overtime was due to much snow and even more ice in February and overnight cleaning Main St. Salt supply has been

restocked after a state-wide shortage. Future work to discuss is spring clean-up week, a fence for Gannon Park and new fountain for Dorr Park.

Youth: Vice President Mumby delivered the February report: attendance was 123 youths with an average daily attendance of 9. At CCGY Annual Meeting a new Board was voted on – President: Emily Crawford, Vice-President: Jim Mumby, Secretary: Cassidy Maynard and Treasurer: Jennifer Braucher. Lots of events to look forward to including Cabin Fever summer Party, Bluey Earth Day, Fairy Tea Party, Toddler Prom and Bike Safety Rodeo.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered March report: **AGFTC – Make the Connection** - The review committee of myself, Trustee Vandewater and Aaron Kendall received and reviewed three prepared RFQs. We scored them as follows: We are going to reach out to LaBella to request a scope and project cost. Should their proposal be outside of what we have budgeted for this project, we will reach out to Colliers. Once we receive the project proposal, it will go to DOT and is subject to a state/local agreement. Once the state approves, then it will be presented to the board for final approval. **Snow and Parking** - DPW Superintendent Smith and I met to discuss the improvements needed to our parking regulations during snowstorms. Our plan is to revise the ordinance this fall/late summer, install more signs so residents and visitors can easily see the rules and we are going to continue to work on a solution for those who do not have street parking. **Garbage and Recycling** - We included a survey in our most recent water billing mailing. We received 152 responses, a response rate of 18.3%. The question was whether our residents would be interested in a subscription style garbage service. 106 said yes, 36 said no. The two top areas of feedback given was the cost would need to be lower than the current private garbage companies and those who said no, are customers but only have one bag of garbage a week making the sticker service at \$3 (\$12 a month) the more attractive option for them. Our next step is to conduct a cost benefit analysis to determine an appropriate pricing structure for the service. We will also explore the most efficient system for administering the program to ensure affordability and ease. If the subscription service is deemed viable, it would be my intention to also maintain the sticker system to reward those users who don't produce as much garbage. **Water Project** - Now that the weather is warming back up, we will soon see this project active again. We have a pre-pave meeting scheduled this week to discuss the timeline around paving our village streets. The remaining work with TKC includes paving the village streets and Salem Street water connections. J&K will also be back to complete a few water connections, finish restoration, remove a final tree, and finish the sidewalks. **Zoning Updates** - The Town and Village will be holding a second public workshop to discuss changes to the Town and Village's Zoning code updates. The meeting will be on March 19th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenwich Free Library. Changes to the Village zoning code that will be addressed at this workshop include changes to zoning districts, including the establishment of new districts and the expansion of existing ones. Defining new uses, including cannabis facilities, craft beverage, commercial solar, new design and signage guidelines for the Main Street corridor. The meeting will include a presentation of the draft zoning changes, and it will be followed by an open house during which attendees can provide feedback. **Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan** The Town and Village are seeking feedback on draft recommendations for the Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan. The plan examines existing conditions, assesses network gaps and identifies opportunities to improve pedestrian accessibility and bicycle connectivity to key sites and amenities throughout the Town and Village. Funding from Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council is supporting this project. Based on public input, and guidance from the study advisory committee we have drafted recommendations and concepts for the plan and we are currently seeking feedback through a survey that's available online or in person at the Village and Town Offices. The Survey will be available through March 14th. **Sewer Extension** On Tuesday, 3/4/2025, during geotechnical investigation field activities on Elbow Street related to the exploration of the sewer extension to Dunbarton Mill, a

drilling sub-contractor, Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL), encountered evidence of petroleum impacts in Boring 12 around 2:00 pm. Boring 12 was advanced to 15-feet below grade surface (bgs). Soils were generally silty sands with gravel. Petroleum odors were observed from grade to terminal depth. Stained soils (black/grey) were observed from approximately 9 to 14-feet bgs. Groundwater was encountered at approximately 10-feet bgs. Due to field observations indicating a potential petroleum release, LaBella communicated immediately with me and I requested they report the spill to NYSDEC on our behalf. LaBella contacted the NYSDEC spill hotline and **Spill No. 2409630** was issued. Immediately after notifying NYSDEC spill hotline, NYSDEC project manager, Andrew Frank, reached out for additional details. He recommended submitting a sample of material to identify the type of petroleum product. A sample was collected by LaBella from the groundwater interface and will be submitted for laboratory analysis today. Results should be received in 7-10 business day

Old Business:

Resolution No5 of 2025 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law section 3-c. So moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Personnel Policy Revisions – Discussion on details to be approved at April meeting.

New Business:

Spring Clean-Up Week – Traditionally this is held during April vacation and we are thinking of moving it to May when it's warmer and more residents are around and able to move about outside. Also thinking of the week after the unofficial official garage sale week so leftovers can be put out. The Town hasn't landed on a date for clean-up weekend. The date for Spring Clean-up week will be announced pending this date. The truck availability will be investigated. Working Supervisor Charron pointed out that items can be stockpiled or another truck can be used to haul and dump larger items, so we may not need it outside of Thursday.

Arbor Day Celebration – Trustee Moore pointed out that now that we are a Tree City USA, we must hold an annual Arbor Day Celebration to maintain that status. These events result in awards, which may assist with grants at a later date. Two items for this day; purchasing trees to replace the ones taken for the water project and giving away 100 saplings to Village residents, first come first serve. Trustee Vandewater cautioned that planting trees before the water project was complete could result in more obstacles for heavy equipment. If planting takes place at a later date, perhaps announcing the intention could be promoted. Future Arbor Day celebrations could include replacing trees taken down the previous year, which could be an annual cycle. This year's replacement trees number 5-7. Chief Hopkins asked to be involved with the placement due to the fire hydrants being offset towards the homeowner side which impacts tree placement. Trustee Vandewater expressed concern about planting trees in the verge along Main St because the water line went in under the sidewalk on that side. The Arbor Day sapling giveaway would be 1:30 to 3:30 at one of the Village Parks.

Motion to approve hiring a part-time Police officer pending interview with Trustees so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Permits

- Parade Permit – Comfort Food – June 7 – 8:30 – 2:30pm Coin drop on Main St.
Approved

- GYC Addendum to Building Use Permit – Spring Fling was cancelled on 3/1. Permission to reschedule to 3/29/25 5pm-7pm. Approved
- Park Permit - Greenwich Free Library – Mowry Park, April 19 from 1-3:00pm. Approved
- Building Use Permit – George Green yoga starting April 5. 9:00-10:30am. Approved
- Building Use Permit – Zaidee Bliss yoga Wednesday mornings 8-9am. Approved

Correspondence

7:48 Motion to close the Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss 54 John St MOA between EPA and the Village made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:36 Motion to close Executive Session and reopen Regular Meeting by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign \$1800. appraisal contract with Chestnut Appraisals for 54 John St, so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:37pm Motion to close Regular Meeting made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk