

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
April 14 – 7:00pm – DRAFT
Public Hearing 7:00 pm – 2025/2026 Tentative Budget
Organizational Meeting 7:10pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held April 14, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Grimmke, Vandewater, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorneys Kelly and Morelli, President Crawford, Superintendent Smith. Sergeant Gauthier was absent.

Public Hearing – 7:00pm Mayor Hurley opened the Public Hearing on the tentative 2025/2026 Budget with a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all. No comment. Public Hearing closed on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Annual Organizational Meeting – Motion to open made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Appointments made by the Mayor but needs approval by Board Resolution:

Village Clerk	2 yrs.	Jane Dowling
Village Treasurer	2 yrs.	Rachel Clothier
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	1 yr.	
Village Attorney	1 yr.	Kelly & Sellar Ryan PLLC (Hourly Rate: \$175/hr eff. 1.1.2026)
Health Officer	1 yr.	William Sarchino
Dog/Animal Control	1 yr.	Shannon Celeste
Zoning Officer	1 yr.	Andrew Mollica
Vital Records Clerk	1yr	Deb Tjarks

Appointments made by the Mayor:

Deputy Mayor	1 yr.	Kyle Vandewater
Budget Officer	1 yr.	Willy Grimmke
Public Works	1 yr.	Vandewater and Grimmke (water/street/sewer)
Police	1 yr.	Moore
Fire	1 yr.	Robinson
Buildings & Beautification	1 yr.	Robinson and Moore
Youth & Seniors	1 yr.	Robinson

Designations made by the mayor but needs approval by Board Resolution:

Regular meeting night	Second Monday of each month at 7:00pm
	Audit Vouchers 6:00pm prior to meeting
Official Depository	Arrow Bank (formerly Glens Falls National) per investment policy
Official Newspaper	Eagle
Mileage rate	\$0.70 per mile (subject to change per IRS).
Meals	Meal and Travel per GSA rates.

Advance approval authorizing payment of claims:

- Credit Card
- Public Utility Services
- Postage
- Permits
- Garbage Disposal Fees
- Schools
- Training & Conferences

Medical premium

All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit.

The Board of Trustees will review all Village policies over the next months.

Current Rosters:

Police -pending submission

Fire – pending submission

DPW

Motion to approve these 2025/2026 appointments made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 428 – 477 totaling \$90,819.76

Water Fund Voucher numbers 92 – 105 totaling \$19,120.84

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 63 - 74 totaling \$29,826.84

H Fund Sewer Capital Project number 48-49 \$103,842.52

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

Approval of the draft Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2025, and March 24, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Moore, second by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the March report: Total in-district alarms: 6. EMS calls – 25. Rescue extrication 0, fire 2, hazards 0, service calls 2, Motor vehicle accidents 0, and 0 alarm activations. Mutual aid received – 1. Aid was provided 11 times to Argyle, Cambridge, Cossayuna, Easton, Middle Falls and Salem. Total incidents – 44. Fire and Emergency response hours – 239.5, training hours 253 and activity – 260.5 for a total of 753 hours.

Police: Mayor Hurley delivered the March report. There were 18 cases reported to the DCJS in March totaling 54 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 4 with 7 arrests for the year. There were 83 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month. Zero motor vehicle accidents. Incidents handled: aggravated assault, unlicensed operator and others.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Smith delivered the March report: normal work occurred along with Water Project planning in anticipation of resuming. Grinder pumps at the HS and Primary School needed emergency repairs. The contract will be looked at for renegotiation. Spring Clean-Up Week will be May 5-9th. Hydrant flushing will be May 11-12. John Steet Multi-Modal sidewalk installation will be discussed between Trustee Grimmke and Supt. Smith.

Youth: Vice President Crawford delivered the March report: attendance was 169 youths with an average daily attendance of 8. Upcoming events: Bluey Day, Fairy Tea Party, Toddler Prom and Bike Safety Rodeo. Collaborations with the library are introducing a younger audience to GYC.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered April report: **Zoning Update** - Over the past few months, I've been working with the Zoning Subcommittee as we fine-tune updates to the Village and Town zoning codes.

We've made solid progress and are on track to introduce a combined Village and Town Planning and Zoning Board starting in 2026. This change will streamline reviews and better align with the shared goals in our Comprehensive Plan. We recently held a public workshop in March to walk residents through proposed zoning changes and collect feedback. Topics included expanding the Hamlet Mixed-Use District along Route 40, updating allowable uses (including cannabis and solar), and introducing new design guidelines for Main Street. These updates aim to support smart growth, protect our agricultural heritage, and reinforce the unique character of Greenwich. Next steps include reviewing final drafts and collecting committee feedback. We're also addressing important questions about cross-town project reviews and how best to structure our zoning code moving forward. **Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)** The DWSP2 stakeholder group continues to meet regularly and is making steady progress. So far, we've established a shared vision and set of goals for protecting our drinking water. We've also developed a source protection map and created an inventory of potential contaminant sources in the area. The group is now focused on building out an implementation timeline and forming a management team to carry the plan forward. This work is key to continue safeguarding our water for the long term. **NY Forward** - We've taken an exciting next step with the NY Forward grant. I've submitted names to the state for our Local Planning Committee (LPC), which will be responsible for setting the vision and goals for the grant, developing the Strategic Investment Plan, and evaluating project proposals. This group will play a central role in shaping how NY Forward funds are invested in our community. There will be another open call for projects soon, and I strongly encourage local business owners and organizations to consider submitting proposals. This is a great opportunity to bring new ideas to life in the Village. We'll also be hosting public workshops where residents can give feedback—stay tuned for those dates. In the meantime, if you have any questions or ideas, feel free to reach out to me directly. **Garbage and Recycling** - Right now, we're focused on determining a pricing structure that makes sense for a potential subscription model. We're also evaluating how the program could be administered efficiently to keep it affordable and user-friendly. If we move forward with a subscription option, I intend to maintain the sticker system as well, so those with minimal waste still have a cost-effective alternative. Based on early estimates, our cost would come lower per month than what residents currently pay private haulers. I plan to bring a final proposal to the Village Board in June and will then open it up for public comment after the board has time to weigh in on the proposal. As for recycling, the Village has always provided this service to residents. It's important to note that what was once a no-cost service for us has changed, recycling now costs more per pound to dispose of than garbage. I'm continuing conversations with subject matter experts to better understand our options and ensure that we maintain a recycling program that is both environmentally responsible and fiscally sustainable.

New Business:

AGFTC/Make the Connection: Village of Greenwich - Doug Teator from LaBella spoke about the grant process. This is federally funded but administered by NYSDOT. DOT provides oversight over the grant funds in a very structured process. An agreement is entered into with the state which is a reimbursement contract with the village laying out funds and reimbursed on a monthly basis. The Village is committed to 20% but the Marchiselli Commitment lowered the Village's share to 5%. This project will move the Main Street project to the final design. At that point we will look for grant opportunities for the construction phase of the project. The construction will optimistically be next year. Trustee Grimmke pointed out that there is typically a lag with the state and we shouldn't expect to hear back from them until well into this summer.

Resolution No6 of 2025 Authorizing the Implementing and Funding of Federal Aid and State Marchiselli Aid Program So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Resolution No7 of 2025 Authorizing the Execution of the Consultant Agreement with LaBella through AGFTC made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve the Fire Department's membership vote of Mike Smith as Fire Chief for the balance of the two-year term vacated by Cory Hopkins ending December 31, 2026. So moved by Maria Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Charging Station – The Chargepoint cloud service contract is up for renewal and the cost is \$1620 annually, \$2080 for two years. Treasurer Clothier reports that there is no income generated from the charging station. Nobody uses it. The electric bill is \$35 monthly. If we can't find a better rate, we will discontinue. To be discussed next month.

CCGY contract renewal – passed until next month pending revision.

Motion to award milling from Contract 2 to high bidder Peckham at \$25.00 a tri-axle dump truck load. So moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Authorize Mayor Hurley to sign NYMS Grant Declaration for new owner of 72 Main St. Battenkill Community Services is buying the building and will assume the balance of obligations for the 2022 NYMS loan. So moved on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Old Business:

Permit Fees Updates. These have not been revised in some time. The new fees will take a effect June 1, 2025. Building Use fee will be \$20. Peddler's Permits will raised to \$60/day, \$120/6 months and \$240 annually. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all. ZBA Permit fees will be discussed next month.

Budget Workshops will be on April 21 and the 28th.

Motion to approve purchasing a new outfield mesh fence from ON DECK SPORTS for \$1444.40 to be spent from Beautification so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Authorize Mayor to sign Revised DOH Wastewater Order of Consent so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Permits

- Peddler Permit Mr Ding a Ling for six months. Approved
- Parade Permit – VFW Memorial Parade May 23, 2025 5:30 – 6:30pm. Approved

Correspondence

- Kim Gannon Memorial Scholarship for Performing Arts. Approved for \$500 made on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
- Norma Gannon Memorial Scholarship for Community Service. Approved for \$500 made on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:13 Motion to close the Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation between EPA and the Village made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:40 Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk