

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
May 12, 2025 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held May 12, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Grimmke, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Morelli, President Crawford, Officer Flynn and Chief/ Superintendent Smith. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 478 – 505 totaling \$39,890.25

Water Fund Voucher numbers 106 – 109 totaling \$1,297.49

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 75 – 78 totaling \$5,259.94

H Fund Sewer Capital Project number 50 - 51 totaling \$18,607.20

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

Approval of the draft Meeting Minutes from April 14 and 22, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, second by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the April report: 25 calls: EMS calls – 18. Rescue extrication 0, fire 2, hazards 0, service calls 1, Motor vehicle accidents 1, and 4 alarm activations. Mutual aid received – 0. Aid was provided 4 times -Total alarms – 29. Fire and Emergency response hours – 117.5, training hours 257 and activity – 72 for a total of 446.5 hours.

DPW: Superintendent Smith delivered the April report: No major repairs or installations. Complaint of cars parking on curblin and ruining grass. Reseeding with new topsoil and stakes along road were installed. Mayor Hurley commented that after the sidewalk restoration and seeding is complete, stakes may need to be added to prevent this from happening elsewhere. Upcoming projects will be salt-shed rebuilding and installing the fountain in Dorr Park which is currently in production.

Police: Officer Flynn delivered the April report. There were 27 cases reported to the DCJS in April totaling 81 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 4 with 11 arrests for the year. There were 124 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month, 332 for the year. One motor vehicle accident, with a total of 3 for the year. Incidents handled: aggravated assault, warrant, unlicensed operator, suspended registration and mental health.

Youth: President Crawford delivered the April report: attendance was 138 youths with an average daily attendance of 8. Focus is on the Summer Program offering activities which other programs don't. More on this next month. The storage shed will be erected on the concrete pad. Downstairs facility room has a fresh coat of paint and the raised beds are being planted.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered April report: **BOA Pre-Development grant: Zoning Updates:**

The committee met in April to discuss final items/debrief on March workshop LaBella is preparing the compiled draft zoning code, including re-organizing for consistency with the Town zoning code

The plan is for the Village to adopt the zoning code by the end of the year, so that in January the Town/Village ZBA & Planning Boards can be established. **Town Water District:** the Town Board will be voting on establishing the water district at the 5/13 meeting. The Town will then apply for WIIA funding for the project. Further discussions on the Town/Village agreement to provide water to the new district should continue. **Dunbarton sewer extension:** The engineering report is being finalized based on the findings of the geotech borings completed in March. A spill was reported to the DEC based on the soil that was observed in the Elbow Street boring. Utilities were marked out and GPR survey is being conducted within the next 5-10 days to identify any tanks. DEC anticipates conducting further investigation and cleanup. **Make the Connection Grant:** Kick-off meeting & walking tour held on 5/7 Survey of the corridor was initiated. LaBella is coordinating with DOT on the planned Main/Washington Square signal replacement & with B&L on the water project. We attended the **AGFTC planning meeting** yesterday and the Main Street project is on the draft **TIP** for \$1.1M !!! We still need to wait for it to be finalized after a public comment period but this could be huge to pair with TAP and NYF. **Town/Village Bike/Ped Plan:** the plan was posted by AGFTC for public comment. No comments were received, and the plan was finalized. This project is complete. Church/academy: looking for opportunities to advance implementation NYSDOT concept approval and funding. Labella attended a meeting with the new rail nonprofit head, the county, and towns of Salem and Greenwich and shared the multi-use trail vision. We will continue to coordinate / identify funding opportunities to advance. **Dunbarton EPA grant:** Phase II ESA was completed. Comments on the Phase II ESA were received on May 5 and LaBella is revising the report accordingly. The comments are relatively minor. Asbestos Piles remain on the property. An abatement estimate was provided to the Village for planning purposes. EPA encouraged the Village to submit the project for EPA cleanup or multipurpose funding. The next round will likely open up in September. No match requirement. **NY Forward:** DOS kick-off was held on 5/6 and first LPC meeting will be in June, with monthly meetings through October. All meetings will be open to the public & noticed. After the first LPC meeting a request for projects will be launched that will last 6+ weeks Project sponsors (inc. those included in the application + new interest) have been reaching out - anticipating good pool of projects for the funding

Old Business:

Joe Panza presented the **Hayes Reservoir** update. The progress is slow and steady. Volunteers are working to reduce the presence of invasive species. The 4-H group was very helpful. The area of focus has been near the waterfront. The DPW pushed away some of the brush. The yellow trail is in pretty good shape. The red trail is in rough shape and needs some rerouting. There is a purple trail which connects the yellow and red trails. It's a nice trail in good shape, but before effort is put into maintaining, we just wanted buy-in from the Board. It needs better marking and mapping. Trustee Vandewater commented that he was up there after all the rain, and there are places where drainage work is needed.

Gazebo Restoration – Ken Facin provided an update. A special thanks to Lisa Perkins and the work she did painting and removing the old Christmas lights. Committee members: Audrey Fischer, Lisa Perkins, Sarah Murphy, Penny LaPoint, Donna Moore, Mitch Throop, Lynne Weygint and Andrew Doonan. The group is split into a design group. Mitch Throop spoke about the design – Greek Revival is a predominant aesthetic around Greenwich, which lends itself to the gazebo refit. Eric Whiting did the renderings in 3-d. Structural drawing are included. Plans include a composite slate roof, a new deck, a finished ceiling, and an open performance space without obstructive railings. Rough labor estimates and material estimates are \$40,000 for material and \$60,000 for labor. In addition there is talk about the area around the gazebo, gardens, walkways, lighting etc. There is no actual plan, but the ballpark is \$150,000 - \$200,000 for the project. Lighting; task lighting, ceiling lights, performance lighting and garden lighting.

The Friends of the Parks of the Village of Greenwich NY LLC is the non-profit which has been formed which can begin raising money for the project. Fundraising letters will be going out shortly to businesses and non-profits. We would also like to be a part of NY Forward.

2024 Greenwich Free Library Report - Sarah Murphy – There was a 22 % increase in visitors and a 21% increase in programs to the library this year. The library will appear on the May 20th school ballot with a current budget of \$159,738 going up to \$164,008 for the proposed budget appropriation. The 2025 library budget is \$263,100 in which grants; individual and corporate donations will make up the difference. The Community room is about to undergo renovation. This will improve the look and functionality of the room, which is getting used every day. NYS matching grants and private donations are going to cover the bulk of the project.

Tracey Frisch – Garbage and Recycling Information. I belong to Zero Waste Warren County. This group has done a lot of research. There are 12 town transfer stations operated by the towns, not private companies, which pay to dispose of recycling. If the recycling is prepared properly, the difference would be \$1,000,000. Recyclables have value. It has to be prepared properly. Here are some pricing examples from May 2024: \$124 per ton for cardboard, \$320/t plastic #1, \$480/t plastic #2, aluminum cans \$1480./t. Currently \$80/t cardboard, \$320 /t #1, \$240/t #2 and \$1700/t aluminum cans and \$100/t steel cans. A California company called REPLENISH works all over the country in recycling deserts. Warren County has been working with them with grant funds through EPA. There currently are no EPA grants available of this nature. Partnership with other municipalities and using a broker to sell corrugated cardboard, for example would be feasible.

2025 CCGY Contract – Motion to authorize Mayor Hurley to sign contract made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Tree Placement Approval – Motion to approve; Oak, Elm, Serviceberry near Y, elm and Serviceberry in Dorr Park and Oak in Mowry Park so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

New Business:

Resolution #9 of 2025 – deferred until May 29

Sewer Rate Increase – Motion to increase sewer rents to \$163 per unit. effective October 1, 2025 billing made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

ZBA Permit Fees to increase from \$50 to \$75 on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to appoint Maria Robinson Budget Officer effective immediately made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Permits

- Building Use Permit – GYC May 17 11-noon for Toddler Prom. Approved

- Park Permit – Mowry for June 22 - The Longest Day – 9-1pm Kathy Nichols Tompkins.
- Parade Permit – sidewalk walk for the Longest Day – June 22. Both approved
- Parks Permit – Mowry – Greenwich Free Library Concerts; all Mondays with rain dates the following Tuesdays if needed. June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22. 6pm showtime. Set-up and breakdown 4 -?. Approved

Correspondence

- Town of Easton – A Certified Letter was received from the Easton Supervisor asking for any affected resident of the DWSP2 grant to be notified by Certified Mail.

8:20 - Motion to close the Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Dowling – Village Clerk