

Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
May 29, 2025 – 6:00pm – DRAFT

The End-of-Year meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held May 29, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Grimmke, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Kelly and Chief Smith. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Motion to close the Special meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Motion to close Executive Session and reopen Special Meeting made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Resolution No9 of 2025 Placing Mike Genevick on Administrative Leave from Greenwich Fire Department so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 506 – 544 totaling \$91,373.32

Water Fund Voucher numbers 110 – 117 totaling \$3,234.54

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 79 – 87 totaling \$7,521.98

H Fund Sewer Capital Project number 52 totaling \$3,015.00

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

New Business:

Sandra Herbst from Greenwich Gardeners gave an update on the group's activities. The group is comprised of 45-50 volunteers currently filing for 501c-3. NYS has already designated this status. A fundraising garden tour is planned for July 13th. Permission is sought to use the Information Booth to sell tickets for the garden tour. The Village is fine with this. To be confirmed with the GGCC. A fundraising campaign is currently underway, with a matching donation challenge of \$2500. There was no \$500 donation made since last April which was before the current fiscal year. Permission also asked if the Community Center's grounds could be revitalized and revamped to be more attractive, welcoming and comfortable for people waiting for driving tests, Youth Center members and the public. Superintendent Smith offered DPW support of heavy equipment for this endeavor. Donations can be mailed to Greenwich Gardeners, Inc. at 6 Academy St.

Motion to approve the new design for the Village Hall Garden so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Motion to approve \$500 moved from Beautification A8510.4 to the Greenwich Gardeners so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. Trustee Grimmke noted the amount could be revisited later in the year depending on the costs of other items in Beautification, and upped if the need and funds are there.

Resolution No10 of 2025 Authorizing the Treasurer to make final budget modifications to prevent any overdrawn accounts at the end of the year so moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

New Business:

Motion Authorizing the hiring of Joanna Messina in a part-time position as Assistant Treasurer with payroll processing as her sole focus so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve Randy Waite as substitute crossing guard so moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Due to unwanted behavior in the area behind the Library and both municipal buildings, the following resolution would allow police to disperse and enforce the rules. Signage with these rules spelled out will be added to the area.

Resolution No11 of 2025 Which Limits Access to Unaccompanied Minors in the Common Space Between Library, Town and Village Hall made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Capital Project Resolution for Downtown Accessibility and Improvement Grant - \$225,000 – to be discussed in June. Trustee Grimmke will connect with the County Treasurer for the language of the Resolution taken from Washington County.

Fire Department Engine Replacement Project – Chief Smith provided an update: Last December, the village appropriated \$21,000 from the Forestry Project proceeds into the Fire Equipment Reserve to bring the amount held in reserve to \$50,000. The new 2025/2026 Budget included another \$15,000, so the total is now \$65,000. Malta has an engine for sale which the department has been holding at the garage to assess. Malta wants \$100,000, but will take \$90,000. The engine needs about \$9,000 in repairs and updates including tires, brakes, rear springs, etc. They are willing to subtract these costs. The GFD Committee has decided to offer \$80,000. The Engine is a 2010 with low miles. A comparable search has garnered trucks of higher cost and further away. The next piece of equipment needed will be ladder truck in 5 – 10 years. The cost to upfit the Malta Engine is still being compiled. Prices so far; paint is \$3,000, decaling is \$500, plus other needs. A rough estimate is \$110,000 total. The engine would replace the 1993 Rescue Truck, which could be sold which could defray the cost or replenish the reserve. A decision will be made after the treasurer and Trustee Robinson take a look at where the \$45,000 will come from.

Annual Property Insurance renewal is due June 1. Raising the deductible to \$5,000 would save \$3,400 annually. It is currently \$1,000.

Motion to approve the higher deductible using the savings at the end of the year to go into one of the reserve funds. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Permits:

Peddler's Permit for 6 months for The Rolling Radish ice Cream Truck. **Approved**

Parks Permit - Town of Greenwich Youth Program at Gannon Park. From 6.30.25 – 8.1.25 noon to 2:45. **Approved**

Correspondence:

Annual Food For Kids Donation. Approved \$500.00 donation

7:23 - Motion to close the Regular Meeting made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted.
Jane Dowling – Village Clerk