

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Public Hearing for expenditures from the Sewer Fund Capital Repair Reserve  
August 11, 2025 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held August 11, 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, and Working Supervisor Charron. DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith and Chief Danko were absent. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Motion to Open the Public Hearing** by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

No public attended to comment.

**Motion to close Public Hearing** by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

**Resolution No16 of 2025 – Authorizing the Expenditure not to Exceed \$14,000 for Fabrication, Parts and Repair for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the Sewer Capital Repair Fund** so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

**Vouchers**

General Fund Voucher numbers 66 – 107 totaling \$116,507.47

Water Fund Voucher numbers 14 – 20 totaling \$11,160.33

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 11- 16 totaling \$10,674.05

Wastewater Capital Fund Voucher number 5 totaling 19,250

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

**Approval** of the draft Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Mayor Hurley delivered the July report: 20 calls: EMS calls – 13. Rescue extrication 0, fire 3, hazards 0, service calls 1, Motor vehicle accidents 3, and 0 alarm activations. Mutual aid given – 14 to Cambridge, Easton, Middle Falls, Quaker Springs and Shushan. Fire and Emergency response hours – 364.5, training hours 158 and activity – 243.5 for a total of 766 hours. Timi Jo Weller successfully passed her NYS EMT course. Congratulations! Firefighter Liam Curley has started the NYS Interior Firefighter operations course being held at the Argyle Fire Station.

**DPW:** Working Supervisor Charron delivered the July report – Average gallons pumped per day is 196,000 Total gallons pumped for the month was 6,081,000, which is about a million gallons more than last month, probably due to the heat. The water tank is maintaining 52.9’ which is basically full. Water Tower Road was regraded. Water runoff has been undermining the new blacktop, so shot rock was added to the ditch which seems to have helped so far. New parking spots on Hill Street have been painted. Finalizing salt shed details. The fountain is still being put together at Ft. Miller.

**Youth:** President Crawford delivered the July report: the summer program is going well. New ideas; newspaper club, crotchet club and dungeons and dragons club.

**Police:** Mayor Hurley delivered the July report - There were 5 cases reported to the DCJS in June totaling 119 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 4 with 22 arrests for the year. There were 84 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month, 588 for the year. One motor vehicle accident in July. Incidents handled: suspended registration, felony menacing and mental health.

**Mayor:** Mayor Report July 2025  
**EPA/Dunbarton:** Updated Phase I ESA is ready to submit to EPA once I respond to the User questionnaire. The updated PIESA includes discussion of our Phase II results. Since it is an updated document, our EPA PM anticipates a quick approval. While there are no mapped wetlands on the site - with the updated DEC regs that began in January, we recommend a wetland delineation to confirm if there are any wetlands in the floodplain. If yes, they would fall under DEC jurisdiction/we want to know this so we can coordinate remediation with DEC accordingly. LaBella has developed a preliminary change order cost and are reviewing along with the estimated already authorized work to be billed so that we can provide guidance on how this work can move forward under the existing Assessment grant that needs to be billed by the end of September. (The EPA PM has already OK'd this as an eligible expense). We are awaiting the announcement of the next grant application window so the public meeting can be held to announce the multi-use grant application and seek public comment. We want to use the grant to clean up the asbestos piles, demo buildings, and conduct Phase II investigation work south of the mill, where the asbestos piles prevented access during the original Phase II. In the meantime, we are preparing a draft application for the EPA PM to review in August (before the next round opens up) so he can provide some initial feedback/comments.  
**Streetscape:** Survey field work completed. Mapping returned on 8/1. Meeting schedule to coordinate B&Ls work rescheduled to 8/13. Project awarded additional \$1.1M through AGFTC. Funding discussions held with AGFTC and NYSDOT to develop a plan to fund the project gap. Project area amendment suggested to add in Church and Academy intersection. Progressing project coordination with NYSDOT, environmental submissions are being prepared and shared with NYSDOT for further handling. **Zoning:** Complete draft zoning amendments were circulated to the committee last week. – *LaBella also sent a memo outlining other updates to our subdivision regs that should be made to reflect the joint board. Let me know if you have any questions!* Committee is meeting in August to review/provide any final comments. The Town of Easton's Planning Board recently contacted us regarding our work toward a joint planning and zoning board with the Town of Greenwich, planned for adoption in January. They expressed their view that projects on land within Easton's boundaries should be reviewed by their planning board. Historically, these properties have always been reviewed by the Village of Greenwich, and we intend to continue that practice under the new joint board. Next steps for the board will be holding a public hearing and adopting the code updates. The schedule is to adopt the updates in December. **NYF:Lanson** (LaBella structural) is coordinating with the Village to visit Village Hall and provide a structural assessment to support the reuse plans/costs that will be included in the Village Hall NY Forward Application. The Village also submitted our streetscape project as an application to NY Forward. The next Local Planning Committee Meeting will be August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the Library's basement meeting room. We will be reviewing the projects that were submitted. **BRICKS Application:** We're finalizing our application for the BRICKS grant—Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids, and Seniors—which supports municipalities in acquiring, designing, constructing, or renovating community centers. Our application is due this Friday and, if awarded, the grant would support the restoration of Village Hall as a community resource. **Water Project:** Had a very productive meeting with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Regional DOT Director Michael Arthur, a representative from Senator Jake Ashby's office, and the DOT permitting team. DOT accepted the existing sidewalks on Main Street. Gas main elevation report & variation.

request submitted; DOT is reviewing. Once approved, we can finish sidewalks and driveways for homes on Main Street. SEQR update will note Salem Street sidewalks are in the historic district, strengthening our case to replace the water main in the street rather than relocating it into the sidewalk. Thunder Mountain: The Assessor confirmed there would be no tax implications in dedicating a portion of Hayes Reservoir as a park. I have contacted our insurance provider to determine any potential impacts to coverage from changing the land use. Superintendent Smith and I reviewed and marked up the map showing the portion to be dedicated as a park and the portion to remain for municipal use. We are reaching out to a surveyor to finalize the map. Once the survey is updated, we will present it to the Board as a resolution to dedicate the land as a park. The park will need an official name, and I will be asking our Parks and Recreation committee to make the final selection.

#### **Old Business:**

**Motion to approve the Grinder Pump Agreement** draft complete with maintenance agreement made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all. This will be sent to the school for approval/comments.

**Village Signage** – Five vendors were contacted, and West Signs was the most competitive. The signs will be paid for out of DPW Streets 5110.4. These signs will be placed at Stewarts, Salem St and Rt 372.

**Motion to purchase one two-sided (\$5,125. Ea) and two one-sided (\$3,835. Ea) signs from West Signs** made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

#### **New Business:**

**Kelly and SellarRyan request the Village to waive conflict of interest for representing Sustainable Communities.** The firm will draft leases for potential clients. If there were a conflict of interest between the Village and Developer in lease negotiations, K&SR would withdraw from representing either client.

**Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter** so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

**Fuel Bid Awards** – A request for bids was sent out to 12 vendors with responses from two. GA Bove had the lowest price differential at .23 for non-ethanol gas and propane. Braymer Fuels submitted the lowest price differential at .20 for low sulfur diesel and #2 fuel oil. Trustee Grimmke asked about a comparison to State Contract.

**Motion to accept these bids if they are lower than state contract and if service can be provided for systems** so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

**Resolution No17 of 2025 approving and endorsing Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce** in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Grant so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

**Resolution No18 of 2025 Approval of Repair and Replacement of Buell Bridge and Dorr Park Lights not to exceed \$27,000.** This will be paid from Streetlights A5182.4. A budget modification will take the money from Sidewalks and move to Streetlights. Carrie Woehner had gotten sidewalk money for us. Motion made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

**Horse Manure on roads** – Trustee Robinson brings this up because many people have complained to her. The non-marking on Amish carriages for visibility is another issue. The Trustees expressed the opinion that although it is a problem and a nuisance, it is not a fight we cannot win or enforce.

**Special Meeting and Public Hearing needed for the week of August 25<sup>th</sup> for a SEQRA revision for the Water Improvement Project. Also will be on the agenda for the Dunbarton Mill Resolution. August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

#### **Permits**

- **Fort Salem Theater 2025** sign placement in parks schedule. **Approved**
- **Parade Permit GGCC Lighted Tractor Parade 11.22.25. Approved**
- **Mill Hollow Park Permit – Bethany Parks 9.13.25.** The pipes in the park are not an issue with the organizer. **5-8pm. Conditional Approval with COI.** A recommendation by the Board to inform neighbors in Mill Hollow of the event.

#### **Correspondence**

- Thank-you from Eli Buretea-Bloom for James Kim Gannon Scholarship

7:50 - Motion to close the Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation on the Water Project made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:05 – Motion to close Executive Session made by Trustee Robinson, carried by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk