

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
July 14, 2025 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held July 14, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Grimmke, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Kelly, President Crawford, Chief Danko and Working Supervisor Charron. DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith was absent. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

General Fund Voucher numbers 12 – 65 totaling \$71,911.85

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 1 – 13 totaling \$6,713.13

Water Fund Voucher numbers 1 -10 totaling \$21,052.04

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 June 9, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Mayor Hurley delivered the June report: 23 calls: EMS calls – 19. Rescue extrication 0, fire 4, hazards 0, service calls 0, Motor vehicle accidents 0, and 0 alarm activations. Mutual aid given – 4 to Cambridge, Easton, Middle Falls and Shushan. Fire and Emergency response hours – 44, training hours 168 and activity – 236 for a total of 448 hours. Options for the sale of the Rescue Truck are being explored. A plan is being formed to upfit the engine being purchased from Malta.

Police: Chief Danko delivered the June report - There were 9 cases reported to the DCJS in June totaling 114 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 3 with 18 arrests for the year. There were 79 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month, 504 for the year. One motor vehicle accidents in June. Incidents handled: suspended registration, aggravated harassment and mental health. The new vehicle will be ready any day. The department was busy with graduation coverage and events in both villages in June.

Youth: President Crawford delivered the June report: the new summer theater program has just started. and everyone is very excited about it. The outside benches will be painted soon along with planting the kindness garden. Question regarding the functionality of the splash pad with Kenny Charron answering that the splashpad's mechanical system is obsolete with replacement parts impossible to get. An upgrade kit is being sourced with the intention of restoring full functionality as soon as possible. Another question about the possible installation of a handicapped accessible playground. Mayor Hurley offered to connect President Crawford with someone looking into grant funding for this equipment.

Mayor: Mayor Report June 2025: AGFTC Make the Connection Expect mapping back this week from the survey work completed. Meeting scheduled for the end of the month to coordinate with B&L. We successfully got awarded the \$1.1M through TIP. LaBella had funding discussions with AGFTC and NYSDOT to develop plan to fund the project gap. LaBella is working on the funding strategy memo for the board's review prior to the meeting with B&L. WWTP – Permitting - We're addressing a 2023 notice of a violation related to our wastewater permit. At the time, we were permitted to haul septic to Gansevoort, but the permit should have specified sludge. Unfortunately, no action was taken on the violation when it was received, and we now need to pay a \$1,500 fine in order to move forward with

amending the permit. The Wastewater Treatment Plant team has requested we resolve this promptly so we can avoid any additional penalties or litigation. Thunder Mountain - I'll be working with the Department of Public Works to draw out a designated area within the Thunder Mountain property for municipal use, specifically for brush drop-off. Once that's established, I'll coordinate with the surveyor to have the map updated so we can begin the process of officially naming a portion of the recreational area as a village park. I'll also be checking in with the assessor in the coming week to understand any potential tax implications this designation might have for the Village moving forward. Water Project - We continue to work closely with the state and our consultants on the water project. Right now, we're reviewing the gradient of driveways and Main Street to make sure the design works for both residents and water pipe will be placed. We're hoping to have an in-person meeting soon with Assemblywoman, Woerner and Regional Director Arthur to talk through these details and keep the project moving forward. Parking at Washington Square - former Mayor Lou Leone recently brought me the idea of adding diagonal parking at Washington Square to help create more parking spots. Once Superintendent Smith is back, we'll look into trialing this and checking visibility and safety. A discussion ensued on the viability of diagonal parking on topics ranging from snowplowing, back-up cameras having impacts on safety and past assessments into this topic.

DPW: Working Supervisor Charron delivered the June report – The water tank is maintaining 52' which is great news considering this is being serviced by just two wells. The fence around Little Fenway has been installed. Sidewalks have been repaired on Main St, Salem St and Whipple Place. State bid quotes have been obtained for blacktop repair on Gray Ave and Maplewood Ct. Peckhams bid was \$53,494.09 and Jointa Galusha Lime Company came in at \$92,186.45. Currently we have \$229,013.35 in CHIPS funds. Peckhams will fit us into their schedule as they see fit, this being a small job.

Motion to accept Peckham's bid for blacktop work at \$53,494.09 made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Old Business:

EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application Assistance Proposal – Norabelle Greenberger from LaBella provided some background; the EPA Assessment Grant is nearing completion. This grant is advancing the goal of acquisition through eminent domain, a key eligibility requirement for EPA cleanup funding. The Cleanup Grant application is due 60 days after the Notice of Funds Availability is released in September. The project manager at the EPA who has worked with us on the Assessment Grant has offered to provide feedback in a preliminary review prior to the submission deadline. The FY25 grant awards range from \$500,000 to \$4 million. There are no cost share requirements in this bill. The cleanup estimate is \$1.1 million. There is still untested soil under piles of debris which is an unknown at this point. Unrelated to Dunbarton, Trustee Vandewater asked about contaminated soil borings on Elbow St and who would bear the cost of that clean-up. Norabelle answered that Main Care seemed most likely as their tanks are right there.

Attorney Kelly has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding with the EPA which he will send to their attorneys. The Board agreed the portion to be retained by the Village is a parcel along the riverfront. Trustee Vandewater added that this is the floodplain area and would probably not interest a developer anyway.

There is a risk of the EPA not granting title, in which case the Village will not be submitting the application for the Cleanup Grant. But, if the application is not submitted in this round, it will be another year to apply. The Board agreed that this was a chance worth taking.

Resolution No14 of 2025 Approve LaBella Professional Services Agreement for Application Assistance for the EPA Cleanup Grant for Dunbarton Mill Site for a cost of \$5,000 made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Resolution No15 of 2025 - Approval of expenditure up to \$65,000 from Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve for purchase of a 2009 Spartan Fire Engine from the Malta Fire Company
BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich does hereby approve the expenditure not to exceed \$65,000 from the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve, \$25,000 from the General Fund for a total purchase price of \$85,000 for the purchase of a 2009 Spartan Fire Engine, subject to Permissive Referendum. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

NY Forward – discussion to include Village Hall in the application. Alternately we could move into the Town Office. The Board discussed options and agreed that the restoration of the Village Hall was preferred over moving to the Town Offices. The inclusion of an elevator, potential space for seniors, expanding flexible community space etc. makes this project worthwhile to include in NY Forward. The Board agreed to advance this project.

Motion to apply for the 2025 Round of NY BRICKS which funds design, construction, land acquisition and renovation for communities, kids and seniors. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Entrance Signs for Village bids are being procured.

Grinder Pump Agreement is still under revision and has not been sent to the school yet.

Permits

- Gannon Park Permit – Leap Early Head Start 7.24.25 rain date 7.25 from 11 -noon. Approved
- Rough and Ready Coin Drop 7.26.2025 9am – 1pm in front of Veterans Park. Conditional approval with COI
- Music in the Park – Greenwich Free Library event rescheduled 7.14.2025. Approved
- Mill Hollow Fest – 9.13.2025 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bethany Parks want to hold a family friendly event. Since the pipes cannot be moved, the discussion will continue.

Correspondence

- Donation of bench in memory of Bob Lyons in Dorr Park or another park as appropriate. Accepted.
- 30-Day Notice on behalf of Juniper selling beer, wine and cider. Approved
- Thank-you note has been received from the Paint the Town Purple Committee
- Gannon Scholarship Recipient – Julia Scambelluri. Thank-you note received.
- Thank you – GCS George Niesz for the Gannon Scholarship for Performing Arts and Community Service

8:20 - Motion to close the Regular Meeting made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk