

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025 to Permit Members of the Village Planning Board
and Zoning Board of Appeals to Reside in any Location Within the Village or Town of Greenwich
September 8, 2025 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held September 8, 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, Chief Danko and DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025 to Permit Members of the Village Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals or any other Joint Town and Village Boards to Reside in any Location Within the Village or Town of Greenwich made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

No public comment.

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

Resolution No22 of 2025 to Adopt Local Law No2 of 2025 Permit Members of the Village Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to Reside in any Location Within the Village or Town of Greenwich made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Vouchers

General Fund Voucher numbers 108 – 133 totaling \$86,966.87

Water Fund Voucher numbers 21 – 27 totaling \$6,662.47

Sewer Fund Voucher numbers 17 - 22 totaling \$6,123.57

Water Supply Improvement Fund Voucher number 6 totaling \$231,647.19

Downtown Safety and Accessibility Improvement Project Fund voucher number 7 totaling \$45,303.75

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

Approval of the draft Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2025 and August 25, 2025, made on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the August report: 15 calls: EMS calls – 8. Rescue extrication 0, fire 3, hazards 0, service calls 2, Motor vehicle accidents 2, and 0 alarm activations. Mutual aid given – 14 to Cambridge, Easton, Middle Falls, and Ft Edward. Mutual Aid received: 2. Total incidents for the month: 29. Fire and Emergency response hours – 239.5, training hours 101 and activity – 159 for a total of 499.5 hours. GFD Fit for Duty 5k Run and Walk on October 4th at 9am. As discussed, the GFD would like to declare the 1993 Rescue Truck surplus to help offset the cost of the 2009 Spartan Engine.

Motion to declare the 1993 Rescue Truck surplus. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Police: Chief Danko delivered the August report - There were 10 cases reported to the DCJS in August totaling 129 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 5 with 27 arrests for the year. There were 103 calls

logged by County Dispatch for the month 691 for the year. Three motor vehicle accidents in August. Incidents handled: suspended registration, trespass, felony menacing and mental health.

DPW: Superintendent Smith delivered the August report – Average gallons pumped per day is 190,000 Total gallons pumped for the month was 5,904,000. Numerous signs have been replaced around the Village and school zone. Washington Street sidewalks have been the subject of a number of complaints generated by homeowner's insurance companies. New Village entrance signs have been ordered. Raindeck, the maker of the 16-year-old splashpad has an electrical upgrade kit for \$4,300. This is the original splashpad they produced. In fact, the manufacturer didn't even know there was one still in service. If approved, the install could take place before closing the pad this year which would be ready it for next summer. Trustee Vandewater thought that if the crew has time, it makes sense to get it out of the way. This is the first major parts purchase made for this equipment. The furnace at the shop which heats the office, locker room and bathroom are all serviced by this 1960's furnace. The unit is working but needs to be replaced. It runs but trips and needs to be reset among numerous other issues, least among them is efficiency. More quotes will be provided by the October meeting. The cheapest quote so far is \$9,000. Mayor Hurley reminded the Superintendent about metering the baseball field and cemetery next spring. Trustee Grimmke suggested replacing the DPW employee time off statistics with monthly wastewater gallons treated. Trustee Vandewater would like to know how many hours a day the water pumps are running now with the upgraded larger pipes.

Motion to approve the purchase of the electrical upgrade kit for the splashpad from Raindeck for \$4,300 from the Gannon Fund made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Resolution No23 of 2025 to Purchase a Furnace for the DPW Garage from the Capital Equipment Fund not to Exceed \$12,000 Subject to Permissive Referendum made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Youth: President Crawford delivered the August report: registrations are up over the summer by 20 registrations. A temporary space has been secured at Pooh's Corner to run as an interim home. The monthly fee for using the space is \$500. There is a Facilities Use Form to sign which will be looked over by Attorney Morrelli. The CCGY Board has painted and installed new flooring. The middle school has offered the use of the gymnasium for September and October.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered the August report: **Zoning Updates:** Drafts have been finalized/are with the committee. LaBella will prepare SEQR documents, a 239-m referral form, and resolutions to schedule a public hearing in advance of the October board meeting. LaBella will attend the November board meeting/zoning public hearing. **Dunbarton:** The revised Phase II ESA included responses to agency review comments and was submitted to and approved by EPA. The wetland delineation research and reporting has begun, field work is scheduled for the week of September 8, weather pending, and will be followed by survey of the delineated wetland. This work will be billed in full prior to the end of the grant period. A project update/information sheet was prepared and shared at the 9/3 NYF workshop. We met to discuss options for FY26 EPA grant. The EPA has recommended we submit a Multipurpose grant (\$1 million max) since additional testing is needed. The Village emphasized the importance of building demolition. The total cost for building demo, remediation, and subsequent remediation is expected to be more than \$1M. LaBella met with the Amanda at National Grid on 9/4 to discuss submitting a NG Brownfield grant to cover costs in excess of the \$1M EPA grant. The draft EPA

multipurpose grant was submitted to Griztko (EPA) to review on 8/29 and is expected to be due in November (NOFA has not yet been issued) The Judge has signed the order and we will be submitting the acquisition map to the county to take title via imminent domain. Sewer Extension Engineering Report: will be finalized this month. **Streetscape:** Held a project coordination meeting with the Village & B&L on 8/13. We are continuing to coordinate with B&L on the combined projects. We provided a draft AFFTC project area amendment which will need to go on Village letterhead and be submitted to AGFTC to expand the scope of the MTC project. **NYF:** Village Hall structural: key recommendations were shared, and the full report is being finalized by 9/24. The second public workshop was held on September 3rd as a walking tour, where residents visited each project site and were able to ask questions and give feedback which will be shared with the LPC. Next LPC meeting is September 24th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Water Project:** The Village has completed the necessary steps to receive a deviation on the sidewalk gradients from the NYSDOT. With this deviation approval in place, we are moving forward with the next steps in the process to complete the water project. Our goal is to have the sidewalk completed by October 31, 2025. We know this work has taken longer than expected, and we truly appreciate your patience as we've navigated the complexities of this project. **Waste Water Treatment Plant** - B&L has been meeting monthly with the team of Kyle Vandewater, Willie Grimmke, as well as Nick and Charlie from the WWTP operations staff discussing various options to progress the final design plans. After the last meeting the location of the Blower and UV building was finalized as well as the SBR tank orientation and the amount of tank to be out of the ground to minimize rock removal and modifications to existing piping to make the building location work. The Basis of Design report was submitted June 5, 2025 per the requirements of the Consent Order and NYSEFC responded on August 26, 2025 with a letter which needs some clarification on what they approved which appears to be approval of a prior report. A meeting has been requested. At this point, unless clarification from the DEC can be obtained the Final Plans and Specifications submission to the DEC/EFC is Nov 26, 2025. NYSEFC has been contacted to determine next steps with EFC short term loan process, waiting on response. **Crossings at the School** - Looking to hire a substitute crossing guard. Interested parties should reach out to the Village Clerk for an application. The DPW painted hash marks on crosswalks up at the school to remind people that they should not be parking right up against the crosswalks.

Old Business:

Winter Parking- The 36-hour window seems too long after the snowfall. There are residents who have no parking options except for the Village Hall. Permitting may be an option. Most of the affected residents live on Main St. The goal is to figure this out by October to be in place by snow season, so a further discussion will take place in October. Trustee Moore suggested replacing signage with clearer language and font.

Main Street Sidewalk Update- The intention is to have this complete by October 31. The DOT has approved the gradient deviation.

New Business:

Resolution No24 of 2025 Intermunicipal Agreement for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Boards between Village and Town Combining Zoning and Planning Boards. Motion to approve the Mayor signing this agreement made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Structural Engineering Report was submitted in preliminary form as part of the New York Forward application. The purpose of this report was to ascertain the costs associated with stabilizing and

rehabbing the Community Center. The findings will influence the New York Forward application. The conclusions were similar to other architectural and building study reports. The entire building needs repair and as soon as possible to stabilize the 1870's portion of the building. A group of firms have been contacted. Depending on what the final report says, demolition may be recommended. The relocation of the Youth Center was in response to this report.

Youth Center has temporarily relocated to Pooh's Corner. This will be on a month-to-month lease, and the Facilities Agreement will be reviewed by our attorney before the Mayor signs. The school gym is available in September and October. There may be expanded outdoor activities in Gannon Park as the year progresses.

Permits

CCGY Parade Permit Halloween Parade 10.26.2025 1:00-3:00pm. Approved

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Correspondence

Thank-you from Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship for Food for Kids

Citizen Complaint – Hilary 5 Cottage St. The Hilarys are seeking reimbursement for window washing in the amount of \$400. The complaint stated that staging of the Water Improvement Project was right outside their home which raised dust and coated their windows necessitating hiring a window washing service. Our Attorney recommends that this be presented to the engineer who will contact the contractor.

8:10pm – Motion to close Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues made by Trustee Grimmke, carried by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

8:24pm – Motion to close Executive Session made by Trustee Moore, seconded by trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk