

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
December 8, 2025 – 7:00pm – DRAFT
Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Zoning Code

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held December 8, 2025, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Grimmke, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Kelly, CCGY President Crawford, Chief Danko and DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal and Replace Amendments to Zoning Code has been open since the November meeting. Mayor Hurley observed there were no members of the public and no further questions from the Board, thus Trustee Grimmke made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Resolution No27 of 2025 **RESOLUTION FOR ISSUANCE OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND REPEAL & REPLACE THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH ZONING CODE** made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Vouchers:

General Fund Voucher numbers 242 – 288 totaling \$222,023.91

Water Fund Voucher numbers 47 – 51 totaling \$8,858.88

G Fund Voucher numbers 38 - 44 totaling \$6,670.46

Motion to pay these bills made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Approval of Draft Meeting 11.10.2025 Minutes made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the November report: 35 alarms: EMS calls – 29. Rescue extrication 0, fire 6, hazards 0, service calls 0, Motor vehicle accidents 0, some of the fire calls were alarm activations. Mutual aid given – 7 to Cossayuna, Cambridge, Middle Falls, and Hebron. Mutual Aid received: 2. Total incidents for the month: 42. Fire and Emergency response hours – 140.5, training hours 116.5 and activity – 245.5 for a total of 502.5 hours. A group volunteered for one Saturday to build a ramp for 58-year GFD member George Culbertson. Members trained on carbon monoxide response and chimney fires. Members stood by for the Tractor Parade along with multiple departments and emergency agencies. Quotes are being gathered for FEMA AFG \$26,571.42 grant and GFD match \$1,328.58 award for a gear washer and dryer.

Police: Chief Danko delivered the November report - There were 5 cases reported to the DCJS in September totaling 149 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 4 with 36 arrests for the year. There were 116 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month 1037 for the year. One motor vehicle accident handled, along with vehicle and traffic law, larceny, disorderly conduct and domestic disputes. We had 22 tickets for 198 for the year. The toy drive ended today with 12 boxes delivered to both schools. Thanks to Officer Cooney for her work on this effort. Officers participated in the Lighted Tractor Parade, with thanks to DPW and Fire for their work as well.

DPW: Superintendent Smith delivered the November report: 76 overtime hours, primarily for the Tractor Parade. Leaf collection extended; preparations for winter completed. The mayor thanked the crew for extending the leaf pick-up a week. Two quotes for snow parking regulation signs –8 signs measuring 18" x 24", placed at every entrance to the Village. 45 signs measuring 12" x 18", placed about 2 per street. West Signs totaled \$2747. A sign company up at Lake George priced at \$3605. Currently there are only 2 signs at the entrances to the Village.

Nick Casey: Line Inventory Update. The pipe inventory letters must go out by year's end. By 2027, 10% of the inventory will need to be replaced yearly for 10 years until material is either copper or plastic. Funding is unknown at this point. Trustee Vandewater pointed out there may be grants available. Nick thinks there may be some funding through EPA. One way to discern the pipe material is to look where it comes into the meter. In fact residents will be able to send photos to Nick after receiving the letter. No lead pipe has been found in the village but there are lead goosenecks, which is a problem if galvanized is downstream. Determining what is an unknown is important because any unknown pipe will be treated as lead when the time comes to replace. This mailing may include a notice of door-to-door visit by DPW personnel. A vac truck may be helpful in the spring to perform pit tests on the 200 public water connections which are unknown.

Youth: President Crawford presented the November report – 205 children served in November, with increased program engagement and upcoming holiday activities.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered the October report: **HOME Program** - Greenwich has been selected to receive funding through the HOME Program, administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC). This program uses federal dollars from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to help low- and moderate-income households with critical home repairs and improvements. While the Town of Greenwich served as the lead agency to ensure broader eligibility, the majority of initial applicants are within the Village a carry over from our CDBG application last year. Final approval is pending sign-off from Governor Hochul, and more details will be shared as they become available. **Winter Parking and Pilot Program** - Thank you to residents who moved cars during our snow emergency. We had one resident come in for a parking permit and also requested guest permits for the holidays. We'll issue those under her name, and the guest permits will be clearly marked as such. This approach will work for now, but we'll need to revisit and formalize the guest permit process next year. **BRICKS Application** - We were not selected for the Bricks grant this round, but we submitted the application at no cost and plan to apply again during the next cycle. This funding would support the continued development of the Village Hall and Community Center as a vital recreational and community space. **NYForward** - Met with the co-chair for NY Forward, our state rep and assigned consultants to work on our Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). That's due to the state right before Christmas and then we will hear what projects will get selected for funding in the March/April timeframe. **Tree City USA** - We've once again applied for the Tree City USA designation, which would mark our second consecutive year receiving this recognition. This reflects our ongoing commitment to caring for public trees, maintaining an active tree committee, and building a healthier, greener village. Being a Tree City also strengthens our ability to secure grant funding for future tree plantings. Special thanks to Trustee Donna Frank Moore for her leadership on this initiative. **Empire State Development and Dunbarton Mill** - Trustee Kyle Vandewater and I recently met with the Deputy Director of Empire State Development to discuss potential funding opportunities for the Dunbarton Mill site. ESD offers a grant program that provides working capital for a wide range of pre-development needs—including studies, demolition contracts, and construction planning. This is the same program that helped Victory Mills remove fire debris. My next steps include attending upcoming training webinars to better understand the application process. The plan is for me to write the grant, which is due in May, and I'll

meet with ESD again in March to share more details on the direction the Village is looking to take. I'll keep everyone updated as this progresses.

Old Business:

2026 Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Greenwich – Motion to authorize so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

New Business:

2026 Meeting Schedule – Second Monday of each month with the exception of October which will be October 5th and End-of-Year Meeting will be on May 27 at 7pm

Joint Town and Village Committees Appointees - effective January 2026

- Appoint George Casey to Joint Town and Village Planning Board
- Appoint Sarah Haynes to Joint Town and Village ZBA
- Appoint Aaron Kendall to Joint Town and Village ZBA
- Appoint Maryann McGeorge Chairperson of Joint Town and Village ZBA
- Appoint Thomas F Atkin to Joint Town and Village ZBA
- Appoint Bill Tompkins Chairperson of Joint Town and Village Planning Board
- Appoint Tim Norton, and Morgan Snyder to Joint Town and Village Planning Board

Motion made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

NYSDOT Meeting Update on Main Street Project and Traffic Signal Project attended by Trustee Grimmke, Trustee Vandewater, LaBella and NYSDOT Region 1. Main Street and Traffic Signal projects discussed; consensus reached on lane configurations. Funding challenges may affect project timeline.

Two 10' travel lanes and two 7' parking lanes seemed to be uniform accepted lanes, which is narrower than the DOT standard. This preserves as much of the historic district as possible. Wrapping the Church/Academy intersection into the project was discussed and the DOT seemed amenable, but funding is an issue as well as a delay to the project as a whole.

Permits

Correspondence

Donation request from Kevin Shephard for GFD for curbing and patio pavers and installation at the Fire Department. A modest contribution may be considered during budget planning.

7:55pm - Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session for Personnel Issue, Contract Negotiation and Potential Litigation made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

8:20 – Motion to close Executive Session and reopen regular Meeting made on a motion by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Resolution No.28 of 2025 -Rescinding Resolution No. 9 of 2025 and Reinstating Mike Genevick to the Position of Assistant Fire Chief of the Greenwich Fire Department made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve the deletion of paragraph #2 of the Grinder Pump Agreement with Greenwich Central School District so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

8:23pm motion to adjourn made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk