

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
January 12, 2026 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held January 12, 2026, 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, DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Casey. Chief Danko was absent. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Vouchers:

General Fund Voucher numbers 289 – 328 totaling \$73,375.97

Water Fund Voucher numbers 52 – 56 totaling \$3,418.12

G Fund Voucher numbers 45 - 50 totaling \$9,177.08

H Fund Voucher numbers 14-16 totaling \$79,636.10

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

Approval of Draft Meeting 12.9.2025 Minutes made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the December report: 31 alarms: EMS calls – 27. Rescue extrication 0, fire 1, hazards 0, service calls 3, Motor vehicle accidents 0, some of the fire calls were alarm activations. Mutual aid given – 10 to Argyle, Easton, Salem, Middle Falls, and Hartford. Mutual Aid received: 1. Total incidents for the month: 41. Fire and Emergency response hours – 93.5, training hours 126.5 and activity – 212 for a total of 432 hours. Alarms answered in 2025: 418. Fire related 2025 alarms in district; 124, EMS/First Response in district: 191 and Mutual aid to neighbors in 2025: 103. The comprehensive 2025 year-end report will be released soon.

Police: Mayor Hurley delivered the December report - There were 12 cases reported to the DCJS in September totaling 161 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 6 with 42 arrests for the year. There were 113 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month 1150 for the year 2025. Three motor vehicle accidents handled, along with vehicle and traffic law, larceny, disorderly conduct, mental health, harassment and domestic disputes. The PD issued 14 tickets for the month: 212 for the year.

DPW: Superintendent Smith delivered the December report: 140 overtime hours, primarily for nuisance snow. The ice rink has been installed and is open weather permitting. In response to a question regarding the storing and displaying of the Main St planters; the planters can be stored outside as long as the water has been drained, so the ones remaining on display are fine.

Nick Casey: Sewer pump update: a year ago, one of the two old sewer pumps broke, and a sump pump was used as a short-term replacement. The two pumps work in conjunction with each other and last Friday, the other pump quit. This too, was replaced with a sump pump. The sump pumps are smaller, and less reliable than the originals but easy to remove. Replacement cost is \$400-\$500 vs \$4000-\$5000 for the proper pump, which most likely would not be usable in the new facility. The village owns a spare sump pump if needed. Conclusion; the Board is fine with this fix at present.

Youth: President Crawford presented the December report – 152 children served in December. This was a fun month with Sundaes with Santa and other activities. We are working on upcoming programs; home school, teen night and YMCA engagements.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered the December report- **Zoning:** Code updates were adopted in December

We will be delivering code & map hard copies this week. LaBella will be doing a virtual training for all PB & ZBA member to review the amendments **Sewer:** Final report to extend sewer to Dunbarton was shared. Almost done with final plans, and we plan to submit them at the end of the month.

Dunbarton/EPA: LaBella submitted the final report for the assessment grant EPA Multipurpose grant app being finalized for 1/28 submission (\$1M request) LaBella re-connecting with National Grid to discuss next steps for additional funds (since cleanup + additional assessment work will exceed \$1M; National Grid \$ is up to \$300K) **AGFTC – Main Street Project:** We are currently working through a project amendment with A/GFTC and NYSDOT to amend the project limits and budget, based on these scope changes. Attorney Kelly asked whether he should continue to answer questions regarding Village zoning questions or should this be answered by attorney Izzo. The Board is undecided at this point. While this process is still in its infancy Trustee Kelly will continue until more information is available.

Tree Committee: Trustee Moore gave an update – The application for 2025 Tree City USA was submitted last month. If this happens the committee would like to hang the Tree City signs. Possibly in Gannon Park. Arbor Day will be celebrated Friday, April 24th. There will be a tree sapling giveaway in Gannon Park from 2:00-4:00pm. Washington County Soil and Conservation has donated 1 large or 2 small trees to be planted. A meeting with Mandy's Nursery will take place in late winter to discuss a tree purchase and planting plan for the coming season. Hoping for the same \$5,000 to replace or add trees on main and residential streets. If the Mowry Park/gazebo funding gets approved through NY Forward, the old pine could be replaced with a fresh Spruce for Christmas tree lightings.

Greenwich Gardeners: Sandra Herbst announced that GG is officially a federal non-profit organization.

Kate Ziehm has volunteered to develop a website and a communications committee has been formed with the focus on how to plant a village to draw people in. A new blog called “The Daily Dirt” is in the works. We are asking the Village Board’s input on establishing larger garden spaces and incorporating shrubs on Village properties. Drip irrigation is being explored with an initial start in Veterans Park. Seasonal decorating is another area of interest such as wooden cutouts which could be used during the non-growing season to make the park spaces more interesting, especially to children.

Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice Engineers gave an update on the Water Improvement Project. Contract 1B is done except for minor landscape restoration and replacing a single sidewalk panel due to a footprint. This is covered under the warranty. A meeting is scheduled between B&L and J&K to hash out final costs which may be 200k lower. Contract 2 - TKC is about done except for agreement retainage and change order monies. There is a difference of about 140k which needs support documentation from the contractor. Well update – DOH wanted some changes which include a new flow meter. This will be sent to DOH this week for review. To recap; Well 1 is being replaced with Well 1R, Well 2 is being replaced with Well 2R. Well 1 is being left in place because DOH standards state that the maximum amount of water needed every day must be

provided, even if the largest well is out of service. Well 1R is the largest well, but Well 1 would give us that volume as a contingency. Well 2 is out. Well 3 is left in place but due to high manganese levels, it will only be used as a backup. Pumps and piping must be reviewed and approved by DEC and DOH and then will go out to bid.

Old Business:

Joint Board Appointees

Motion to appoint Fischer alternate to Joint ZBA Board made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Motion to appoint Julianna DiPrima as alternate to Joint Planning Board made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Motion to appoint Aaron Northrup as Joint ZBA Clerk made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Motion to rescind Marianne McGeorge's appointment as Chair of Joint ZBA made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Motion to appoint Sarah Haynes Chair of Joint ZBA made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Internet at the Sewer Plant will give the operators the ability to remotely monitor the system and will be necessary for the forthcoming new plant.

Motion to approve the installation at \$99 and service for 36 months for \$150. So moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Winter Sidewalk Regulations

Mayor Hurley pointed out that there has been much recent chatter on Facebook regarding the condition of the Village sidewalks. She read the 1979 ordinance which states the responsibility of clearing snow, ice and dirt from sidewalks is that of the property owner. The Village DPW crew plows, sands and salts as a courtesy. The message: be a good neighbor and help.

Deputy Clerk Position

The plan will be to post a deputy clerk position to train and take over the clerk position by fall. More information about this position at February's meeting.

Budget Workshop will be held on February 17 at 6:00pm.

Resolution No1 of 2026: The Village of Greenwich Will Hold an Election for Two Trustee Seats on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Motion made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Resolution No2 of 2026: Village of Greenwich Health Insurance Reimbursement for Part B Premium for Medicare Eligible Employees for the year 2026 made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Permits

Parks Permit - Union Village Festival – June 19; 9am -10pm, June 20; 8am-10pm

Parade Permit – Union Village Festival – Liv Thygesen 6/19 - 3:30- 9:30, 6/20 – 8 am-10pm
Both approved pending contract signing

Correspondence

Operation Santa Thank-you for Greenwich Police Department

8:02 Motion to close Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue.
Made by Trustee Moore, seconded by trustee Vandewater and carried by all.
8:20 Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk