

Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
February 9, 2026 – 7:00pm – DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich was held February 9, 2026, in the Board Room at 6 Academy St. Present were Mayor Hurley, Trustees: Vandewater, Grimmke, Robinson and Moore, as well as Attorney Kelly, DPW Superintendent / Fire Chief Smith and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Casey. Chief Danko left shortly after the meeting started. CCGY President Crawford was absent. Mayor Hurley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Vouchers:

General Fund Voucher numbers 329 – 373 totaling \$71,289.77

Water Fund Voucher numbers 57 – 63 totaling \$3,039.23

G Fund Voucher numbers 51 - 58 totaling \$7,313.36

H Fund Voucher numbers 17- totaling \$32,607.50

Approval of Draft Meeting 1.12.2025 Minutes made by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Smith delivered the January report: 23 alarms: EMS calls – 20. Rescue extrication 0, fire 3, hazards 0, service calls 0, Motor vehicle accidents 0. Mutual aid given – 8 to Argyle, Easton, Hebron, Salem, Victory Mills, and Middle Falls. Mutual Aid received: 1. Total incidents for the month: 31. Fire and Emergency response hours – 346.10, training hours 64 and activity – 197 for a total of 607.10 hours. No updates on the FEMA Grant. Chief Smith received his 25-year Lifetime Award from GFD at the Annual Banquet last weekend. Attorney Kelly read the Notice of Emergency Action drafted in response to the fire at 67 Eddy St. “On January 31, 2026, at approximately 2:43 a.m., The Village of Greenwich Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 67 Eddy Street. Mutual Aid was provided by Schuylerville, Victory Mills, Middle Falls, Salem, Cambridge and Argyle Fire Departments. After 4 hours of fighting the fire, Village of Greenwich Fire Chief Michael Smith Jr. determined that the building needed to be demolished for fire crews to safely and completely put out the fire and prevent the fire from spreading to surrounding properties and thereby threatening life and property. (A copy of the Fire Incident Report is attached hereto.) Chief Smith then informed Village Mayor Amanda Hurley of his determination. Based on Chief Smith’s determination, the Mayor of the Village of Greenwich, pursuant to her emergency authority under section 7 of Local Law No. 1 of 1982, issued a verbal order that the building be demolished. At approximately 1:30 p.m., the fire was fully extinguished. The Mayor further orders that no persons other than the owner or his agent, or authorized emergency personnel shall enter upon the property; and that no trespassing signs shall be posted on the property.” Chief Smith added that as of this morning, the County Fire Investigation has been closed and the property has been turned back over to the homeowner. Mayor Hurley asked Attorney Kelly to update Local Law #1 of 1982, the “Unsafe Building Demolition Law,” which will soon appear on the agenda.

Police: Mayor Hurley delivered the January report - There were 8 cases reported to the DCJS in September totaling 8 reported for the year. Arrests totaled 4 with 4 arrests for the year. There were 108 calls logged by County Dispatch for the month 108 for the year 2026. Two motor vehicle accidents handled, along with vehicle and traffic law, mental health, and a domestic dispute. The PD issued 19 tickets for the month: 19 for the year. Officers responded to the Eddy St fire. A reminder to residents to keep streets clear when snow parking goes into effect.

DPW Streets: Superintendent Smith delivered the January report: 248 overtime hours, primarily for snow plowing and salting. The new snow parking signs have been installed on every Village street along with replacing a few 30mph speed signs. At a recent County meeting, there was talk of two bills in the NYS Assembly pertaining to salt-shed regulations. A metered salt equipment requirement is likely upcoming. Kyle and Mike will discuss this soon.

Water/Sewer: Nick Casey delivered the January report: Total gallons treated: 1,034,856. An equalization tank pump failed and was replaced with a submersible pump that is tied into the pump control panel and has been working well. All other equipment in the plant is operating properly. The internet line has been extended to the wastewater facility. Spectrum needs to complete the installation inside the building. Water - DOH confirmed they received the submittals from B&L for the well upgrades. Responded to increase water production and to monitor storage tank level due to Fire Department hydrant use. We currently have 144 fully identified service lines and 624 unknown lines. There are 250 lines where the portion maintained by the Village is still unknown.

Youth: Trustee Robinson presented the January report – 158 children served in January. Facilities updates: new sign, cameras are up along with the Blink doorbell. Stewarts Grant and WGY Wishlist applied for.

Mayor: Mayor Hurley delivered the January report- Water Project Contract 1A (material procurement for water system): Complete Contract 1B (J&K pipe contract): Work is mostly complete and operational, except for final restoration & footprint in panel replacement. We are trying to get contract finalized; however J&K has not agreed to terms of releasing liquidated damages and has now retained an attorney. They have requested more time to review the project. Contract 2 (TKC pipe contract): Work is complete and we are negotiating final change order for work on Salem Street now. Contract 3 (Wells): Sent plans to DOH and are waiting on comments. Our goal is to be out to bid this spring/early summer to get work completed. Contract 4 (Water meters): Completed. Zoning - We held a training session for the new PB & ZBA on 1/27. The treasurer is creating a budget line for the planning board. We will take the money from the contingency line that has \$10,000. I will have to create a budget line for the planning board. We will take the money from the contingency line that has \$10,000. The Town will bill us twice a year. It's currently \$125 an hour for the attorney and \$18.50 for the clerk. For 2026 we will need to earmark \$6,500. EPA Multipurpose Grant app was submitted on 1/26 for \$1M. Awards typically announced in May. EPA Assessment Grant final close-out notice (for \$200K previous grant) was received from EPA on 1/28. Main Street Project. A/GFTC is processing a project amendment request to add funds to include intersection changes at Church and Academy. We await a funding announcement from New York Forward on the \$900,000+ request for funds to be used on Main Street. Once we know that, we will approach the State about funding the remaining project gap, preparing and submit the draft Design Approval Document. From NYSDOT on 2/2/26: "1763.26 – Greenwich – I believe we are all good to treat this project as combined between the local side and the signal side. This means NYSDOT will merge their signal project within the Village's project. LaBella is planning to provide a project update to the Board (or committee) in March. Greenwich Seniors - Met with Barbara Price, who is establishing a volunteer organization to support local seniors and their caregivers. She is applying for a Community Care Corps grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with plans to submit the application at the end of February. As part of the process, she will be assembling an advisory team.

Old Business:

Motion to Authorize Mayor to sign Grinder Pump Agreement with GCS pending product details made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

New Business:

Resolution No3 of 2026 Appoint Election Inspectors and \$144 per diem Compensation made on a motion by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

Accept February 2026 Water/Sewer Billing made on a motion by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Water	\$114,199.34
Water Reserve	\$11,052.00
Sewer	\$38,854.96
Sewer Reserve	\$2,928.00
Total	\$167,034.30 Arrears \$26,963.77
Total	\$193,998.07 Bills total 895

Motion to Adopt the Town of Greenwich fee schedules for ZBA and Planning Board applications so moved by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve names of Boards: The Joint Town and Village of Greenwich Planning Board so moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Vandewater and carried by all.

Motion to approve: The Joint Town and Village of Greenwich Zoning Board of Appeals so moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Grimmke and carried by all.

Motion to post Deputy Clerk position for 10 -15 hours/week at \$22/hour so moved by Trustee Vandewater, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Permits

Park Permit - Fort Salem Theater signage schedule for 2026. Approved pending the understanding that placement of signs does not impede sightlines.

7:35 Motion to close Regular Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Made by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried by all.

7:56 Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn meeting by Trustee Grimmke, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Dowling – Village Clerk