

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JAN. 18, 2010 **7 PM**

Mayor Evener opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Conger, Molino, Perkins and Neville, Steve Teeter-Electric Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Lt. Williams, Scott Metcalf-Fire Chief, Jeff Lucas-Deputy Fire Chief, Lester Coit, Lee Shurtleff, George Senter-Code Enf. Officer and Nick Babel-Groton Independent

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Neville made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, and to adjust the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$700

To: Clerk-Other Exp.-1410.4-\$700

Inc. Appropriated Reserves-A511-\$5,000

Inc.-Unemployment Claims-9050.8-\$5,000

Inc. Appropriated Reserves-A511-\$22,858

Inc.-Interfund Transfers-9950.9-\$22,858

WATER FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$2,531

To: Property Taxes-Water Shed-1950.4-\$2,531

JOINT RECREATION FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$750

To: Rec Program-Other Expense-7145.4-\$750

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Inc.-Interest Earnings-2401-\$200

Inc. BAN Interest-9730.7-\$200

Seconded by Trustee Molino, carried. The above adjustments and claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A8)	\$47,236.40	JOINT REC (J8)	\$1,254.90
WATER (F8)	7,753.40	CAPITAL-SWR (HI8)	155,052.91
SEWER (G8)	3,563.87	COM DEV (PI 10-1)	62,000.00
ELECTRIC (E8)	133,695.06	COM DEV (PI 10-1A)	1,105.22

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that the Christmas decorations have been taken down and placed back in storage. The Dept. assisted the Water Dept. with their pump issues and attended line school. They have started tree trimming. The Dept. will take First Aid and CPR tomorrow which should finish up the PESH concerns. Bids were opened on the 15 KV transformer and the engineer has reviewed them for compliance with the specifications. The low bid was \$17,800. The MEUA Engineering Workshop will be held in East Syracuse on Feb. 3 & 4.

Dept. of Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff noted that it has been a busy month plowing snow. There was a problem with Well #3 that was discovered during the New Year's fire on East South St. There have been some equipment breakdowns, one of which was covered by warranty. One plow wore down and had to be welded. The Dept. did comparison on chemical purchases and was able to get our current provider to give us a better price and they will guarantee it for two years.

Fire – Former Fire Chief Lester Coit presented the annual report of activity to the Board. It has been a busy month to date with over 30 calls, which includes two structure fires. There was considerable discussion on whether the ambulance service should be billed thru the tax levy or billing the users. There also was discussion on the condition of the Municipal Building and need for repair to the roof and certain door casings. Lester Coit thanked the Board for their support over the last nine years in which he was chief.

Police- Lt. Williams reported that the Dept. staffing is up to where he needs it. Clerk Howell is now working 20 hours per week. Lt. Williams is researching purchasing a new vehicle this year. He noted that the 911 center is logging all of our calls as of Jan. 1, 2010. This will allow us to better track calls when the Dept. is not staffed. December was fairly quiet. Total calls for 2009 was 1,320, up about 200 from the previous year. Officer Landon has started, riding with another officer. Officer Rolfe has returned from Afghanistan and will work his first shift on Jan. 29.

Streets – Trustee Conger reported that there has been three major snow events this month where we had to plow and salt Route 222 due to dangerous road conditions. The DPW picked up snow on Main and Cortland Streets. Trustee Conger thanked the crews for tree trimming in the Washington Ave. area.

Joint Rec – Trustee Conger reported that there are 66 girls in grades 2 thru 8 participating in basketball. Three different coaches are running the program. 30 boys are in boys basketball in grades 2 thru 6. John D'Antonio is in charge of the boys. There are tri-county travel teams for both the boys and girls. Winterfest is set for Saturday, Jan. 30th. Roy Smith will be back with his dog sleds. A dog sled adventure will be raffled off for a fund raiser, which will benefit the playground fund. There will be lots of other prizes and activities.

Youth Commission – Trustee Conger reported that the Coalition for Healthy Youth, headed by John Gaines, plans to hold a "town meeting" in late April or early May and discuss the ideas they have to combat abuse in our community. The Elementary school kids worked on Holiday crafts and made various items in a program called "Build-It". There also was an Introduction to Arts program, which educated the kids that music and dancing are also considered art. At the Middle School, the Helping Hands made Holiday gifts for need families.

Sewer – Trustee Neville noted that the Public Hearing on the proposed rate increase will be next Monday night, Jan. 25th at 7 pm. Village Administrator updated the Board on the status of the contracts. All should be set to start work as soon as the weather breaks.

Water – Trustee Molino noted that motor on the pump on Well #3 had to be replaced. The problem was discovered during the fire on West South St. on New Years Day. Since it had to be pulled, the pump and the pipe were also replaced at the same time. The Dept. is looking into different alternative in regards to automatic meter reading equipment.

Web Site- Trustee Molino noted that he posted the minutes of the previous board meeting and neighborhood watch information on the web site.

There was more discussion by the Board in regards to the Municipal Building.

Trustee Perkins made a motion that the slate of chief officers for the Fire Dept. for 2010 be approved: Scott Metcalf-Chief, Jeffrey Lucas-Deputy Chief, Dale Muncey-First Assistant Chief, Joel Wheeler-Second Assistant Chief, and Lee Tracy-Third Assistant Chief. Seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Mayor Evener appointed VIRGINIA SHAFER to a five-year term on the Groton Housing Authority, term ending Jan. 30, 2015. Trustee Neville made a motion that the appointment be approved, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion that up to \$12,000 be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund-Water Supply and Treatment, to be used toward the cost of the necessary repairs to Well #3 on Conger Blvd., subject to permissive referendum, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that \$5,000 be withdrawn from the Unemployment Reserve Fund to fund a claim against the Village, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Trustee Neville made a motion that travel be approved to the NYCOM Winter Meeting in Albany, Feb. 21-23, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that Village purchase asphalt and bituminous material at State or County bid prices for 2010, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Christopher Dempsey and Charles Pratt-Citizen's Hook & Ladder Co. #3.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters in the Dept. of Public Works, Electric Dept. and Fire Dept., seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried. There were no resolutions adopted during the session.

At 9 pm, the meeting was adjourned to 7 pm on Monday, January 25.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADJOURNED MEETING OF JAN. 18, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2010
JAN. 25, 2010 7 PM**

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Conger, Perkins, Molino, Neville, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Jim Shurtleff, Bob Walpole, Peter Hughes-Police Officer, Deputy Clerk Vicki Lewis

Mayor Evener opened the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2010, amending Chapter 165 of the Code of the Village of Groton, "Sewers".

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

One e-mail comment from Mr. Paul Neno of 126 Clark St. was read into the record. His e-mail stated that although he did not like the idea of paying more for sewer service, he understood why it had to be done and appreciated the letter the Village provided explained the reasons why it had to be done.

Bob Walpole, owner of 147 Main St., stated he supported the adoption of the local law because the Village Board has little choice in the matter. It is important to maintain our infrastructure. He also stated that he realized that it likely we would not be getting any additional relief from State or Federal sources.

Being no further comments, Trustee Conger made a motion that the Public Hearing be closed, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Mayor Evener reconvened the meeting of January 18th.

Trustee Neville made a motion that Local Law No. 1 of 2010, a local law entitled "A local law amending Chapter 165 of the Code of the Village of Groton, "Sewers", to amend Section 165-3 thereof by replacing Section 165-3 thereof with a new Section 165-3", be adopted, seconded by Trustee Molino, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye".
Trustee Molino voted "aye".
Trustee Neville voted "aye".
Trustee Perkins voted "aye".
Mayor Evener voted "aye".

The local law was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

The meeting was closed at 7:07 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk