

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADJOURNED MEETING OF FEB. 15, 2010
MARCH 8, 2010 6:30 PM**

Mayor Evener reconvened the meeting of Feb. 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Conger, Molino, Perkins, Neville and Trustee candidate Jean Morey

There was discussion in regards to the sale of the old light plant property. It was the consensus of the Board that the building on the property be demolished and the property sold to Mark Dewitt (Baker-Miller Lumber) at not less than \$23,000.

Trustee Conger offered the following resolution:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 8, 2010.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$123,500 MONIES OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, on July 25, 2007 and September 30, 2009, duly adopted bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of an aggregate \$4,200,000 serial bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the reconstruction of portions of the wastewater treatment plant, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is \$4,323,500, an increase of \$123,500 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$123,500 of said Village for such specific object or purpose to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying additional costs of the reconstruction of portions of the wastewater treatment plant, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, there are hereby authorized to be expended an additional \$123,500 monies of the Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is now determined to be \$4,323,500, and that the plan for the financing thereof, provided in the aforescribed bond resolution of September 30, 2009 hereby supplemented to read as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$2,700,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted July 25, 2007 and by the issuance of an additional \$1,500,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted September 30, 2009 (together the "Bond Resolution"); and
- b) by the expenditure of the additional \$123,500 monies of said Village thereby authorized to be expended therefore pursuant to this resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations for said specific object or purpose.

Section 4. Pursuant to the Bond Resolution, the faith and credit of said Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such \$4,200,000 obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of

and interest on such \$4,200,000 obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such \$4,200,000 obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 6. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Trustee Perkins, 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 resolution was duly declared adopted.

The Board reviewed and discussed applications for the position of Code Enforcement Officer.

Budget work session.

The meeting was closed at 7:45 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 15, 2010 7 PM**

Mayor Evener opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Conger, Neville, Molino, Perkins, Trustee candidate Jean Morey, Steve Teeter – Electric Dept. Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Lt. Williams, Scott Metcalf-Fire Chief, George Senter-Code Enf. Officer, Peter Grossman – Village Attorney, Lester Coit, Nick Babel-Groton Independent and several Boy Scouts.

Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Evener noted that this is the last meeting for Trustee Chris Neville, who did not seek re-election, after fourteen years on the Board. Mayor Evener thanked him for his dedicated service to the Village.

Trustee Neville made a motion that the minutes of the Feb. 15th and 27th meetings be approved, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Perkins made a motion that the claims presented for review by approved, and the budget adjusted as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$750

To: Celebrations-Other Expense-7550.4-\$750

WATER FUND

Trans & Dist-Other Exp-8340.4-\$3,000

To: Trans & Dist-Pers Srves-8340.1-\$3,000

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

GENERAL (A10)	\$31,988.19	JOINT REC (J10)	\$35.15
WATER (F10)	31,855.57	CAPITAL-SWR (HI10)	4,606.00
SEWER (G10)	4,309.05	MISC SPEC FUND (CM10)	171.80
ELECTRIC (E100)	167,301.26		

Electric – Supervisor Steve Teeter reported that there has been some vandalism. Somebody has cut off the ground wire to the transformers. They cut six to eight feet of wire near the ground, whatever they can reach. About 20 poles in all on seven different streets. On Sunday, March 7, there was a MVA that took out a guide pole, thus there was no service interruption. Had to change out a transformer on Park St. that was causing service issues. The bucket truck and rubber equipment were di-electric tested and passed. One tree has been removed from the rear of 201 Spring St. that was over our 12,370 line. There is another tree that will be finished up and removed this week.

Dept. of Public Works – Supervisor Chad Shurtleff reported that all items at the garage in relation to the PESH violations were inspected and passed. Permits for bulk storage from the DEC have been applied for. Supervisor Shurtleff noted that he and Rick Case (Town Highway

Superintendent) went to the Town of Dryden to see what they have for a salt storage facility. There was a water leak on North Parkway that took all day to fix. There has been some street sweeping performed. Starting to schedule summer work. On April 17th, the Cornell volunteers will be coming in to work on various projects. Will be here about 4 to 5 hours.

Fire – Chief Metcalf noted that they have relocated their office to the back of the building. He would like to get new windows in the office – four in all. He asked that a list of candidates for EMT-Critical care be requested from Tompkins County Personnel.

Streets – Trustee Conger reported that the February 25th storm took a lot of effort from both Depts. Ed Smith was called in to assist in hauling snow. Also provided some assistance to the cycle center and the school. Dept. also patched some potholes.

Youth Commission – Trustee Conger reported that at the Elementary School, Monica Dykeman has 13 kids in the healthy body program, 19 in winter crafts and 21 in “Solve It”, which encourages kids to “think outside the box”. 17 are in Homework Helpers, who assist the kids on Thursdays who need extra help. On Fridays, Monica is running a series of one-day programs with activities such as candlemaking, swimming at TC3, etc. At the Middle School, Viola has eight in the “Get Fit” program in which they go into circuit training. Eight took part in cross country skiing and snowshoeing. There are 11 in the Helping Hands program.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger reported 67 girls and 55 boys participated in basketball. There will be sign-ups for baseball/softball on March 13th and 20th in conjunction with a coaches clinic at the High School. There will be 80 to 100 Cornell students performing volunteer cleanup work in the Village on April 17th. They will be used mostly at the Park, but there will be some things done uptown and at the Legion. On March 30th at 7 pm, Groton Central School and the Groton Youth Commission will sponsor a presentation on adolescent brain development. Guest speaker will be Kimberly McRae Friedman.

Trustee Conger also noted a pamphlet called the Working Families Mobility Program. It provides bus passes, gas cards, mileage reimbursement for those looking for work. It is being sponsored by the Tompkins County Dept. of Social Services.

Sewer – Trustee Neville noted that the pre-construction meeting will be held on Weds., March 24th at 9 am. Treasurer Rankin noted that he will be having a conference call with NYS EFC in regards to getting a market rate short-term loan on the other half not funding under the normal EFC 0% rate.

Water – Trustee Molino reported that the annual water report has been drafted and has gone to the Tompkins County Health Dept. for review. Chad Shurtleff noted that the quote for the automatic water readers is a little more than we thought.

Web site – Trustee Molino reported that he will post the presentation on the adolescent brain development.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that February was quiet. He noted that the Dept. is now in the front of the building. He thanked the Fire Dept. and the Village crew for their assistance with the move.

Trustee Perkins noted that we will be getting bids on a new roof for the Municipal Building.

Jay Franklin, Director of Assessment for Tompkins County came before the Board. He has been with the Dept. since 1997. Tompkins County Assessment Dept is unique, it is the only true county assessing unit in the State. It was established by County Charter. Since he took over as Director in November, one of his goals is to visit the local municipalities. His Dept. can provide reports to assist and each year they provide a list of various exemptions that are available to us. Properties are assessed each year at 100% valuation. This year, there were 2,800 changes in the County, with 14 decreases and 28 increases in the Village. Jay briefly reviewed the grievance procedure. Our local assessor is Barb Just. He stated we can feel free to call him with any questions or concerns or any way his Dept. can assist the Village.

Trustee Neville made a motion to approve the financial report as prepared by Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little and Mickelson for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Molino offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE
VILLAGE OF GROTON**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, and

WHEREAS, the month of April 2010 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Village.

Seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Trustee Conger offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TO ENTRANCE INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM FOR NEW YORK
STATE SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) is comprised of all municipalities in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE OF GROTON is a member to the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG), and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the County, on behalf of TCCOG, accepted an incentive award under the New York State Shared Municipal Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the grant's purpose is to assist the municipalities in Tompkins County create a local municipal health insurance consortium, and

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Consortium will develop health benefits coverage for all participating municipalities with the intent to provide a net savings to the taxpayers of Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, TCCOG encourages the signature of an inter-municipal agreement by TCCOG, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an inter-municipal agreement effective January 1, 2010 with the Greater Tompkins County Health Insurance Consortium for the New York State Shared Municipal Services Program.

Seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for youth services in the amount of \$59,858, for the year 2010, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Perkins made a motion to approve the following:

- a) the contract with Gadabout Transportation Services in the amount of \$3,700 for 2010.
- b) A noise permit for Groton Assembly of God Church for Saturday, May 15th from 7 to 10:30 pm.
- c) Approval of travel to NYCOM Economic Development Meeting in Watkins Glen on April 21.

Seconded by Trustee Neville carried.

The annual organizational meeting of the Village was set for Monday, April 5 at 6:15 pm.

The public hearing on the 2010-2011 budget was set for Monday, April 5 at 6:30 pm.

Admin. Rankin reported that a band for Friday night, June 11th has been hired for the celebration that weekend. AJ bus tours have also been hired to use for the historic tours on Saturday of that week. There will be a meeting of the committee on March 24th in which more details of the events of the weekend will be figured out.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a matter of personnel in the Code Enforcement Dept., the sale of real property and to consult with the Village Attorney, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

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

Trustee Conger made a motion to allow the owners of Fingerlakes Aquaculture, upon the advise of counsel, to sell the equipment from the site, with the proceeds being used to satisfy the Village's lien, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

There was a brief discussion in relation to the budget. It was declared that the Village has a tentative budget to be put to public hearing on Monday, April 5th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 9:10 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk