

# Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, December 20, 2021

7:00pm

7:00pm Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Board Members**

Trustee Conger  
Trustee Morey  
Trustee Walpole  
Mayor Neville  
Trustee Holl

## **Others in attendance:**

Nancy Niswender - Clerk  
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.  
Steve Teeter - Elec Suprv.  
Lt. Troy Boice  
Ben Nelson - Fire Chief  
Eric DeForrest - Fire Dept  
Charles Rankin  
Andrew Sullivan

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

## **Audit of claims and approval thereof.**

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

### **General Fund**

A1620.21	Buildings New	1,334.27	
A1620.2	Buildings		1,334.27
A1990.4	Contingent	2,500.00	
A1410.12	Pers Srv (Rec. Clerk)		2,000.00
A1325.4	Treasurer Cont.		500.00
A511	Appr Reserves	3,822.46	
A9950.9	Tfr Misc Capital		3,822.46

### **Sewer Fund**

G8130.4	Treatment Plant	800.00	
G8120.4	Sewer Lines		800.00

The claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

### **Abstract # 7**

GENERAL	166,591.77
WATER	11,582.48
SEWER	12,818.19
ELECTRIC	118,175.93
JOINT REC	1,473.30
CAPITAL	3,822.46

Seconded by Trustee , all in favor, carried.

## **Monthly Department Reports:**

### **Electric Department:**

#### **Supervisor Teeter reviewed his report submitted (attached to the minutes)**

- December 5th broken pole - needed to be switched over to backup line and with the help of Marathon and their digger - they reset the pole.
- Will need to change out cracked insulators this summer. Many of them have cracked.
- Friday night - broken pole on Clark Street - Chad and Rick helped out with this.
- December 12th - Tom Billups and Jack Breed went to Spencerport to help out with outages from the wind storm in that area.
- Jan 4th NE safety school is scheduled.

### **Department of Public Works**

#### **Supervisor Shurtleff reviewed his report submitted (attached to the minutes)**

- Leaf pick up is finished
- Lincoln Ave - emergency dig
- Water leak on Mack St - Steve & others helped
- South & Main leak
- Repaired Salt Shed is working nice
- On the Main Street lot - North Line - a contractor for NYSEG will be using the area for 6-8 months to do repairs. They will pay a \$600 monthly rent and will maintain the lot while they are here.

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant**

#### **Trustee Walpole Reported:**

- The auger on the conveyor went down and Alvin had to call in AN Martin to come in and repair. It is not yet working properly and they will need to come back in.

### **Police Department**

#### **Lt. Troy Boice Reported**

- Had meeting at the school and attended their Board meeting and discussed and SRO program. This will be determined and if moving forward a contract will need to be done.
- Roof on station completed and no leaks.

### **Fire Department**

#### **Chief Ben Nelson reported:**

- We have had 989 calls so far on track for 1000 calls for the year (818 ambulance , 171 rescue)
- Tree lighting went well last week.
- Chief Nelson opted out of running for Fire Chief - Elections will be January 5th. Installation will be on January 15th.
- Public Service Announcement - Check on your neighbors especially if they are older or live alone.
- Mayor Neville thanked Ben for his service.

### **Joint Recreation**

#### **Trustee Conger reported:**

Trustee Conger reported the Joint Recreation Report from Jennifer Jones (attached to these minutes)

### **Groton Youth Commission**

#### **Trustee Conger reported:**

Trustee Conger reported the GYS April Report from Nick Wager (attached to these minutes)

**7:15pm Public Hearing on Local Law #4 Sewer**

Clerk Niswender read the Public Notice.

Charles Rankin mentioned that this will help keep the sewer fund operating while we continue to find funding for upgrade.

**7:17pm** The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "SEWERS" . (attached)

Clerk Niswender read the Notice of Public Hearing (attached).

Charles Rankin mentioned that this will help keep the sewer fund operating while we continue to find funding for upgrade.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the Local Law No. 4 of 2021, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "SEWERS" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",

Trustee Morey voted "aye",

Trustee Holl voted "aye",

Mayor Neville voted "aye"

Trustee Walpole - "aye"

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

Trustee Morey made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:17pm, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

**Action Items**

- A review of the proposed rate increase statement was reviewed and discussed. Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution to submit an electric rate increase proposal to the New York State Department of Public Service , seconded by Trustee Walpole, all in favor, carried.
- Review and authorization to have Mayor sign the Gadabout Contract for \$4,200 Trustee Walpole made a motion , to authorize the Mayor to sign seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.
- Public Hearing for Local Law #1 to override the tax cap scheduled for the January 18, 2022 meeting at 7:30pm.
- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution subject to permissive referendum to transfer up to \$8,000 from the Waste Water Capital Reserve account to cover replacement of equipment and apparatus, seconded by Trustee Morey , all in favor, carried.

**7:40pm** Trustee Conger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a specific employee, seconded by Trustee Walpole , carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

**7:45pm** Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Niswender

Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator