

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 17, 2015 7 PM

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Alt. Deputy Mayor Conger opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Trustees Conger, Morey and Holl, Mike Andersen-Code Enf. Officer, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-Public Works Supervisor, Peter Grossman-Attorney for the Village, Michael Daw, Rick Uhl, Katrina Medeiros, Melanie Morton and Michael Nocella-Groton Independent

Absent were: Mayor Neville and Trustee Evener

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting and the August 4th adjourned meeting, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$200

To: Youth Employment-Pers Srves-7310.1-\$200

WATER FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$3,800

To: Treatment Plant-Equipment-8330.2-\$3,800

Inc. – Appro Reserves-F511-\$12,802.02

Inc. - Interfund Transfers-9950.9-\$12,802.02

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

GENERAL (A3)	\$96,850.30	JOINT REC (J3)	\$3,741.28
WATER (F3)	22,370.66	COM DEV (PI 15-8)	2,210.84
SEWER (G3)	18,636.13	COM DEV (Housing Rehab)	37,082.17
ELECTRIC (E3)	89,628.03	COM DEV (Microenterprise)	43,224.33

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that the new line on Cortland Street is almost complete. The crew will be putting longer arms on the additional street lights that have been installed. Nine LED lights have

been purchased and installed at various intersections. There are 40 more on the way. The crew will be lighting intersections first then will expand out into other areas. The drawings on the new bucket truck have been completed and the company rep will be here on Wednesday to review them with us to make sure the truck is arranged the way we want it to be. Crew completed its annual pole top rescue training last week, which is an OSHA requirement. The bucket and digger-derrick trucks are due for their annual stress testing. There have been two requests for new services within the past week.

Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff reported that they have assisted some homeowners with backed up sewers. The crew has been grinding out and patching sections of streets as time permits. The annual paving projects will take place during the first couple of weeks of September. The proposed streets to be paved will need milling in advance. The crew assisted the State DOT with the Main Street paving, making sure valve boxes, etc. were at the proper grade. There was a small water leak on Lincoln Ave. The hydrant in front of the nursing home on Sykes Street was replaced. Normal prep and cleanup for Olde Home Days was performed.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Andersen reported that activity has been busy. Forty permits for siding, roofing and windows have been issued (estimated value of about \$173,000) and thirty regular permits (estimated value of about \$260,000). The annual inspections of multiple residences mean that 340 living units have to be inspected each year. The Department of State have come out with new regulations in regards to decks.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger reported that summer camp ended on Friday. They had between 42 & 48 each week. The staff did a great job and stepped up well when Monica was out sick. Angela Conger transported the lunches. There were no Health Dept. violations.

Public comments:

Katrina Medeiros, attorney representing Rick Uhl, stated that they were disappointed that the Village had gone back to the original plan to zone Mr. Uhl's subdivision single-family. She stated they would like to go back to a proposed compromise solution in which the east side of the proposed street would be two-family and the west side would be single family. Further, Mr. Uhl would consider a street that would be dedicated to the Village in this development.

Rick Uhl stated that he is presently has a mortgage on the property and for many reasons it is not profitable to develop as a single-family development. If the compromise solution was adopted, he would build the duplexes first followed by the single-family units. He also would consider deeding the lot which is a swampy area near Elm Street to the Village to aid in storm water control. He stated that the Village, in regards to stormwater control, would have more of a say in the matter with duplexes since they would fall under the definition of commercial on the DEC stormwater regulations.

A Full Environmental Assessment Form in regards to Local Law No. 3 of 2015, amendments to Zoning, was reviewed. There were amendments to Section C of Part I. Upon conclusion, Trustee Holl made a

motion: a) that this is a Type I action under SEQR, b) that the Board of Trustees is the lead agency, c) that there will be uncoordinated review, and d) that the proposed action will have no significant environmental impact and the Mayor is authorized to sign a negative declaration. Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Alt. Deputy Mayor appointed Sallie Devlen to an unexpired term on the Groton Housing Authority, term ending Jan. 30, 2020. Bradley Eldred has resigned. Trustee Holl made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Melanie Morton appeared before the Board to discuss the discontinuance of her sidewalk on the corner of Sykes Street and Linderman Ave. She stated that her husband (now deceased) removed the walk to keep water out. They eventually had plans to replace. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they need to look at the area and that the matter be tabled until next month to give board members a chance to do so.

There was discussion in regards to property owners who leave garbage out in bags that eventually get ripped open by dogs, birds, etc. Chapter 119 of the Code states that "the storage of garbage before collection, every householder shall provide metal or other suitable receptacles with overlapping and tight-fitting covers". Upon conclusion, the consensus of the Board is that letters should be sent out to those in flagrant violation of this Chapter. Admin. Rankin will submit a draft for the Board to review.

Trustee Morey made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue in the Fire Dept., seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

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

At 8:20 pm, the meeting was adjourned to 7 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADJOURNED MEETING OF AUG. 17, 2015
SEPT. 1, 2015 **7 PM**

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This meeting was held at the Groton Town Building, 201 Conger Boulevard. This was a joint meeting with the Town Board and Fire Dept. to discuss issues with the ambulance.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger and Morey

Absent were: Trustees Evener and Holl

Town Board members present: Supervisor Don Scheffler, Councilpersons Rick Gamel and Kelly Smith, Town Clerk April Scheffler

Fire Dept. representatives: Asst. Fire Chief Ben Nelson, Lester Coit, Lee Shurtleff

Others present: Steve Foote

Lee Shurtleff presented "Emergency Response Procedures for the Village of Groton". This is a pared down version of point to consider in regards to EMS service in the Town and Village of Groton. The Dept. has hired to two full-time Advanced EMTs to cover daytime shifts from Sunday to Friday. The Dept. is trying to recruit and increase its per diem help, but there are still some holes in the schedule. Unlike the private agencies, the Village has to adhere to Tompkins County Civil Service procedures to hire on additional personnel, which hinders the process.

Lester Coit noted evenings are usually covered on Monday thru Wednesday and sometimes Thursday. The other nights and weekends are where there are holes in the schedule.

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the ambulance staffing problem. It was concluded that the survey on ambulance service that was once proposed to be sent out to residents would be of little use at this point.

In conclusion, it was the consensus of those present that the public should be notified of ambulance staffing situation and that the Mayor and Town Supervisor issue a joint press release in this regard. Lee Shurtleff will work with them to produce the release

The meeting closed at 8: 30 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

