

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021

7:00pm

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

Board Members

Trustee Conger
Trustee Morey
Trustee Walpole
Mayor Neville
Trustee Holl (absent)

Others in attendance:

Nancy Niswender - Clerk
Mike Anderson - Code Officer
Lt. Troy Boice
Doug Brown

Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Audit of claims and approval thereof.

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

General Fund

A1990.4 Contingent	1,000.00	
A1410.12 Pers Srv (Rec. Clerk)		1,000.00

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

Abstract #6

GENERAL	184,533.73
WATER	12,570.28
SEWER	23,130.47
ELECTRIC	104,545.21
JOINT REC	6,500.00
CAPITAL	30,074.00

Seconded by Trustee Walpole, all in favor, carried.

Monthly Department Reports:

Electric Department:

Supervisor Teeter report submitted (attached to the minutes)

Department of Public Works

Supervisor Shurtleff report submitted (attached to the minutes)

Salt Shed has been completed.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Trustee Walpole Reported:

- Visited the Wastewater Plant and toured the area. Everything is looking better and sludge pick up has caught up. The monitoring alarm was malfunctioning. We need to review how this can be repaired.

Police Department

Lt. Troy Boice Reported

- New Police car was picked up and is in process of being striped. We received some items from the county and will purchase the remaining items needed.
- There is a school meeting Thursday to discuss student fighting. Lt. Boice and some of his officers will be present and Trustees Walpole and Morey will attend, in addition to the Mayor. Lt. Boice has proposed an SRO program.
- Trustee Walpole mentioned he has seen several teens and young adult hanging in the park area after dark. The police are monitoring.

Fire Department

Chief Ben Nelson sent in a report:

- We were able to sell our 2 tankers on auctions international. We did very well on them.
- A couple of the members and significant others to members have started a fundraiser for the department. They will be making pies for Thanksgiving
- Otherwise we'll be looking to wrap up the year soon. Working on the details for Santa and Christmas tree lighting.

Code Enforcement

Officer Andersen Reported:

Code Activity:

Estimated Cost of Work to be done:

Permit Fees:

Building Permits	38	\$	624,131	\$	2,427.00
Roofing Permits	42	\$	278,000	\$	1,415.00
Fire Safety Insp	70			\$	2,617.00
Total Income to Offset Code Office to Date				\$	<u><u>6,459.00</u></u>

- Jeff Toolan did not show up for his court appearance. He was served today. Officer Andersen shared photos of the Hotel property, and the property still needs to be inspected, as it hasn't been in several years and should not be reopened until it has been. Jeff Toolan has not made the appointment for this inspection. The Judge is postponing the case until next hearing.
- The mobile home park is being sold and the new owners have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- We should review our fees. Code Office Andersen handed in a report for comparison.
- Mike discussed the responsibilities of a code officer and things he will relay to the new incoming officer.
- Morton's 126 Sykes- Clean up requested- 10 days given
- The Mayor inquired about any news on the home that would be going on Washington Ave. Mike said he has not heard anything.

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)

Presentation & Discussion Items

- Village trash receptacles were removed due to individuals putting in household trash and creating bug infested concerns. Doug Brown said that after local business put locks on their dumpsters, other dumpsters and trash receptacles were getting filled up. It appears that several of the Village dumpsters have also been being used for household garbage. Doug Brown said that Tompkins County has a solid waste management officer and we could work with them.
- No public attended to discuss solutions to returning the trash receptacles. At this time the Board will not return the receptacles. This will be reviewed this again in the Spring.

Action Items

- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a Resolution to return unpaid taxes of \$31,340.35 with interest and penalties of \$2,573.25 for a total of \$33,913.60 to Tompkins County, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Walpole made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to submit an application for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) funding & setting the framework for future funding, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Walpole made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept the SEQRA for the Wastewater System Improvement Project as outlined in the WIIA Grant and CT Male Study, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Mayor appointed Matt Whitaker as provisional Zoning/Code/Fire Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$21.00 per hour.

7:55pm Trustee Conger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss properties item, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

8:05pm Trustee Conger made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Trustee Morey , carried.

8:09pm Trustee Walpole made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Niswender
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator