

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00pm

7:05pm Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Board Members

Trustee Conger
Trustee Morey
Trustee Walpole remote(zoom)
Mayor Neville
Trustee Holl Absent

Others in attendance:

Nancy Niswender - Clerk
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.
Steve Teeter - Elec Suprv.
Matt Whitaker - Code Officer
Lt Troy Boice - Police Chief
Eric DeForrest - Fire Chief
Jennifer Jones - Rec Director

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Morey , carried.

Audit of claims and approval thereof.

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

General Fund

A1990.4	Contingent	5,045.00	
A1410.4	Clerk/Treas Cont		500.00
A1410.12	Pers Srv (Rec. Clerk)		1,000.00
A1620.47	Treasurer Cont.		825.00
A3410.4	Ambulance Cont.		2,120.00
A8010.4	Zoning - Cont		600.00
G511	Appr Reserves	3,759.00	
G9950.9	Tfr Capital		3,759.00
J2001WR	JRec Wrest. Income	1,145.00	
J7145.44	JRec Wrest. Expense		1,145.00

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

Abstract # 8

GENERAL	41,563.47
WATER	9,844.41
SEWER	14,053.62
ELECTRIC	117,137.01
JOINT REC	922.75
SEWER CAPITAL	3,759.00

Seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

Monthly Department Reports:

Electric Department:

Supervisor Teeter gave the following report:

- Endicott Safety Training is tomorrow. We will make up the class that was cancelled.
- Jan 25th Diversified Inspection of Digger Derick and Bucket Truck
- Jan 26th yearly Substation Oil Samples.

Department of Public Works

Supervisor Shurtleff reviewed his report (attached to the minutes)

- 180 tons of salt used since November
- The beaver that was blocking overflow on the pond on Sears Rd. has been removed.
- Health Department - Year end water samples all good.
- Water Quality reports will be worked on.
- Helped with water/service set up at some of the older houses being redone around town.
- Helped out with 126 Sykes - water froze
- Loader down - emissions - service technician call will be expensive.
- Backhoe not working properly. A new spool valve will cost \$6,500, we can do this in house. Mayor asked Supervisor Shurtleff to get 2nd opinion.

Police Department

Lt. Troy Boice Reported

- The new car is being outfitted
- New Officer finished field training and is on his own now.
- 2 officers will be leaving.

Fire Department

Chief Eric DeForrest reported:

- Slate of Officers sworn in at the Installation Banquet was submitted.
Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the following list of Fire Chiefs:
2022 Groton Fire Department Slate of Officers Presented
Chief - Eric DeForrest
Deputy Chief - Rob Gallinger
First Assistant Chief - Doug Houck
Second Assistant Chief - Mike Lockwood
Third Assistant Chief - Josh Barron
Seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- 2021 Call Record:
841 Ambulance
161 Fire
1002 Total Calls
5 Structure Fires with a total loss of \$52,000 - A low number due to education and training of fire fighters.
EMS Calls:
520 inside Village, 191 outside Village, 96 calls for McLean, 34 out of District.
- The Fire Department will be holding a Chicken BBQ on Superbowl weekend.

Code Enforcement

Officer Whitaker reviewed and submitted his report - attached.

Joint Recreation

Jennifer Jones Recreation director reported the following:

We have received a \$5,000 grant to go toward the tennis court upgrades. We could apply for another additional grant.

A discussion followed of the location and cost of refinishing the tennis courts. The current cost to replace would be approx. \$60,000. At this time we will look at repairing and upgrading what we can & plan for a complete refinishing in 5 years.

Rec. Director Jones will look at getting a grant to help with the park driveway improvements.

A Discussion followed concerning the pool. Suprv. Shurtleff will look and see what will be required to clean up the pool surface

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)

7:33pm Public Hearing on Local Law #1

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 - A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c . (attached)

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

Trustee Conger made a motion that the Local Law No. 1 of 2022, TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",

Trustee Morey voted "aye",

Mayor Neville voted "aye"

Trustee Walpole - "aye"

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

Trustee Conger made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:36pm, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

7:37pm Public Hearing on Local Law #2 Water

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "WATER" . (attached)

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

Trustee made a motion that the Local Law No. 2 of 2022, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "WATER" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",

Trustee Morey voted "aye",

Mayor Neville voted "aye"

Trustee Walpole - "aye"

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

Trustee Conger made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:40pm, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Action Items

- Trustee Morey made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the Village of Groton Diversity Policy , seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Walpole made a motion to adopt a resolution to use State and/or County bid prices for the purchase of asphalt and bituminous materials and kerosene, diesel and unleaded fuels. , seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution to participate in the Tompkins County Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium , seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion of a policy for a Village of Groton Employee Vaccination and Testing policy. Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt the Village of Groton Employee Vaccination and Testing policy, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve Fire/Ambulance Contracts with Town of Groton (Fire \$152,000, Ambulance \$173,000), seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Conger made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve travel and attendance for Clerk & one employee to the GFOA Conference April 6 - 8, 2022, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Schedule first Budget Meeting (tentative Saturday February 26th)

8:15pm Trustee Walpole made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a specific employee's position, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

8:49pm Trustee Conger made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

8:50pm Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Niswender
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator