

# Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021

7:00pm

7:00pm Deputy Mayor Conger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Board Members**

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

## **Others in attendance:**

Vicki Marks - Deputy Clerk  
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.  
Steve Teeter - Elec Suprv.  
Mike Anderson - Code Officer  
Lt. Troy Boice  
Ben Nelson - Fire Chief  
Andrew Sullivan - Groton Independent

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Walpole., carried

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

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

### **Sewer Fund**

G1990.4	Contingency	14.90	
G9950.9	Tfr To Capital		14.90

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

### **Abstract # 4**

GENERAL	148,337.06
WATER	27,504.42
SEWER	30,764.88
ELECTRIC	110,807.51
JOINT REC	154.47

Seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

## **Monthly Department Reports:**

### **Electric Department:**

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

- Power outage on Monday 9/13/21 due to tree knocking down NYSEG pole, bringing down power lines. Location on Sovocool Hill road, just outside Village limits. NYSEG fed the Village from Auburn.
- They are still working on the tree trimming program to keep wires safe.

### **Department of Public Works**

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

- Paving - tentative scheduled next Thursday – 9/30/21 and Monday 10/4/21
- Will not be paving around the Conger Blvd. garage – scheduled April 2022 with Stanley Paving Co.
- S. Main Street did not get paved this year due to the tentative Groton Central School capital improvement project to Ross Field that may require digging in street for new water & sewer lines.

## Police Department

### Lt. Troy Boice Reported

- Served 3 arrest warrants for house searches – found drugs and guns, Person arrested – felony – Feds have taken over.
- Talked to GOHD committee that next year need to designate a “Lost & Found” area. The Village Board thanked the Police Department for a great job done at GOHD

## Fire Department

### Chief Ben Nelson reported:

- Delivery of new tanker in August was delayed, arrived Thursday 9/16/21 and needs radio, etc. to be installed.
- Before use of new tanker, extensive training on the new equipment for any potential operators.
- Jillian Morales was presented and approved to be in the Conger Hose Company

## Code Enforcement

### Officer Andersen Reported:

Code Activity:	Estimated Cost of Work to be done:	Permit Fees:
32 Window & Roof Permits	\$ 233,133	\$ 1,112.00
29 Building Permits	\$ 577,482	\$ 2,139.00
53 Fire Safety Inspections		\$ 2,052.00
Total Income to Offset Code Office to Date		<u>\$ 5,303.00</u>

- Contacted by the new owners of the Benn Conger regarding zoning – possibly building pavilions for covered events in place of tents.
- Bunn Appetite Bakery has new owners that want to erect new signs.
- Contacted by interested person of the old fish farm of a new business, possibly a Regional Truck. The pole barn will need to have a truss inspection, has had many areas of the roof collapsing.
- Court date (9/21/21) with Sue Toolan, owner of 205 Peru Rd – property maintenance violations
- As of today, no response from Jeff, Dennis or Sue Toolan for property maintenance violation notice at 102 E. Cortland St. or the required Life Safety Inspection. Will be contacting Judge Norman for court date. Jeff Toolan has been advertising the Hotel Groton now booking events and get togethers – reserve through their Airbnb.

## Joint Recreation

### Trustee Conger reported:

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

Trustee Walpole thanked Trustee Conger for all her hard work with the programs.

## Groton Youth Commission

### Trustee Conger reported:

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

## Action Items

- Trustee Walpole made a motion to adopt a resolution to observe October 3-9th as Public Power Week, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Holl made a motion to adopt a resolution designating the Village Office as the one polling place for the Village Elections on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 , seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion of replacing the damaged salt shed. We received insurance recovery of \$18,094.31. As the shed had collapsed due to heavy snow coverage it was discussed to replace it with a more permanent structure. Trustee Holl made a motion to accept a bid of \$31,000 and to adjust the difference in the budget from the New Building account A1620.21 to A1620.2, seconded by Trustee Walpole, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion of roof repair over the Police Office section of the Fire Department Building. As the Police plan to stay in the building Trustee Walpole made a motion to accept the Bid of \$13,500 and to transfer funds from A3120.4 to A1620.47 for the cost of the repair, seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion of the Groton Central School District 2021 Capital Project SEQR request. Trustee Holl made a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the SEQR naming the Groton Central School District Board of Education as lead agency pursuant to the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor carried.

7:35pm Acting Mayor Conger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel, seconded by Trustee Walpole, carried.

8:00pm Trustee Walpole made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

- Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve appointment of Carson Bridges as Electric Utility Helper at a rate of \$21.50 per hr. and to start him November 1st, 2021, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried
- Trustee Holl made a motion to approve provisional hiring of Payten Boice as Laborer Level III at a rate \$21.00 per hr., seconded by Trustee Walpole

8:10pm Trustee Holl made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Marks  
Deputy Village Clerk