

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday June 17, 2019

Present: Mayor Neville, Trustees Morey, Conger and Walpole, Nancy Niswender - Clerk/Treas, Chad Shurtleff - DPW Supv, Ben Nelson -Fire Chief, Mike Andersen - Code Enf, Lt. Troy Boice, Police OIC, Admin Charles Rankin, Attn Peter Grossman, Rick Neville, GFD, Carmen Munson, Andrew Sullivan

Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Trustee Conger.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims and adjustments presented for review.

Budget Adjustment:

J7145.47 Trail Grant \$5,000	to corrected account # J7145.48 Trail Grant	\$5,000.00
F511 Appro Reserves \$5,627.14	F9950.9 Tfr to Capital Proj	\$5,627.14
G511 Appro Reserves \$8,337.00	G9950.9 Tfr to Capital Proj	\$8,337.00

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

Abstract # 13

GENERAL	\$ 96,654.79	PARK CAPITAL	\$ 597.16
WATER	\$ 1,773.18	BUILDING	\$ 7,500.34
SEWER	\$ 5,270.68		

Abstract # 1

GENERAL	\$134,829.57	ELECTRIC	\$ 71,483.17
WATER	\$ 27,449.91	JOINT REC	\$ 693.30
SEWER	\$ 14,669.40	WATER CAPITAL	\$ 5,627.14
SEWER CAPITAL	\$ 8,337.00	PARK CAPITAL	\$ 7,646.32

Mayor Neville appointed the following list of additional summer staff:

Lifeguards:

Jaden Howell
Griffin Scarletta

Youth Workers:

RJ Shurtleff
Drew Jackson
Brooklyn Shurtleff

Summers of Service UWTC Intern

Julian Sammons

Discussion followed on request to purchase left over firewood from the logging on Sears road 2 years ago. The Mayor has done some research and suggested \$5 per cord. Liability Insurance waiver letter required. Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the sale at \$5 per cord pending Liability Insurance waiver, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Admin Rankin discussed the letter from NYS - Notifying us that our IDA is delinquent with our annual report and is requiring some extensive paperwork. We have taken the position that the IDA no longer exist, and a letter was sent to the Authority Budget Office on February 15th asking them for their opinion on this status. We have received no response. Admin Rankin contacted NYCOM for their comments, which they suggested that we write them back with a copy of the letter stating our position and to follow up with ABO.

Discussion followed on letter from water/sewer customer Bert Gildersleeve requesting credit due to a water leak.

Trustee Morey made a motion to take an average of 3 months of bills and give credit for half of difference., seconded Walpole, carried

Discussion followed on letter from Joseph Sirvent on a noise permit request and fireworks.

Trustee Walpole made a motion on the noise permit until 10pm, but not to allow fireworks, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Monthly department reports.

DPW:

Supv Shurtleff reported:

We spent half of our time on the park, pool and buildings.

The crew put on new siding and painted. Kelly and Olivia helped with the painting.

The motor on the pump burnt out and have ordered a new one. We hope the motor will be in tomorrow.

We have received the new bike rack, old one to be removed. New garbage cans have been ordered.

We assisted the Town of Groton with paving.

New tribometer meter is now online and working.

We fixed pot hole on Main Street in two layers to hopefully make it last longer.

Blanchard Heights and Sykes Street on the paving list this year.

Groton Fire Department:

Chief Ben Nelson reported:

Calls YTD: 400 ambulance calls 72 fire calls. Thanks to the Village for all the support in staffing.

Fireworks all set and all permitting in. July 5th.

Summer camp starts July 15th.

NYS legislation – on Fire Departments allowing to bill for their services. Something to keep an eye on.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer Anderson reported:

We have issued 13 building permits, 16 roofing and window permits.

Old Chatham Cheese factory – still shooting for opening on August 1st.

Auction tonight on properties, Elm, Plastisol, 133 Cayuga St. 133 Cayuga St may have been pulled off due to court order. Owner fined \$750 for not cleaning.

Numerous complaints on Washington and South Main. Several letters have been sent. We may need to take care of and bill them.

Training coming up on Code Enforcement & drones

No report on grease traps.

Workers Comp - Exemption Form State CE 200 for Amish.

Police Report

Lt. Boice reported:

The department is ready for the fireworks.

Veterans ride coming up.

Would like to fill 2 roster spots – has some trained officers that are interested.

Solar speed sign – look into cost.

The worked on the new cameras last Tuesday, but there has been a delay in the install.

Joint Recreation:

Trustee Conger reported:

Youth Track ended June 5th with an ice cream social.

Youth baseball and softball still running – a 7 town tournament to be held on the 22nd here in Groton.

Summer programs set; registrations available online through the 30th then paper registrations will be accepted.

Joe Manning will be running the boys summer basketball program.

Swim lessons begin July 1st. Craft shack open. July 8th

Youth cross county to begin in the Fall.

Youth football will be moving to a new bigger league – all games will be in Cortland and Homer.

Youth Commission

Survey was completed in Groton and result reports were handed out.

Summer day camp almost at capacity. Early bird registration was a big success. This year breakfast, lunch and snack all available at the Groton School. There will be five field trips. Harvest Grant Garden boxes were given to five families.

Park Foundation Grant received – Groton Harvest, \$13,260 lunches and youth employment.

Wastewater

Trustee Walpole reported:

Alvin reports he has been staying busy, painting mowing. New grinder in and installed and it is working well.

Notified by the DEC we need to have an overflow safety plan. This will need to be developed and implemented over the last several months.

Motion made by Trustee Walpole 2nd Morey to pay for fall NYCOM Chuck Rankin.

Public Comments:

Carmen Munson – acknowledge and thank all for moving project forward. Would like to clarify any questions on agreement. The Mayor mentioned that the board agreed on the prior agreement before the new changes. Carmen mentioned that she thought that not all of the changes had been made and would like to discuss those. The Mayor again mentioned that the contract would stand as is.

Mayor Neville made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:59pm

Trustee Conger made a motion to move Kelly Bishop to \$14 per hour in consideration of passing test, seconded by Trustee Walpole.

Trustee Morey made a motion to return from executive session 8:29pm

Trustee Conger made a motion made to adjourn 8: 30pm

Nancy Niswender
Clerk Treasurer