

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAR. 21, 2016 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey, Evener and Holl, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Tim Williams-Police OIC, Jamie Babcock-Fire Chief, William Troy-Attorney, Kayla Esparza, Jen Foote Dean, Shana Snyder, Christine Personius and Jamie Cone-Groton Independent

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 16th meeting and its related adjournments, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the claims presented for review be approved, and the budget adjusted as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$9,000

To: Clerk-Other Exp-1410.4-\$500
Attorney-Special Srves-1420.41-\$8,500

SEWER FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$8,000

To: Treatment Plant-Other Exp-8130.4-\$8,000

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

GENERAL (A10)	\$94,593.62	JOINT REC (J10)	\$2,966.15
WATER (F10)	26,548.04	COM DEV (Housing Rehab)	17,587.32
SEWER (G10)	6,743.08	COM DEV (PI 16-3)	801.91
ELECTRIC (E10)	149,212.16		

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that SD Myers was here on March 16th to take the yearly oil samples from the substation transformers. We will get the results in a few weeks. We took delivery on a load of poles (16). The stock was low and there are some older poles in the Village that need to be changed out. The crew will be attending the MEUA Engineering Workshop in East Syracuse on March 23 & 24. On March 28th, Lineman’s Safety Training will be here to test the gloves and trucks. They run 20,000 volts through them and check for leaks and pinholes. The crew is scheduled to help Marathon on

Friday. The dept has received 50 more LED street light fixtures and are installing them as time permits. They are concentrating on the more heavily traveled streets initially.

Fire Dept – Chief Babcock noted he had two new members for membership. The Dept. has started a mentor program in an effort to keep members interested. They try to have activities every other week. This is good preparation for the Firefighter I course that will be given in the fall. The Department passed the re-inspection by the Dept. of Labor. An inspection by the ISO (Insurance Rating) took place. They are waiting on hydrant tests in order to issue a rating. March 26th is the Dept. Easter Egg hunt and July 2nd is the fireworks.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Jason Personius and Thomas Personius – Pioneer Hose Co. #1.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger reported that youth basketball and wrestling are done. A second session of Zumba has started. Cabin Fever Festival was a success, the only issue was that Shred-It had a breakdown and was only here for a half hour. There were about 200 at the skating party and about 500 during the day. The summer concerts are set. SUNY Cortland students will be surveying students for our needs assessment. This is being conducted by undergrad students with grad students working on this project in the fall.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger reported that the summer camp was discussed at the last meeting. It will cost \$95 per week this year and an extra \$25 for before and after camp services. Girls Venture went to SUNY Cortland. They are learning self-defense and will be going to a sporting event. 103 kids involved in the programs. Trustee Conger read a success story from one of the participants.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that there have been 293 calls to date. Officer Cook has obtained her FTO training certification. Officers are receiving the bloodborne pathogen training as they can. There are three open part-time positions at this time, but there are several applications to consider. We are still looking for an additional full-time officer.

There was further discussion in regards to the purchase of a new front-end loader from Milton Cat. Admin. Rankin reported that they have now offered us more on the trade-in since they have a buyer for our present machine - \$34,500. Upon conclusion, Trustee Holl made a motion that the Village purchase a 2016 926M Wheel Loader from Milton Cat in the amount (with the trade) of \$96,056 under NYS Contract PC66988 (NJPA 032515-CAT), to be financed over a two-year period Caterpillar Financial Services, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Streets – Admin. Rankin reported for the Public Works Dept. Besides the week of Feb. 16th, there has not been much snow removal activity. The Dept. has been working most of the time on the wagon/stage for the Recreation Dept.

Shana Snyder came before the Board to brief them on Cub Scouts. They are chartered by the American Legion. They meet on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm, boys in grades 1-5. Gary Schmidt is the cub master. She is seeking input on what the Village could do for the Cub Scouts and in turn what the Scouts could do for the Village.

Christine Personius came before the Board to discuss the Spring Community Spirit Day(s) that will be Saturday, May 14. There will be a carnival on May 12, 13 and 14 with 8 to 10 rides. A list of other proposed activities was provided to the Board. She asked the Board if she could get some assistance with advertising for the event.

Jennifer Foote-Dean came before the Board to fill them in her plans for National Night Out. It is held on the first Tuesday in August, which will be on August 2nd this year. It would be similar to the Community Night that was held at Memorial Park last September. Would like to move event to Main Street to promote the community and businesses. She provided a sample list of activities to the Board.

Trustee Evener offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE
VILLAGE OF GROTON**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, and

WHEREAS, the month of April 2016 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Village.

Seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the annual financial report of the Village for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015, as prepared by Insero & Co, LLP, be approved, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Morey made a motion that the contract with Gadabout Transportation Services in the amount of \$4,100 be approved, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute, seconded Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the contract with Tompkins County for youth services aid in the amount of \$23,740 be approved, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute, seconded by Trustee Evener, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extensions for youth service administration in the amount of \$51,931 be approved, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

The date of the annual organizational meeting was set for Monday, April 11 at 6:45 pm.

The budget for 2016-17 fiscal year was reviewed and a few minor changes noted. Upon conclusion, Trustee Evener made a motion that the budget as presented be declared as the tentative budget and that the Public Hearing on such be set for Monday, April 11 at 7 pm, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

The date of Monday, April 11 at 7:15 pm be set as the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2016, which will amend the sewer rate schedule.

Admin. Rankin reported that he had e-mailed a draft of a proposed sidewalk program to Trustee Morey. Copies were distributed and will be discussed further next month.

Admin Rankin also reported on the progress of the Community Development Grants. The microenterprise grant will be having another information night to hopefully get some more applications. There is still \$93,000+ available in the grant. The housing rehab grant is winding down, with the last project being finished up. The technical assistance grant is finally moving forward. The Planning Board has reviewed draft guidelines and made some suggestions and have reviewed those who submitted applications of interest and ranked them according to community priority. The public facilities grant for West South and Williams Street is in the environmental review state. Four areas need to be addressed in the review: 1) tribal concerns, 2) archeological review, 3) Oswaco Inlet stream classification and 4) endangered species.

Trustee Evener made a motion to move into executive session to discuss possible purchase of real property and a matter of pending litigation, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Evener, carried. There were no votes taken or resolutions adopted during the session.

Trustee Evener made a motion to advance the Village of Groton Industrial Development Agency the amount of \$5,000 from the Community Development Fund to allow them to take an option on certain parcels of land adjacent to the IDA's property on Cortland Road/Gerald L. Moses Drive, under the same conditions as have been previously advanced to the IDA in the past, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

The meeting was closed at 8:52 pm.



CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk