

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEC. 19, 2016 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Holl, Conger and Morey, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Steve Teeter-Electric Dept. Supervisor, Lance Coit-Fire Chief, Nancy Niswender-Deputy Treasurer, Tim Williams-Police Lt. (OIC) and Mike Andersen-Code Enforcement Officer

Absent was: Trustee Evener

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> meetings, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried. The claims paid are covered by the following list of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A7)	\$105,204.40	JOINT REC (J7)	\$188.00
WATER (F7)	7,260.49	COM DEV (PI16-12)	844.63
SEWER (G7)	10,688.70		
ELECTRIC (E7)	80,193.29		

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that paperwork has been sent in for oil samples for the substation transformers. A transformer was added on Barrows St. The circuit was overloaded and had eight homes on it. So now there is an extra on serving four, and the other serving four. It had burned lags off the secondary. The Dept. has assisted with snow removal.

Admin. Rankin reported on the white paper that is being discussed between MEUA and NYPA. Details are still being worked out, but it would provide for a contract extension to 2040. There is a special MEUA scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> to review this with the membership.

Admin. Rankin also reported on the RECs and ZECs that will soon be billed to us in conformance with the Clean Energy Standard. The RECs will first be billed on our January NYMPA bill. At this point, this charge will not be significant. The ZECs, however, will be a different story. They will be billed with the February bill from NYMPA because NYMPA will need to pay the billed ZECs by April 1. It is estimated that the ZECs will cost each customer in New York State 3 mils per kwh. NYMPA has filed an amendment to the NYMPA Generic Tariff that will allow us to put Clean Energy Standard charges as a separate line item on the bill.

Dept. of Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff noted that the Dept. has been pushing snow and trying to keep the parking spots open. Spending a fair amount of time in the shop on general repairs. The Dept. have assisted Alvin Howell at the sewer plant on items he needs assistance with. The Dept. did some ditching on North Parkway when the weather was good. There were a couple of sewer issues which were solved by flushing out the lines. The Dept. also did some clean up around the water plants.

Fire Dept. – Chief Coit reported that the building project involving the back station is now complete. Areas where there was black mold was have been fixed. Cost was under \$23,000. We have a new graduate of the Firefighter I course. Of the 36 that started the course, only 11 completed it. A structure fire at 119 Clark Street was noted. EMS calls be answered by other agencies is down to 1%, and they were second and third calls. There was further discussion on the Firefighter I course.

Chief Coit introduced the name of Alan Smith for consideration of appointment. Upon review of his credentials, Mayor Neville appointed ALAN SMITH as Paramedic, part-time. Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the appointment at the Paramedic part time rate with 52 weeks of probation, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Code Enforcement – Code Enf. Officer Andersen reported that 54 building permits and 56 roofing/window permits have been issued to date, with values of \$578,000 and \$236,000, respectfully. He also reported that he shut down an apartment due to extreme clutter and combustibles. There will be another coming in the near future. There are over 200 units that require inspection each year.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 of 2016, amending Chapter 119 of the Code, “Garbage, Rebbish and Refuse”.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Conger made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion that Local Law No. 2 of 2016, “A Local Law amending Chapter 119 of the Code of the Village of Groton, “Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse”, to amend Sections 119-4 (A) and (B) thereof and adding a new section 119-4 (C); and amending Sections 119-10 and 119-11”, be adopted, seconded by Trustee Conger, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted “aye”.  
Trustee Holl voted “aye”.  
Trustee Morey voted “aye”.  
Mayor Neville voted “aye”.  
Trustee Evener was absent.

Local Law No. 2 of 2016 was duly declared adopted.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger noted that there are 11 participating in Holiday crafts at the Middle School on Thursdays. There is also a group meeting on Tuesdays at the Elementary School doing Holiday crafts. Groton Pride meets on Wednesdays. They are planning a winter gear drive.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger noted that there will be a meeting of representatives of all the youth sports leagues on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The agenda will include all aspects of what is expected of the leagues.

Town of Groton Bi-Centennial – Trustee Conger reported that there will be a special event at the High School on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the actual anniversary of the Town. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a “giant show and tell” at the Town Hall. A community picnic will be held at the Groton Rod & Gun on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Police – Lt. Williams noted that there have been 2,000 plus calls to date for the year. The numbers are up due to the change in reporting (every car stop has to be reported). Lt. Williams reviewed an assault that happened in the Village on Dec. 10. New rods & pistons were installed in the Tahoe (158) to fix the oil consumption issue.

Trustee Morey made a motion that contracts with the Town of Groton and Groton Fire Dept. for fire and ambulance services, in the amounts of \$122,500 and \$141,000, respectfully, be approved, and authorize the Mayor to execute the contracts, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion to schedule a public hearing on a local law to override the tax cap for Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

There was discussion in regards to a possible location for a food scrap drop-off location in the Village. This program is sponsored by the Tompkins County Division of Solid Waste. The matter was tabled.

Admin. Rankin reported that the Village was contacted by Empire State Development in regards to the legality of the Village of Groton Industrial Development Agency (IDA). The original IDA was formed by State legislation in 1983 and was renewed by the same in 1993. By 2003, the IDA had assets, thus it was thought that renewals were not necessary. This is now being questioned by the Authorities Budget Office, which oversees authorities statewide. The Village IDA has met and recommend to the Village Board that we ask Senator Seward and Assemblyperson Lifton that they sponsor legislation to continue the agency for another 10 years. Upon conclusion of discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Mayor send letters to our legislators to ask them to sponsor legislation to renew the IDA.

Trustee Holl made a motion to approve travel for Chuck Rankin to attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, Feb 12-14, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Police Dept., seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

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

The meeting was closed at 7:55 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles V. Rankin".

CHARLES V. RANKIN  
Village Clerk