

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 20, 2017 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey, Evener and Holl, Nancy Niswender-Deputy Treasurer, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-Public Works Supervisor, Lance Coit-Fire Chief, Tim Williams-Police OIC, Liz Richey, Tara Sanford

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 21st and 25th meetings, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

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

JOINT ACTIVITY FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990-\$1,200
Pers Srves-Rec Assistants-\$3,500
Rec Program – Other Exp-\$700

To: Pers Srves-Rec. Director-7145.1-\$5,400

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

GENERAL (A10)	\$32,806.93	JOINT REC (J10)	\$2,183.25
WATER (F10)	1,739.08	CAPITAL – STRM SWR (HSS10)	19,032.12
SEWER (G10)	4,858.11	CAPITAL – PARK IMP (HP10)	172.62
ELECTRIC (E10)	113,776.12	COM DEV (PI 17-3)	801.19

Electric – Supervisor Teeter briefed the Board on Dick Slocum and Tom Billups providing mutual aid to Rochester Gas and Electric after the recent wind storm. The crew will be attending a Workshop next week in which the mutual aid system in place will be reviewed and this incident will be critiqued. The Dept. assisted the DPW with snow removal after last week’s storm. The throttle issue on the bucket truck has been fixed. The remainder of the LED street lights has been delivered and the Dept. has started to install them. This will finish up the streets, leaving only Main Street lights, parking lot lights and security lights left to do. SD Myers will be here on March 28th to perform their annual test on the substation transformer oil. The Dept. needed to remove a pole during the Schara demolition.

Dept. of Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff reported that the Dept. has been working on the Village Office roof as time and weather permits. Cost of materials is about \$8,500. In addition, new gutters will be installed, which should solve some of the previous problems. The Dept. has started some street sweeping. The Dept. will continue to work on the mini-pavilions at the park as time and ground conditions permit. Most of last week spent on storm related snow removal.

Fire and Ambulance - Chief Coit that there has been 42 fire calls and 148 ambulance calls to date. There has been mutual aid to Dryden. The Dept. has a FAST team that is active, so that will be the reason for mutual aid requests. He reported that engine 802 had to be resprung - \$2,200. The engine is in a deteriorating condition and is basically on a three year plan. The ambulance is preparing for new State protocols that take effect on April 1. They will enable the ambulance to get information to the hospital quicker. The Dept. participated in a table top drill recently sponsored by the NYS Department of Health. The Dept. will participate in SADD demonstration at the High School on April 28th. The Fireworks are a go at the Elementary School in July. The Dept. is working with the Recreation Department on a firefighter camp.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Tackie Huff – Conger Hose Co. #2.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that the Dept. has had 514 incidents year to date. He is still monitoring the oil consumption on the 2014 Tahoe. The Dept. has received a county-wide grant in the amount of \$1,058 to purchase two level-4 tactical vests. Spring firearms training will take place the first week of May. A couple of the officers have attended trainings recently that were free and local. Lt. Williams is working with Chauncey Bennett on updating Dept. policies. There were some incidents of persons going through cars in the West Cortland Street area this past Saturday night.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger reported that youth basketball is coming to an end. The 5th and 6th grade girls were undefeated. Wrestling participated in tournaments in Dryden and Cortland. There was a small profit from Cabin Fever Festival - \$16. Jennifer Jones (Recreation Director) is starting to work on the spring and summer program. Hope to have it available at the beginning of May. Summer concerts are all set except for one Friday. Summer employment ads have been scattered around the school.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger reported that Monica Dykeman took a group of girls to Syracuse to see a women's college basketball game at the Carrier Dome. Six girls and 13 boys are participating in the Tween Program at the Library. Two middle school kids are assisting Monica at the Elementary School.

Sewer – Trustee Morey reported that operator Alvin Howell will be getting quotes on a new grinder.

Admin. Rankin – reported that the Clean Energy Standard (CES) charges will appear on the March electric bills. A letter will be stuffed in the envelope with the bills explaining the new charges.

Public Comments:

Liz Richey stated on the good job of snowplowing the Village did during the recent snowstorm. She also asked about the status of the condition of the garage next to her property. The Board responded that it is hopeful that it will be taken down soon.

Tara Sanford inquired about law in regards to open burning. She noted a neighbor that placed a pit very close to her car. She said that she is not proposing a total ban on burning, but possibly some common sense rules should be developed.

Trustee Evener made a motion that the Village purchase a 2018 International Dump Truck with snow plow equipment under Onondaga County bid (#7823) in the amount of \$169,935 plus the options presented in the quote, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion that Change Order No. 1 for engineering services with C. T. Male Associates in regards to the Stormwater Improvement Project, in the amount of \$23,500 (increase), be approved, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion that the Village Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for the two CDBG funded drainage projects contingent on NYS OCR approval, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the contract for aid in the amount of \$24,185 from Tompkins County, seconded by Trustee Evener, carried.

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 2017 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 Holl, carried.

The organizational meeting for the Village was set for Monday, April 3 at 6:30 pm.

The public hearing for the Local Law No. 3 of 2017 that will increase the sewer rates was set for Monday, April 3 at 7 pm.

The public hearing on the 2017/18 Tentative Budget was set of Monday, April 3 at 7:15 pm.

Admin. Rankin reviewed a letter from General Code Publishers in regards to updating our Code, since it has been many years since its original adoption. After discussion, it was decided that Admin. Rankin should check further into this in regards to the cost.

There was a brief review of the budget and final adjustments that have been made. At the conclusion, Trustee Evener made a motion that the budget as presented be declared the Tentative Budget for presentation at the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

The meeting was closed at 8:25 pm.

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

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk