

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 18, 2016 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey, Holl and Evener, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Mike Andersen-Code Enf. Officer, Ben Nelson-First Asst. Fire Chief, William Troy-Attorney, Flo Allen, Kathy Thomas, Christine Personius, Madelyn Redfield, Sandra Redfield, Chloe Conger, Angela Conger, Jen Foote-Dean, Kayla Esparza and Shana Snyder

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

Inc. Revenues-State Aid-Public Safety-Acct 3389-\$6,300

Inc. Expenditures-Police-3120.2-\$6,300

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

GENERAL (A2)	\$140,325.21	ELECTRIC (E2)	\$80,469.42
WATER (F2)	37,866.50	JOINT REC (J2)	3,760.67
SEWER (G2)	25,484.24	COM DEV (PI 16-7)	1,186.25

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that the crew has been rebuilding some secondary on Clark Street, four spans on Walpole Road and some other areas. The Dept. took a large tree down near the road in the cemetery. It had a huge crack in it and if it came down would have caused a lot of problems with our lines. Eric VanBenshoten assisted us with this work. Another tree came down in the cemetery over the weekend. The crew will be going to Marathon on Wednesday to assist them with changing out a pole. There are 50 more LED street light fixtures on order.

Dept of Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff reported that 20 lead and copper samples were obtained from Village residences for testing. The results have come back and they were all in compliance. There will be one more round of testing in December, and if that round comes back good we will be allowed to go back to limited monitoring. A broken sewer main behind Spring Street was fixed. The tent for the stage for the concerts has been installed and is being used. Two owners on Williams Street had sidewalks installed. There has been some ditching work performed on Blanchard Heights, with some

regarding and piping installed. There has been some grinding and patching of streets. Dept. is beginning preparations for paving in August. The Main St. parking lot (2nd half) will also be paved.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger noted that the camps have started and are running smoothly. There were 42 out for basketball and another 13 for the art camp. Summer concerts have started with a 1,000 in attendance for the July 2nd concert (before the fireworks), 130 on July 8th and 150 on July 15th. Swim lessons have begun and are running smoothly. The guards will be having a “Guards Give Back” night sometime in August. The guards have also participated in some in service training. Cameras have been installed at the park and with more police patrols it will hopefully cut down on the vandalism.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that the Dept. has recorded 1,038 calls to date. Firearms training has been given to the three new officers. The new officer (Pinette) has finished his required field training and will be on his own in a few weeks. We are still awaiting the delivery of the 2016 Charger, but other components have been ordered. The oil consumption on 158 is being monitored. Lt. Williams is preparing paperwork for reimbursement on the grants for vests and other equipment.

Code Enforcement – Code Enf. Officer Mike Andersen noted that he has been working on getting cars removed from a problem property. He will be issuing a permit for Mr. Uhl to build one house on Eastwood Meadows tomorrow. Year to date, 32 building permits have been issued with a value of \$500,000 and 21 window/roof permits with a value of \$100,000.

Fire/Ambulance – First Assistant Chief Ben Nelson noted that he is heading the day to day operations of the Dept. while the Chief and Deputy Chief are on disability. They are working on getting daytime driver coverage while Lance Coit is out. He noted that Tompkins County Dept of Emergency Response will be installing two computers in Dept. vehicles, one in the ambulance and one in a pumper. Two more will be installed next month.

Jennifer Foote-Dean came before the Board to discuss Groton Community Night, which will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at Memorial Park on Sykes Street. There many activities planned. Area businesses have helped as sponsors. Jennifer asked if the Village would consider providing a Shopper ad for the event. The consensus of the Board was to pay for the ad.

Flo Allen and Kathy Thomas came before the board to discuss Olde Home Days. They provided a draft of the tentative schedule of events and activities. There will be a circus performance after the parade.

Trustee Holl made a motion that Groton Olde Home Days be allowed to use the Conger Blvd. property festival activities, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Public comments – None.

Trustee Evener offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

That Christopher Neville, as Mayor of the Village of Groton, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal through its New York Main Street Program 2016 to assist downtown property owners, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Village of Groton for the Groton New York Main Street Project.

Seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve exceptions to the noise law for the American Legion for Thurs., Aug. 18 (6:30 to 9 pm), Fri., Aug. 19 (6:30 to 11:30 pm) and Sat., Aug. 20 (3 pm to 11 pm), seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Record application for liquor license: Carrington-Fuller Post 800.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Logan Wannell – Conger Hose Co. #2.

Mayor Neville made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a matter of pending litigation, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

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

The meeting was closed at 8:22 pm.

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

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk