



Attorney Grossman reviewed the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Groton Public Library

Motion made by: Trustee Holl second: Trustee Conger

Trustee read the Resolution:

Resolution supporting the Tompkins County Grant Trail Application by the Joint Recreation Committee

Motion made by: Trustee Conger second: Trustee Holl

**7:30** Public Hearing for Local Law #1 to override the tax cap

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2019, "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c"

Clerk Niswender read the Notice of Public Hearing. There was a discussion on the effect of the tax increase due to the new building. Admin. Rankin mentioned as we do not have the bid's in yet for the cost of the building, we would need to wait to see what the effect might be.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the Local Law No. 1 of 2019, "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",

Trustee Morey voted "aye",

Trustee Holl voted "aye",

Mayor Neville voted "aye".

Trustee Walpole - absent,

The resolution was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

Trustee Holl made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:35, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

## Monthly department reports.

### Electric:

#### **Supv Teeter reported:**

2/14 - Traveled to Binghamton for NYSEG switching school. (3-part qualification class) - All three Electric Workers passed the test - valid for 3 years.

SD Meyers to do Substation Oil Samples

Trimmed trees - All of Walpole and W Cortland, Cayuga and Elm.

Working on meter testing.

Stray Voltage testing started.

Plow and picked up snow.

### DPW:

#### **Supv Shurtleff submitted the following report:**

Department of Public Works  
January 23 – February 19, 2019

#### Completed Work/Projects:

- o Plowing snow & salting on a regular basis. - (Mayor mentioned many positive comments on salting of sidewalks)
- o Repair frozen water service at 102 Clark St.
- o Repair 9 non-working water meters
- o Assist Town of Groton with grease trap clean out
- o Make repairs to the air compressor at the filter plant
- o Complete annual water withdrawal report
- o Flush sewer main – regular maintenance
- o Assist homeowner at 107 S. Main St. – frozen water service

#### Schedule of Work

- o Continue sewer main flushing
- o Work at the filter plant – maintenance
- o Begin Spring prep on trucks and equipment

### Groton Fire Department:

#### **Chief Ben Nelson reported:**

106 ambulance and 22 Fire calls YTD.

BBQ benefit done for T. Walpole.

2 Pioneers to join the Fire Department

Adam Dickenson

Robert Hunt

### **Code Enforcement**

#### **Code Officer Anderson reported:**

Senior Center 3-month extension on their permit. Hope to wrap up in March

Old Chatam walk through (mostly complete)- hopefully end of March

A few properties still not completing their upgrade for grease traps. Chad to discuss with the business owners.

Farrells to be inspected in March

Baker Miller - wants to put in propane sales.

Scott Pinney property walk through. Some computers still there and no wall on building from fire.

### **Police Report**

#### **Lt. Williams submitted the following:**

245 calls for the Month of January

Tim William to retire May- June. A hiring Committee is being formed and applicants will be reviewed.

### **Joint Recreation:**

#### **Trustee Conger reported:**

Trail resolution to support the Joint recreation Trail Committee grant was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Youth basketball- Through 1<sup>st</sup> week in March.

K-2 – Feb 6<sup>th</sup> for 8 weeks.

Girls K-3 a few more weeks.

Cabin Fever - March 2nd. New - Skylab planetarium show, Cayuga Nature Center and many more

Skating 6-8:30

### **Youth Commission**

Summer day camp discussion - flyers ready to go out. \$125 per week.

**Public Comments:**

**Jennifer Dean**

Girl Scouts National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th - Would like the Village to be a sponsor to the Community Grant? The Village Board agreed to be sponsor.

Color run - Speak with Chad Shurtleff and the Police Department concerning road closures.

Carmen Munson – Board update on the following issues:

Follow up letter to Barden Homes- and is requesting a meeting with the Village.

Contacted a house/building mover - it would cost \$35,000 to move.

Picked up and reviewed the Forecon reports. She has some concerns on some of the items raised.

Carmen had a conversation with a friend who is a logger. The summer of 2017 there were a lot of flooding issues in Moravia. Any issues would come back to Forecon. Asking the Village to contact Forecon to see if they can address any of the issues.

Mayor Neville asked about if an engineer looked at the area in 2015 - they installed a pipe - Have they considered putting a ditch in on the west side of your house? She has not as she feels it would be too close to her house, but would consider if it was possible.

The Village would be willing to meet with Barden if they respond.

Reviewed 90 pages of documents - CT Male was engineer for the Village and Barden Homes. She feels there is some issues on the water sources listed.

Carmen has hired an engineer. She has a letter from the engineer to share. She also passed out some drone images taken on February 10th of the area. She reviewed the photo's.

Mayor Neville made a motion to move to executive session at 7:58pm, seconded by Trustee Conger.

Trustee Morey made a motion to return from executive session at 8:17 pm, seconded by Trustee Conger

No Motions or actions taken during executive session.

Trustee Morey made a motion made to adjourn 8: 18 pm

Scheduled budget meeting - March 2nd at 9am

Nancy Niswender  
Clerk Treasurer