

Groton Village Board of Trustees
Teleconference Meeting

Monday April 20, 2020 - 1:00pm

Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call of Board Members

"Present" Trustee Conger
"Present" Trustee Morey
"Present" Trustee Walpole
"Present" Trustee Holl

Other in attendance:

Nancy Niswender - Clerk
Charles Rankin - Admin
Andrew Sullivan

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Holl

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Audit of claims and approval thereof.

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

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>From:</u>		<u>To:</u>	
A1420.41	Attorney Spec. Srv.	2,000.00	A1420.4 Attorney Cont.	2,000.00
A3120.22	Police Vest-Aid	800.00	A3120.4 Police Cont.	800.00
A7140.1	Parks - Pers.	500.00	A7140.4 Parks Cont.	500.00
A511	Increase in Appr Res.	7,395.48	A9950.9 Tfr to Capital - HP	7,395.48
A1990.4	Contingency	4,212.72	A9050.8 Unemp. Claims	4,212.72
A1990.4	Contingency	848.85	A7310.4 Youth Cont.	848.85
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
G8110.2	Sewer Admin- Equip.	1,150.00	G8110.4 Sewer Admin- Cont	400.00
			G8130.2 Sewer Treatment - Equip.	750.00

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

Abstract # 10

GENERAL	67,064.01	JOINT REC	90.60
WATER	20,264.17	PARK CAPITA	6,890.66
SEWER	50,132.67	DEBT FUND	14,000.00
ELECTRIC	100,151.78		

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

GFD Board of Wardens submitted an Application for Rebecca Koeing for Board Review. Application reviewed and will be signed and filed.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the 2020 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins Youth Commission contract for \$58,556.00, seconded by Trustee Holl.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the 2020 County of Tompkins Youth Commission contract of reimbursement \$29,172.00, seconded by Trustee Conger

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Monica Dykeman requested to organize a "Little Food" pantry booth near the pavilion on the Village Main Street lot. The pantry will be stocked by the friendship food donation center.

Trustee Walpole made a motion to allow Monica Dykeman to organize a "Little Food" pantry booth near the pavilion on the Village Main Street lot, seconded by Trustee Holl.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Michael Perkins requested to withdraw his resignation letter.

Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve and accept the withdrawal of Michael Perkins resignation letter, seconded by Trustee Holl.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Discussion of suspension of sick time usage until the next regular Village Board Meeting on May 18, 2020 due to COVID-19

Trustee Conger made a motion to suspend the use of sick time until the next Board meeting on May 18, 2020, seconded by Trustee Morey.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Resolution to suspend Water and Sewer late fees during the COVID-19 crisis.

Clerk Niswender - read the resolution:

Resolution to suspend Water and Sewer late fees during the COVID-19 crisis.

WHEREAS, the Village of Groton is aware of the financial burdens related to the COVID-19 crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Groton Village Board supports and authorizes the suspension of late fees during the COVID-19 crisis.

Trustee Morey made a motion to adopt the resolution to suspend Water and Sewer late fees during the COVID-19 crisis, seconded by Trustee Walpole.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Administrator Rankin has been looking at a possible grant project to help local business effected by Covid-19.

Trustee Morey made a motion to allow Administrator Rankin to continue the process and create a grant project to help local business effected by Covid-19, seconded by Trustee Holl.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger
"aye" Trustee Morey
"aye" Trustee Walpole
"aye" Trustee Holl
"aye" Mayor Neville

Public Hearing on the Budget

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended at 1:15pm and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Tentative Budget.

Clerk Niswender read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Comments:

Admin Rankin mentioned that the budget could possible change due to all that is going on.

Andrew Sullivan inquired on how this virus would impact our budget.

Clerk Niswender replied that it will depend on State and Federal Gov't income cuts and how sales tax will be effected. At this time we just don't know and will need to adjust as we go through this.

At 1:17pm Trustee Conger made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Adoption of the Village of Groton 2019-2020 Budget

Trustee Morey made a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget as presented, seconded by Trustee Conger.

All Those in Favor:

"aye" Trustee Conger

"aye" Trustee Morey

"aye" Trustee Walpole

"aye" Trustee Holl

"aye" Mayor Neville

The budget was duly declared adopted. [Type II Action under SEQR.]

Next Monthly Meeting - Monday May 18, 2020 - Time - TBD

1:18pm Trustee made a motion to adjourn.