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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Sara Idleman	Supervisor
	Steven Patrick	Councilman
	George Perkins	Councilman
	Eric Whitehouse	Councilman
ABSENT:	Bob Jeffords	Councilman

Also Present: Town Clerk Elaine Kelly, Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake, Attorney Alan Wrigley, Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor, DCO & ACO Ed Holland.

Members of the public who signed the attendance sheet: Tim Tefft - The Journal Press, Jennifer Waite-Harsha - The Eagle and Dieter Drake.

Supervisor Idleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Clerk called the roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 147-10
App. of Minutes 11/3 & 11/17/10

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 3 & 17, 2010 be approved and accepted as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) A thank you note was received from Rita & Kyle Thygesen thanking the Town for the resolution honoring Carl and to Councilman Whitehouse for reading the resolution at Carl's memorial service.

REPORTS:

1) Planning Board Report: Board members received the minutes of the Planning Board meeting that was held on November 18, 2010.

2) ZBA Report: Board members received the minutes of the ZBA meeting that was held on November 4, 2010.

3) Assessor Report: Assessor Colleen Adamec submitted the following report:

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This is a recap of my office. The Enhanced Star Income Verification letters have been mailed out. If you were approved, you got a green post card. If you were not or they could not verify your income, you received a renewal application from my office.

I am still awaiting the trend number from the state. I did get an email from Steve saying it could be +/- 5%. I cordially emailed him back and said I say a negative, but it was higher than 5%. I have a feeling this is going to be an interesting discussion with the state.

I am currently reviewing properties in the field and doing new construction. I am working on the village roll. They just went to the RPS system I have. Therefore, we are making sure the pictures, data, and values are accurate. I am working on new values and new construction for them as well to get their tentative 2011 roll.

4) Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor's report stated that one building permit had been issued during the month of November.

5) Dog Control & Animal Control Report: DCO & ACO Ed Holland & Nancy Quell's report stated that six calls were documented for the month of October and 13 calls were documented for the month of November. A full copy of the reports is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

6) Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan's report:

- 361.10 gallons of fuel used
- Nov. 1st started using wood stove
- Equipment maintenance
- Tree cutting, piling wood
- Nov. 8th storm, mostly ice
- 2 wind storms with removal of trees and limbs
- Repaired Town Office parking lot
- Everlasting trees put up
- Holiday banners put up
- Discuss purchase of crew cab truck

Rick stated that the new truck has arrived at Zwacks and delivery is scheduled for January 7, 2011. He also stated that with one truck down they have been going through a lot of salt and requests permission to purchase an additional 100 ton at an approximate cost of \$6300.

RESOLUTION NO. 148-10
Highway Salt Purchase

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

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RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan be authorized to purchase an additional 100 ton of road salt.

Rick commended his Clerk Kellie Blake on the outstanding job she is doing searching for a crewcab truck. They are still searching for one in our price range. Kellie stated that if a truck is not found by the end of the year she would suggest that the money received from the sale of the used equipment be transferred to the Capital Fund for Highway Equipment. This will be addressed at the year end meeting.

7) Supervisor Report: Supervisor Idleman's report:

Town:

- Agricultural Business Roundtable - I met with nine members of the agricultural community on Monday, Dec 6. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and analyze the tradition of agriculture in our area, the current state of affairs of ag and ag business and the future. Much like the previous roundtables everyone agreed that we need to support our ag businesses in the area, work to maintain the open spaces and, at the same time, promote economic growth. It was a stimulating and informative conversation. I was impressed with the collective experience and knowledge regarding agriculture that was brought to the table. We will meet again in February. The meeting will be open to others interested in this process. She stated that it is important to maintain the open space in this area but we do need to look at business growth and development. Approximately 14,000 cars go through the roundabout on any given day and we need to capture that opportunity.

- Business Roundtable - This group will meet again in January.

- Yard Waste Composting - I met with Seth Pitts, Nancy Hand Higby and representatives from DEC at the Salem town garage to discuss the feasibility of creating a space to collect and compost yard waste from several communities. Salem has a piece of land that is suited to the process and DEC is interested in the project. More to follow.

County:

- Transfer Stations: I spent about 4 hours on Sat. December 4 at the transfer station. Josh Ashton, the manager at the transfer station, and Dan Rogers, the county manager of all 5 stations, had created a check point where they spoke with those coming in to assure that they had stickers on their solid waste. It is clear we need to improve the efficiency of the transfer stations and make them more profitable. The Recycling Advisory Board is currently working on a solid waste plan with the same goal. The people were supportive, incredibly helpful and, with the exception of 6 or 7 people, all had the required number of stickers. Only one person was disgruntled with the process. We did not count the number of users, but collected a 5 gallon pail of stickers.

She asked that everyone keep the Jeffords family in their thoughts and prayers on the unexpected passing of his mother.

Budget Officer Kellie Blake submitted the March financial report for the Board's review.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1) Tour of the Battenkill organizer Dieter Drake addressed the Board about the 2011 race plans. Mr. Drake is seeking a resolution of support for the event to be held on April 10 & 16, 2011. The event has grown to become the largest cycling race in North America. 2500 racers from around the world are expected over both weekends. Proceeds of the event will benefit various organizations, including the Greenwich Youth Commission, Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad and the Farm Team Cycling – an area youth cycling team.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-10

Tour of the Battenkill

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich hereby supports the organizers of the 7th Annual Tour of the Battenkill Cycling Race in their efforts to bring this race to our area.

2) Dennis McDonald: MFFD truck financing. Mr. McDonald was not in attendance so this was moved to the end of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Planning Board Term: December 14, 2010 – December 31, 2012. No response was received for this vacancy on the Town's Planning Board. It was decided to advertise for two more weeks.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-10

Planning Bd. Vacancy

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, the Town Board advertises to fill an unexpired term on the Town Planning Board; letters of interest shall be received by the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

2) Planning Board Term: January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2017. Dan Spigner's term on the Planning Board expires on December 31, 2010. The vacancy was advertised and Dan's letter stating his desire to serve on the Board for another term was the only one received.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-10

Planning Board Appointment

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

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and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that Dan Spigner be reappointed to a seven-year term on the Planning Board, which term shall begin January 1, 2011 and shall expire on December 31, 2017.

3) Dawn Sharts’ term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expires on December 31, 2010. The vacancy was advertised and Dawn’s letter stating her desire to serve on the Board for another term was the only one received.

RESOLUTION NO.152-10
Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

Resolution by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that Dawn Sharts be reappointed to a five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, which term shall begin January 1, 2011 and shall expire on December 31, 2015

7:30 PM: Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #3 of 2010, “Dog Control Law of the Town of Greenwich”. The Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice.

Motion by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #3 of 2010 be opened at 7:32 P.M. for public comment.

Rick Sullivan asked what was being repealed. The Clerk explained that the section being repealed was “Chapter 83 Animals” and it was being replaced with “Chapter 100 Dogs”.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board

that all persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing be closed at 7:35 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-10
Local Law #3 of 2010

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse

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Seconded by Councilman Perkins

RESOLVED, that Town of Greenwich Local Law #3 of 2010 "Dog Control Law of the Town of Greenwich" be approved and adopted as follows:

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Whitehouse	Aye
	Councilman Perkins	Aye
	Councilman Patrick	Aye
	Supervisor Idleman	Aye

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park Renewal. Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor has completed the annual inspection of Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park and found everything to be acceptable. The 2011 license renewal will be issued once the fee and the updated occupancy listing are received from the Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 154-10
Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park/License Renewal for 2011

Resolution by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel O'Connor has conducted the annual inspection of Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park and has granted approval for renewal of the park's license for 2011 it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, contingent upon receipt of 1) the \$100.00 license fee, and 2) an updated listing of the occupants of the Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park, that the Town shall grant a Mobile Home Park License Renewal to Pleasant Villa Mobile Home Park for operation in 2011.

2) The Board will hold its Year End Meeting at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 28th and the 2011 Organizational Meeting/Regular January Meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

3) Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake addressed the Board about health insurance coverage for retirees. The Board recently approved MVP Gold Anywhere HMO but some of the retirees have expressed their concern about the travel benefit. This will be addressed at the year end meeting.

4) MFFD truck financing. Mr. McDonald was still not in attendance. Attorney Wrigley instructed the Clerk to provide MFFD with a sample of the required paperwork.

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5) Attorney Alan Wrigley supplied the Board with the 2011 fire contracts which were then signed by the Board members.

TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION NO. 155-10
Budget Amendments/Transfers 12/14/10

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the following Budget Amendments & Transfers be approved:

Budget Amendments:

- 1) Increase appropriations in H38160.202 Landfill Closure – Contractual Expense by \$370.00 from Capital Fund Landfill Account for landfill monitoring tests.
- 2) Increase appropriations by \$100.00 in B4020.4 Registrar Account from B1603 Vital Statistic Fees.
- 3) Increase appropriations in DB5112.201 – Improvements – CHIPS by \$32,467.39 from DB0599 Appropriated Fund Balance – Highway Outside Village for remainder of invoices for paving. (receiving CHIPS monies 12/15/2010 by electronic deposit)

Transfers: General Fund:

- 1) Transfer \$50.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1010.4 Town Board Contractual Account. (over because of appraisal on property this year)
- 2) Transfer \$510.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account To A1110.103 Justice Personal Services – Clerk. (extra hours needed as he took on both courts this year)
- 3) Transfer \$492.00 from A1355.103 Assessor Personal Services - Clerk to A1410.103 Town Clerk Personal Services –Deputy Ashton.
- 4) Transfer \$5.00 from A3510.1 Dog Control Personal Services to A3510.4 Dog Control Contractual Expense.
- 5) Transfer \$600.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A8510.4 Community Beautification – Contractual Expense. (replacement of Welcome to Greenwich Sign near H&V)

General Fund – Outside Village:

- 1) Transfer \$50.00 from B1990.4 Contingent Account to B4010.4 Board of Health Contractual Expense. (animal control mileage)

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2) Transfer \$55.00 from B1990.4 Contingent Account to B4010.102 Animal Control Officer – Personal Services.

AUDIT BILLS & AUTHORIZE PAYMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-10
Payt. of Bills 12/14/10

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #1012 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from their respective funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Town-wide (A) Pre-pay:	0394-0395	\$ 691.32
Special District Lighting (SL):	0396	\$ 933.94
General Town-wide (A):	0397-0432	\$ 6,330.14
General Outside Village (B):	0433-0438	\$ 274.99
Highway Town-wide (DA) Pre-pay:	5158	\$ 46.49
Highway Town-wide (DA):	5159-5163	\$ 1,286.87
Highway Outside Village (DB):	5164-5175	\$112,880.40
Capital Fund Landfill Closure:	3006	\$ 370.00

Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan asked the Board for permission to place a “Y” warning sign on McDougal Lake Road on its approach to State Route 29. The Board did not have a problem with it and Rick will proceed with installing the sign.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk