

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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 Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The date change was due to the Primary Election being held on Tuesday, September 12th.

PRESENT:	Donald Wilbur	Supervisor
	Bob Jeffords	Councilman
	Steven Patrick	Councilman
	George Perkins	Councilman
	Eric Whitehouse	Councilman

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, Rick Sullivan, Stanley Mattison, Jenny Lyttle - Main Street, Phil Marshall, Kay Ely, Dean Watkins, Kyle Perkins, David Doonan, Carol Fung, Lori Gardephe and Tom Butler.

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

Greenwich Fire Dept: Tag System. Greenwich Fire Department Chief Dean Watkins and Middle Falls Fire Chief Kyle Perkins were moved up on the agenda to allow them time to go to another meeting. At the August meeting, Chief Watkins and Chief Perkins explained the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement. With this agreement comes the need for a "tag system" which would allow accountability for all members responding to a call regardless of their department. Chief Watkins had estimated the cost for this tag system for the Greenwich, Middle Falls and Cossayuna fire companies to be approximately \$1100.00. Supervisor Wilbur asked the Chiefs to return to tonight's meeting with the actual dollar amount. The following amounts were presented: Cossayuna \$372, MFFD \$564 and Greenwich \$504 for a total of \$1440. The Fire Chiefs asked the Board to cover 50% of the bill. The Board will discuss this and act on it later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-08
Transfers/Budget Amendments 09/10/08

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments and transfers be approved:

Budget Amendments:

1. Increase appropriations in H27150.2 Beach Equipment by \$1,249.23 to pay for playground equipment.
2. Increase appropriations in DB5112.201 – Highway (outside Village) Improvements – CHIPS by \$28,401.39. (Budgeted amount is \$121,800, actual CHIPS payment will be \$150,201.39)
3. Increase appropriations in DB3501 – Highway (outside Village) Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue Account by \$28,308.39. (Budgeted amount is \$121,893.00 Actual CHIPS payment will be \$150,201.39)

Transfers:

1. Transfer \$2,300.00 from A1410.103 Town Clerk Deputy – personal services (Amanda) to A1410.102 Town Clerk Deputy – personal services (Verna).

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2. Transfer \$4.63 from A7310.1 Youth – personal services to A7310.4 Youth – Contractual Expense. (Bus mileage)

RESOLUTION NO. 101-08
Payt. of Bills 09/10/08

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #7009 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:	0302	\$ 586.63
General Town-wide (A):	0303-0330	\$ 7,064.60
General Outside Village (B):	0331-0337	\$ 1,210.63
Special District Lighting (SL):	0338	\$ 804.68
Capital Fund Beach	2005	\$ 1,249.23
Capital Fund Landfill Closure	3003	\$ 1,855.20
Highway Town-wide (DA) Pre-pay:	5115	\$ 20.49
Highway Town-wide (DA):	5116-5118	\$ 248.04
Highway Outside Village (DB):	5119-5124	\$ 52,022.44

RESOLUTION NO. 102-08
App. of Minutes 08/12/08

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of August 12, 2008 be approved and accepted as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1) Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan asked Arrowhead Equipment representatives Kay Ely and Phil Marshall to come tonight and present the Board with state contract prices for the equipment on a new tandem truck. Two prices were given for a dump body, sander and plow. The price for the dump body, sander and 1-way plow was \$72,008.26 while the price for the dump body, sander and reversible plow was \$73,669.33. This does not include the price of the truck itself. Further discussion will take place at the highway committee budget meeting next week. Supervisor Wilbur reminded the Board that the Highway Department also has another tandem truck that is in need of a new dump body. Rick stated that while unloading sand, the load shifted and cracked the sub-frame, which in turn broke the frame. The Town will be receiving insurance money to apply towards a replacement dump body/sander.

REPORTS:

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- 1) Greenwich Fire Department Report: An activity report for August was received from the Greenwich Fire Department.
- 2) Planning Board Report: Board members received the minutes of the Planning Board meetings that were held on August 14 & 21, 2008 and ZBA minutes for the meeting held on August 26, 2008.
- 3) Assessor Report: None
- 4) Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor's report stated that five building permits had been issued during the month of August.
- 5) Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan stated:
 - 610 gallons of diesel used for August.
 - Queen's Gate has been blacktopped and driveway entrances on Overlook Drive have been completed. Public thank you to Earl Walsh for his help with small roller.
 - Sand screening has been completed at Irwin Road and has been started at Lewnadowskis. Supervisor Wilbur asked Rick if he was adding salt to the pile. Rick stated no, that after talking to Ken Luskin they will put half of the liquid calcium on the Lewandowski pile at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark and the other half on the top when they finish. Supervisor Wilbur and Councilman Patrick both stated that this had been discussed before and that it had been decided that it wasn't worth the cost. Rick agreed that they had decided not to do it but has changed his mind after talking to Ken Luskin.

Motion by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

that \$2300 be approved for the purchase of liquid calcium to be added to the sand pile.

Discussion: Councilman Patrick stated that he remembered that last year it was decided that this was not worth it. Rick said that he thought about it but he already made a commitment to the Lark Street and Wilson Street area that he would use straight salt this year and if he puts it in the sand pile then he wouldn't be able to that. Supervisor Wilbur is also concerned about the sand pile that has already been put up that doesn't have any salt in it. Councilman Patrick would like some salt put in the pile. Rick stated that he would still like to purchase 100 - 200 gallons of liquid calcium at \$12.00/gal. Don stated that couldn't possibly be the correct amount. That amount would fit in the back of a pickup and this would have to be by the trailer load.

Councilman Whitehouse withdrew his motion until the correct information was available.

Rick stated that he needed to do this before the next board meeting.

Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake researched it and found that it was 2500 gallons of liquid calcium that had been budgeted.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-08
Highway - Liquid Calcium

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

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RESOLVED, that the purchase of 2500 gallons of liquid calcium be approved to be added to the sand pile.

Approved 4 –1. Councilman Jeffords Nay.

In other business Rick stated that Derby Road has been completed. Mrs. Boyd's driveway was subcontracted out at no cost to the Town. Rick said that a contractor was working on the Boyd's driveway so the Town provided the culvert and the contractor installed it.

6) Village Playground at the Commons: At the August meeting Greenwich Mayor David Doonan, Trustee Dorothea Casey and Village Youth Director Peter Carner addressed the Board about the possibility of locating a community playground in the Commons. The Village stated that they were interested in the back, left corner in hopes that this would have the least distraction to other activities and the serene nature of the area. Since that meeting Mayor Doonan, Peter Carner, Garson Smith and Councilman George Perkins met to walk the area to determine if there was adequate space. The Mayor stated that the location the Village is interested in is actually owned by TD Banknorth. He has spoken with the branch manager who was receptive but is not the decision-maker. The Mayor and possibly Councilman Perkins will be meeting with other TD Banknorth representatives on Friday to further discuss this.

8:06 PM: Two applications were received for the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review with the interviews scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Motion by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board

that the Board enter into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M. to conduct interviews for the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review.

Motion by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the regular meeting be resumed at 8:41 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-08
BD of Assessment Review – Appt.

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that Tom Butler be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term to begin October 1, 2008 and expiring September 30, 2013.

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7) Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilbur stated that the 2009 County budget requests had been submitted to Budget Officer Gayle Hall. It is hoped that the Budget Officer will have an idea of where the budget stands at the September 19th board meeting. The tentative budget will not be presented until October.

Supervisor Wilbur gave a brief update on the Energy Forum that he and Councilman Jeffords attended last week in Kingsbury. The meeting stressed the challenges and opportunities that will exist with the upcoming heating season. The main focus is to be aware of the elderly and those with low incomes and the difficulties they will have when facing high energy and food costs this winter. This new group "Washington County Cares" will be putting together a phone directory/list of contacts that can be utilized based on the person's needs. Councilman Jeffords stated that the local Ecumenical Church group is also coming up with a listing of what services are available within the community. Councilman Jeffords stated that it comes down to neighbors helping neighbors. Supervisor Wilbur asked that people make an effort to check on the elderly or ill.

8) Youth Report: Youth Committee member Kellie Blake distributed the 2008 Youth Program synopsis and employee evaluations. These materials will be used during the 2009 hiring process as well as referring to them for any suggested changes in the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 105-08
Fire Departments Tag System

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich cover 50% (\$720) of the total cost (\$1440) for the Mutual Aid Tag System as presented earlier in the meeting by Fire Chiefs Watkins and Perkins.

NEW BUSINESS:

1)

RESOLUTION NO. 106-08
Budget Presentation 2009

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Budget Presentation be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

2) Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake addressed the Board as follows: TD Banknorth has recently included an alternative option of protecting bank deposits against loss should TD Banknorth default. They have decided to lessen exposure to investments in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which at times have been used to collateralize the Town's bank deposits. TD Banknorth has added protection of deposits through an Irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. The Town's Investment Policy in Section 29-8. Collateralizing of deposits. Letter B. allows for this practice.

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RESOLUTION NO. 107-08
Investment Policy - Collateral

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accepts TD Banknorth's recommendation for added protection of deposits through an Irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk

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