

Supervisors August Report 2020

Greenwich 2020 Budget: Seven-month review of the budget was completed with the objective of attempting to project revenues and expenses through December 2020. This is a snapshot of the current budget situation. Payroll and health care benefits are within 2020 budget projections.

Revenues: The review indicates that the revenue loss for 2020 is approximately \$22,652.58. Several of the largest revenue declines are Fines and Forfeited Bail [\$8000], AIM funding [20% reduction \$5260], Interest and Earnings [\$3000], and Mortgage Tax [\$5000].

Expenditures: The potential savings from expenditures is approximately \$36,310.00. Current expenditures were compared to the last 3 years, to project savings for 2020. Town personnel are always conscious of budget restraints and make every effort to ensure that taxpayer dollars are expended sensibly.

In Closing: The projected loss in revenue stream will be offset by savings in Town expenditures. Finally, the revenue loss will be impacting the 2021 Budget. The declining revenue stream, increased costs in employee benefits, and a decrease in the fund balance will have a negative affect the 2021 budget.

Youth Summer Program: The program ended last Friday. The last week had pizza day, Happy Meals, Stewarts ice cream and a water slide. This year's program had swimming at Lauderdale and several events sponsored by Washington County Agencies. Considering the obstacles [we had to overcome] presented by Covid-19, the camp was able to entertain 57 campers for 6 weeks. The counselors were attentive and worked hard to ensure the safety of the campers and a great summer experience for "Our Kids."

Special Thank you to the counselors: George Ostrowski Director, Eliza Jordan Lifeguard, Ananna Spezio, Maddy Brophy, Derek and Aiden McPhail, Jesse Kuzmich, Christian O'Brien, Luke Pemrick, John Walsh, Rose Lantz, Olivia Snell, Jackson Vanderhoff, Carson Mosher, Mary Estramonte, Liam Neisz.

Constituency Contact Information: In July, the Town Offices had 345 In-person contacts; 534 Phone Calls; 807 E-mails = **1686 Contacts**

CHIPS Funding: All the CHIPS funding was submitted meeting the August 2, 2020 deadline for reimbursement.

Tax Map ID # 198.20-1-32 Cossayuna: There are potentially several zoning and compliance issues that are under review for legal remedies. This issue will be discussed in Executive Session.

Sign Violation 1116 State Route 29: One sign has been replaced and one sign is still in violation. The Code Enforcement will contact the owners to rectify the issue.

NYS Historic Preservation: This office received notification that the NYS Board for Historic Preservation will meet on September 10, 2020 to consider the nomination of Greenwich District School No.11 4 Ryan Road, for nomination to National and NYS registers of Historic Places. Sandy McReynolds will have additional information during the Historian's Report.

Route 29 Lighting District:

I met with National Grid Project Manager to review the lighting plan for the new lighting district. National Grid plans on starting the project in 6 to 8 weeks.

Assessor Report: There are eight taxpayers that did not pay last year's school taxes and will be removed from getting their Basic Star exemption for this year. Colleen Adamec did another study of equalization rate and submitted her analysis to NYS Real Property. In conclusion, Colleen's analysis reveals that NYS has incorrectly computed equalization rates for Towns in Washington County, thus impacting Towns that are at 100% equalization.

Washington County: County Treasurer Al Nolette signed a contract with Air BnB to begin occupancy tax collections on September 1, 2020. Greenwich received our 3rd quarter sales tax distribution of \$24149.25. Sheriff Murphy and his staff prepared and executed an outstanding enforcement plan to ensure safety and proper use of the Battenkill River. The Towns of Jackson and Salem were having issues with crowds, drinking, illegal parking, and unruly behavior. Two weeks of increased enforcement seems to have remedied the situation.