

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD LAKE
PO BOX 7, 18 CHURCH STREET
GREENWOOD LAKE, NY 10925**

Mayor Matthew Buckley called to order the Village Board Meeting/Public Hearing at 6:03 pm on February 21, 2024, for the Village of Greenwood Lake located at 18 Church Street in Greenwood Lake, NY.

The following persons were present:

- Mayor Mathew Buckley
- Deputy Mayor Kelli Kelm
- Trustee Nancy Clifford
- Trustee Chad Sellier
- Trustee Thomas Howley
- Attorney Brian Nugent

PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION:

The Village of Greenwood Lake will be voting on a Local Law to combine the Planning Board and ZBA into one board.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Trustee Sellier discussed his concern that there is limited time to create new procedures before the implementation of the new board in April. He also questioned how quickly the new code will be written and asked if it will be in place by the time the new board is formed.

Attorney Nugent advised that it would be up to the new ZBA to formulate its own procedures and schedule. He also stated that any current applicants would not need to re-apply to the new board. The new law will simply replace any language that refers to “Planning Board” in the Village Code with “Zoning Board of Appeals” as the new board will be a ZBA which will also handle “Planning Board” projects.

Trustee Kelm offered that the Village Board could assist them with an outline that the new board can build from. Mayor Buckley stated that the new board members would be appointed in April and the new ZBA will alleviate bouncing back and forth between two boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CLOSE

Motioned to close the Public Hearing to combine the Planning Board and Zoning Board by Trustee Kelm at 6:24 pm and seconded by Trustee Clifford. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Howley, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Sellier and Trustee Kelm.

WORKSHOP AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Orange & Rockland – Paving and Road Improvement Schedules

Letter from Department of Health - Notice of Violation

Letter from Zygmunt-Murtie Funeral and Cremation Service

Letter of Resignation – Kathleen Rousseau

Letter of Resignation – Robin Dunlop

Letter of Resignation – Ryan Smith

Township of West Milford – Ordinance 2024-007 – to permit microbreweries and similar

VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Floyd Deangleo had no report.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PARKS DEPARTMENT (January and February):

- Repaired Centennial banner
- Picked up garbage
- Repaired gates in commuter lot
- Snow and ice removal
- Put up ice rinks
- Repaired recycle valve at water plant
- Building repairs at Village Hall including building a file room
- Fixed gas leak at Teen Center
- Fixed gas leak at Village Hall

DPW: (sent via email from Bill Roe, Deputy Commissioner)

- We were busy during the heavy rain clearing catch basins and ditches
- The last two weeks we were plowing and sanding ice spots every morning
- We repaired several curb boxes
- Hauled salt and sand to replenish the salt barn

- We washed the trucks and serviced them to be always ready for the next storm

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Det. Dan Jones reported the following for January 2024:

COMPLAINTS: 1270
ARRESTS: 6
TRAFFIC SUMMONSES: 185
PARKING SUMMONSES: 2
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 4

WATER DEPARTMENT: (January and February)

- For the month of February, the department has been busy looking for lost water along with our daily, weekly and monthly duties and responsibilities. A number of leaks and repairs associated with winter weather have been addressed and resolved, bringing our seasonal production numbers a little closer to normal.
- I don't have much to report on other than addressing a recent violation for exceedance levels of PFOA and PFOS. PFOA and PFOS are man-made chemicals that have been widely used in the manufacturing of many industrial and consumer products such as paper and cardboard food packaging, insecticides, electronics, stain repellants, paints, plumbing tape, firefighting foam and non-stick cooking surfaces. The EPA has lowered the MCL for these contaminants to 10 nanograms. A nanogram is one part per trillion. As these contaminants would not be detectable at the standard ppm, or even ppb level. At any rate, our annual sample that was taken in December which I now understand can be affected by merely having freshly washed hands, hair of clothes in proximity to the filling of the sample bottle. Came in at just over the MCL limit of 10 ppt. It has also come to my understanding that many public water supply systems in the county and state are showing detectable levels just under, at or above these ever increasingly stringent levels. A quick follow-up sample was taken following the necessary procedures to avoid any non-representative influences and sent to a different lab. The results of the follow-up sample came back, and may I emphasize, within compliance. But the health department was forced to issue a violation on the initial sample that was taken within the required sampling schedule period. May it be noted that the official notification from the health department states that the MCL of 10 ppt (to which our violation numbers came in at 10.4 and 11.9) is "set well below levels known or estimated to cause health effects". So, there is no cause for concern and "your water continues to be acceptable for all uses".
- I'd also like to address this issue moving forward in regard to our water plant capital improvement project. To my knowledge, the EPA is pushing to lower the MCL for PFOA and PFOS from 10 ppt to 4 ppt. We will be discussing with our engineers the addition of an activated carbon application to address the need to completely remove this contaminant as a requirement of the state and federal agencies to do so.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizens of the Year: Colleen and Vincent Hallinan; Colleen accepted flowers and sashes from Mayor Buckley. Clerk Holder stated that the award is well-deserved and that with a lifetime of dedication to community service, Colleen and Vinny have instilled the same values in their children, ensuring the legacy of volunteerism continues through generations, from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to Little League and the Gaelic Cultural Society.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Clifford: Extended her congratulations to Colleen and Vinny and also thanked Brendan Kolesar, the head of the village's Parks Department for hanging and re-hanging the Centennial banner over Mountain Lakes Lane. B'Nai Torah will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, February 26, 2024, from 1-6pm. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are visiting different houses of worship this month; they are visiting B'Nai Torah on Friday at 5:45pm and Holy Rosary on Sunday for the 10am Mass. Celtic Day will be on Sunday, February 25. Celts of the Year, John and Toddy Trazino will be honored. There will be music and food and an Irish soda bread competition. Some of the seniors at the Senior Center were interviewed by the Greenwood Lake Middle School Junior Honor Society for the Centennial called "Senior Voices." The Greenwood Lake Chamber of Commerce met on February 5, 2024; their new president is Brenda Wiley. Their Street Fair will be June 8, 2024. Centennial Update: the first installment of the Library Lecture series was on February 11, 2024, and was well-attended. The next lecture will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 2pm at the Elks discussing the first American rocket mail flight given presented by Jim Hall and Steve Gross. On March 16, 2024, at 1pm there will be an immersive theater reenactment of the first Village of Greenwood Lake entitled, "I Was There" presented by GWL Theater Production, vote. This will take place at the Church of Good Shepard, 37 Linden Avenue.

Trustee Sellier: This report covers the month of January 2024. The Building Department took in \$4,031 in January; 50% was for building permits. The ZBA met in January; there was one applicant. The Planning Board has had one ongoing application, Benjamin's Steakhouse. They are busy meeting NYS DEC requirements including a traffic study which was just completed and stormwater studies.

Trustee Kelm: The library has many programs that are happening now and in the future. Please visit their website for more information.

Trustee Howley: Even though it's only February, we are getting ready for beach season. He had his first meeting with the head lifeguard and the hiring/re-hiring process will be started soon.

Attorney Report – Brian Nugent: no report.

Clerk's Report- Katheleen Holder: Phil will be going to out to do water reads and we will be preparing bills. Any unpaid water bills have been relevied onto village tax bills. Katheleen also thanked Brendan Kolesar for all of his hard work creating a new file room at Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Boards: A new combined board will be created in April. A revision to the local law has to be adopted and then the new board will start with the new year.

Golf Carts: A bill has been moved to Committee in Albany to make golf carts legal in Greenwood Lake.

Comprehensive Plan: A committee will be formed to start work on the new comprehensive plan. Members will be contacted in the near future. Our new planner will be working with this committee.

Water Plant and DOH: we are still working to expedite the plans for the new filtration system.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Plant and DOH: a letter to all residents within the water district will be mailed by the end of the week letting them know that our water tested slightly high for PFOS. After re-testing, the village was within acceptable limits.

Beach Passes: The cost of beach passes will be going up this season. Please check our Facebook page and website for sale information.

Hotel/Motel Tax: This is a bill that is currently in Albany which would place a tax on hotels and motels as well as Airbnb's and VRBOs that would filter directly to the village. The village would like to use this money to keep the lake clean.

EVENTS:

- Teen Center scheduled for Tuesday nights, located at the Community Center, 51 Waterstone Road between the hours of 4-6 PM for 2-5th grades, 6-8 PM for 6-8th grade.
- Grievance Night scheduled for February 22, 2024, located at Village Hall, located on 18 Church Street between the hours of 4 PM and 8 PM.
- GWL Centennial presents Celebrating the 88th Anniversary of First American Rocket Airplane Flight, February 24, 2024, located at the GWL Elks Lodge No. 2067, 35 Chestnut Street starting at 2 PM.
- Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 7, 2024, located at Village Hall, located on 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.
- GWL Centennial presents "I Was There" GWL Theater Production, March 16, 2024, located at Church of Good Shepard, 37 Linden Avenue starting at 1 PM.
- Village Board election scheduled for March 19, 2024, located at the GWL Senior Center, 132 Windermere Avenue between the hours of 12 PM and 9 PM.
- Zoning Board Meeting scheduled for March 21, 2024, located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Howley and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2024, Board Meeting and Public Hearings on same date made by Trustee Clifford and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #54: Authorizes Shauna Schwetje as the Communication Coordinator at the rate of \$24.37 per hour. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Clifford. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #55 the Village Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Robin Dunlap as full-time court clerk at \$25 per hour effective March 18, 2024. Motion made by Trustee Clifford and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #56 authorizes the hiring of Kathleen Rousseau as part-time court clerk at \$18 per hour effective March 18, 2024. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Howley. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #57 authorizes the mayor to contact State representatives of the Village to pursue introduction of a bill that would authorize court officers in the Village to be defined as "peace officers" under the New York State Criminal Procedure Law. Motion made by Trustee Howley and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #58: authorizes the Village Board to set a public hearing on March 20, 2024, to consider the adoption of a local law and procedures to authorize videoconferencing at Village meetings in the Village of Greenwood Lake pursuant New York State Public Officers Law § 103-a. Motion made by Trustee Howley and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #59: authorizes the Village Board to set a public hearing on March 20, 2024, to consider the adoption of a local law amending Chapter 23 of the Village Code (Records Access) to improve records access and appeals procedures. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Clifford. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #60: authorizes the Village Board to set a public hearing on March 20, 2024, to consider the adoption of a local law to establish requirements and procedures for the payment of professional fees by land use applicants in the Village. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Howley. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #61: authorizes the mayor to execute an agreement with Nelson Pope Vorhees for planning services to the Village in a final form approved by Village legal counsel. Motion made by Trustee Clifford and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #62: authorizing bid documents for Public Works services. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #63: authorizing sealed bid reputable and qualified refuse removal companies for furnishing refuse removal in the Village of Greenwood Lake for the period of one (1) year. Motion made by Trustee Howley and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #64: The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 entitled, “LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024 ENACTING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD LAKE “PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS” AND AMENDING CHAPTER 120 (ZONING) OF THE VILLAGE CODE” in the form presented to the Village Board. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

BUDGET TRANSFERS & AMENDMENTS:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.3120.100	A.8790.400	\$137,490.00

Motion to approve made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:52pm to discuss personnel matters made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:55pm made by Trustee Clifford and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Kelm at 8:56 pm and seconded by Trustee Howley. 5 Ayes- Mayor Buckley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Clifford, Trustee Howley, and Trustee Kelm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katheleen Holder
Village Clerk/Treasurer

The next meeting will be March 20, 2024, 6:30pm Public Hearings, immediately followed by Workshop, and Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.