

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
WORKSHOP/BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024
VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD LAKE
PO BOX 7, 18 CHURCH STREET
GREENWOOD LAKE, NY 10925**

Mayor Thomas Howley called to order the Village Board Workshop/Meeting at 6:01 pm on June 12, 2024, for the Village of Greenwood Lake located at 18 Church Street in Greenwood Lake, NY.

The following persons were present:

- Mayor Thomas Howley
- Deputy Mayor Kelli Kelm
- Trustee Chad Sellier
- Trustee John Trazino
- Attorney Brian Nugent

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howley invited Greenwood Lake School Superintendent, Sarah Hadden, to speak.

Ms. Hadden:

“Good evening Mayor Howley & the Greenwood Lake Village Board. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you tonight from my position as the Superintendent of the Greenwood Lake School District.

As you all know, on May 23rd, a significant storm impacted our area. The damage was widespread and directly affected our school buses on the road that morning, our ability to provide transportation during the day, and caused damage to many of our students' homes. I come to you tonight wishing to personally acknowledge the work of several individuals that day.

Mayor Howley was sure to personally check in with me several times throughout the morning and afternoon, asking if we needed anything and reassured me that I could ask for just about anything and it would be provided. His presence and support throughout the day was reassuring to me and to many others.

One of our buses had a tree limb fall and get entangled with the front of the bus. There was the driver and eight students inside. After being stranded for over five hours, the driver and the last remaining student were finally able to be retrieved. The Greenwood Lake Fire Department played a key role in getting our last student home, which happened to be on Woods Road. There was a massive tree down, completely entangled with live wires between us and the student's home. The GWL Fire Department escorted the child through the area safely, knowing he needed to get back to his family. Their care and concern was evident as they cleared a path and put themselves between the student and the tree. There was much relief all around when the student was hugged by family for the first time after several hours apart due to the student being stranded. We are grateful to the fire department for their efforts in this reunification.

The majority of my day that day, though, was spent working with the police chiefs from both Warwick and Greenwood Lake in or near central command, which was set up behind the GWL Police Department. With this statement here this evening, I'd like to formally and publicly acknowledge the work of the entire GWL Police Dept, but also specifically acknowledge the actions of Chief Eirand and two individual members of his team who lent their support directly to me that day.

Dispatchers Shauna and Robbie were excellent communicators and resources during the course of the day. They checked in with me regularly and made sure I had what I needed - from paper to writing utensils to even bringing me a cup of water. They remained calm and relayed pertinent information in a way that could be easily understood and then used to inform decisions.

As Chief, Adam Eirand was my main contact for the Greenwood Lake Police Department throughout the event and its aftermath. He answered every text, every phone call, and every in-person question I asked. He gave me ideas for how to handle various situations I faced and gave advice on next steps. When my clothes were soaked through, he made sure I had warm clothes to put on. The kindness in that gesture was appreciated greatly. Additionally, when I needed a space near central command that I could work out of, he volunteered his personal office for use the entire day. It gave me a quiet space to think, work, and communicate with my team. For the Chief to give me full use of his private office during an emergency is something I never would have expected.

While we have had a strong working relationship for several years now, this day deepened the trust and respect that I have for Chief Eirand. His professional courtesies is always forefront in his interactions, but were especially present on that day. I acknowledge him today with this statement, but also with a formal letter to him, and a copy to Mayor Howley, as I believe it incredibly important to formally acknowledge a job well done.

On a quick final note, Mayor Howley and Chief Eirand were all in when I proposed working together to fundraise for the families in the District displaced by the storm. Mayor Howley and his Elks crew barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs all evening long and Chief Eirand played in the softball game with such enthusiasm, I am wondering if was able to even walk the next day. Together, our joined forces raised almost \$10000 for the families and we will use the

funds to help them as they move forward in the aftermath of the storm. That's amazing considering we came up with the idea, planned it, and executed it in under ten days.

Again, on behalf of the District thank you to Mayor Howley, the Greenwood Lake Fire Department, and Chief Eirand and his team. We look forward to our continued partnerships for many years to come.”

Mayor Howley added that Superintendent Hadden walked three and half miles to the stranded school bus and commended her for all of her hard work and dedication on the day of the storm. He thanked Brendan Kolesar who is head of the Parks Department and also serves on the Greenwood Lake Volunteer Fire Department and also Ben Astorino and Bill Roe, Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Town of Warwick DPW for their department's quick response to the scene of the bus accident as well as all of their work throughout the day of the storm and dealing with its aftermath. The mayor said that there are some residents that are displaced from their homes, but for the most part, the Village is in relatively good shape. Brush can be dropped off at the Village DPW near Lions' Field and also at the Boy Scout beach on East Shore Road.

The mayor extended congratulations to Brenda Wiley and the Greenwood Lake Chamber of Commerce for hosting a triumphant street fair. The well-attended and smoothly run event marked the unofficial start of summer at the Lake, further fueled by the successful opening of the Farmers' Market, which will run through October.

CORRESPONDENCE

Denise Meininger—letter in regards to renewal of Building Permit 23-3.

Orange County Department of Human Resources—letter discussing statutory layoff process.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PARKS DEPARTMENT (April and May of 2024): Parks Department Supervisor Bendan Kolesar

- Garbage village-wide
- Mowed all village lawns
- Storm cleanup
- Rope and swim platform repaired at the beach
- Installed new anchors and ladder on swim platform
- Installed fountain in lagoon
- Changed light bulbs in DPW shop
- Set up and cleaned up for the Street Fair

DPW (May 2024): Deputy Commissioner Bill Roe reported that DPW has been working on

- Storm cleanup
- Drainage repair near the Emerald Point on Sterling
- Road mowing village-wide
- Sweeping village-wide
- Leaf pickup village-wide
- Wah ta Wah water

WATER DEPARTMENT (May 2024): (Mayor Howley gave the Water Department's report in Operator Phil Landru's absence)

- For the month of May, the department would like to report that we have been easily satisfying village demand for water along with managing proper chemical treatment in conjunction with all of Delaware Engineering's ever changing Pilot study systems. We are also pleased and relieved to report that the pilot study has been concluded and they have all the necessary data that they need to begin a more detailed design phase of the of the facility's sorely needed capital improvement upgrade project.
- Bids will be coming in in the next few weeks to finally repack our #2 Filter unit that has been out of service for quite some time. Along with that project, contractors will also be bidding on removing all of the silt and settled solids that are sitting at the bottom of our long out of service Caisson Well 5 near the walking trail. That well had to be taken out of service due to contamination from an old mercury filled pressure gauge that broke inside the pump house. We performed a 12-hour, 40 GPM pump test with the current pump that is supplying the garden center by the CVS. And sampled for relative parameters, including mercury. Test results came back with typical numbers for iron and manganese, but no mercury was detected. So, after the contractor cleans up the bottom of that well. They will be conducting a pump test that will more resemble source water operation. At like 200+ GPM to see what kind of drawdown performance the well would provide under full-time operating conditions. If this test proves promising, we will more than likely move forward with taking the necessary steps to bring this well back online as it is in very close proximity to Well D which, although out of service, is still piped and wired into our facility.
- The village engineers are also considering drilling some test wells in the northern most spring fed arm of the lake. It's a consideration that could potentially provide the village with a jackpot of a water source that would not only be an inexhaustible resource of water. But those underground springs over by the horse trails behind that arm have shown a significantly lower mineral content that wouldn't require the costly and difficult treatment processes that have plagued our village's mineral laden sand and gravel wells.
- On the distribution front. All summer water systems are up and running barring the usual age-related repairs and very unusual weather disasters. The department would like to thank Brendan Kolesar for his

huge help in completely replacing all of the plumbing in through and around the pump station up in Wah-Ta-Wah Park along with welding a hole closed in the old steel pressure tank up there. We'd also like to thank the Town DPW for their assistance with a number of service line related leaks and repairs.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Kelm: As liaison to the Police Department, Trustee Kelm gave the Police Department's report in Chief Eirand's absence.

May of 2024:

COMPLAINTS: 1,301
ARRESTS: 8
TRAFFIC SUMMONSES: 102
PARKING SUMMONSES: 0
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 4

"We would like to thank the Town of Warwick Police Department, Orange County Office of Emergency Services, Orange County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, Town of Tuxedo Police Department, Greenwood Lake Fire Department, Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corp and all other volunteers that helped out with the severe weather event we experienced on May 23, 2024.

The PBA bicycle rodeo was a success. Thank you for the support.

The boating season is upon us. The Greenwood Lake Police Department will be executing heavy patrols on our waterways. If you haven't already, please sign up for our boaters' safety course scheduled for June 17th – 18th from 600 pm - 1000 pm in the Greenwood Lake courthouse located 47 Waterstone Rd, Greenwood Lake, NY.

The Greenwood Lake PBA will be hosting their annual fishing derby on June 30th at 1000 am. It will be held at 7 Windermere Avenue, Greenwood Lake NY.

As a reminder July 6th is the centennial car show and our Village Fireworks display. Expect congestion and detours for the duration of the day."

Trustee Kelm continued: the seniors are busy with yoga, Zumba, bingo, guest speakers, and trips. Their next trip is July 23, 2024, to the Huntington Playhouse to see the Patsy Kline Show. The cost is \$82 which includes lunch.

Anyone interested, please call Colleen Reilly, Senior Director, at 845-477-8482. The Senior Center will be closed on June 19th for Juneteenth; Wednesday lunch will be served the following day, Thursday, June 20th.

All beach passes that have been ordered and paid for are available for pick at the beach, not at Village Hall. Any new purchases can be made at Village Hall or at the beach. Cash or check is accepted. Passes can only be purchased with a credit card online. Also, please remember, dogs are not allowed on the beach even when the beach is closed.

Trustee Kelm reminded residents to be cognizant of children on bicycles as school is soon letting out. She also reminded parents to speak with their children about bike safety and general safety guidelines when walking, including not looking at their cell phones when walking or riding their bikes.

Trustee Sellier:

Library:

- On Sunday, June 9th, the GWL Library featured a brilliant lecture by art historian, Hal Greenberg, who spoke at length about Jasper Cropsey, the international artist and architect who loved to paint scenes of Greenwood Lake. The lecture was well attended and received by the public.
- June 17 begins the registration for the summer programs including the summer reading program. The GWL Library website has a list of summer programs for toddlers, tweens and teens, and adults.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for July 18th.

School Board:

- The School Board held their business meeting on Tuesday, June 11 where they acknowledged and celebrated two retirees: Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Connelly.
- On June 18th academic awards will be held at the middle school, and the last day of school is June 21st.
- The next School Board business meeting is scheduled for July 15th.

Chamber of Commerce:

- June 8th Street Fair – beautiful weather which contributed to a successful day with approximately 80 vendors selling food, crafts, and other goods and services. Thank you to the Village PD, DPW and Staff for their wonderful support.
- Ribbon Cutting – Saturday, June 29th for "Small Scale Speedway" located on Windermere Avenue next to the nail salon. Email invite with details for the Mayor and Village board is forthcoming.
- Chamber Welcomes: GWL Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome Trattoria Italiana to the village located on Windermere between Two Fools and True Value Hardware. True to the name, the restaurant format, profile, and menu represents the meaning of Trattoria. And the food is delicious! The Chamber is in the process of scheduling their ribbon cutting.
- Summer Mixer: The Chamber has scheduled the summer mixer for July 24th to be held at the Food Truck Park on 17A.
- News and Noteworthy: The Chamber is planning a Social Media workshop for the Fall that will be open to all businesses. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

Trustee Trazino: The Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corps handled 58 calls in the month of May. In the future, Trustee Trazino will be reporting on the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department in the future.

He also commended the Mayor, Police Department, and all other village employees and villagers on the handling of the events of the storm on May 23, 2024.

The Planning and Zoning boards met for the last time independently in May. The new combined board will meet later this month. The Building Department collected a total of \$9,472.00 in the month of May, made up mostly of short-term rental fees and building permit fees.

Attorney Report – Brian Nugent: No report except for the Klastow settlement, which he will discuss if needed. The case is now closed.

Clerk’s Report- Katherine Holder: Tax bills were sent out at the end of May. If you haven’t received your bill, please contact Village Hall and we can mail or email you a copy. If you received a tax bill and should not have (if your taxes are paid through your mortgage) reach out to your bank or mortgage company to make sure they have received a copy. Unfortunately, the mail service has not been great, and bills with correct addresses have been returned to us. Our office has been inundated with FOIL requests and beach passes and Clerk Holder thanked Trustee Kelm for coming into the office to help.

Mayor Howley added that he would like to thank Orange County Department of Emergency Services for their quick response and assistance on May 23rd.

He also mentioned that the beach is only open on weekdays and that people are not allowed to be on the beach when it is not open. It will be open full time on June 22, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Carts: Home Rule passed committee in Albany (Senate and Assembly) and went to the floor. We have not heard any updates yet.

Hotel/Motel Tax: Home Rule passed committee in Albany (Senate and Assembly) and went to the floor. We have not heard any updates yet.

Lake Treatment: The Village is waiting on DEC approvals. The lake treatment company is ready to move forward as soon as approvals are granted. The village will notify residents when the treatment will happen. The first phase kills all of the weeds that are growing, then wait two weeks and treat the algae. We also have a weed harvester that we will be using as soon it is operational.

NEW BUSINESS

Notary Services: The Village will start to limit hours that notary services are available. Hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10-12am and 1:30 to 3:30pm. This does apply to village business such as building permits.

2024 Mosquito Surveillance Project: Orange County Department of Health monitors their mosquito trap in Greenwood Lake for diseases, etc. This project has been ongoing since the early 2000s.

EVENTS:

- Community Center: Tue 4-6pm 2-5th grades, 6-8pm 6-8th grade
- Farmers’ Market – Saturdays from June 8th to October 26th located at Ben Winstanley Park starting at 9am
- Centennial Tea Party—Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 62 Windermere Avenue at 3pm.
- ZBA Meeting—the new board will meet Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Village Hall at 7pm.
- Centennial Car Show—Saturday, July 6th form 10-3 at the Church of Good C=Shepherd
- Fireworks—Saturday, July 6th at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park around 9pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Matt Veth, Greenwood Lake Commission, said that Warwick is working on securing their treatment permits and that West Milford already has theirs in hand. They will treat the lake in mid-July. Their next meeting is Wednesday June 26th at the Senior Center at 7pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #1 Authorizes the renewal of Building Permit 23-3 for interior renovations located at 52 Sterling Road. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #2 Authorizes the hiring of the following beach personnel for the 2024 beach season:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	PAY RATE
Piccirillo	Konnor	Laborer	\$14.50
Tuechler	Elijah	Laborer	\$14.50
Bujosa	Emily	Lifeguard	\$17.00
Connington	Shea	Lifeguard	\$15.00
DeGroat	Christopher	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Devine	Daniel	Lifeguard	\$15.55
Fiasconaro	Tahlia	Lifeguard	\$15.75
Geyson	Annika	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Glynn	Gavin	Lifeguard	\$17.43
Goldstein	Michael	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Goldstein	Steven	Lifeguard	\$18.25
McLaughlin	Daniel	Lifeguard	\$15.25

Patterson	Cassidy	Lifeguard	\$17.00
Sass	Christie	Lifeguard	\$17.68
Sass	Kyle	Lifeguard	\$15.86
Sequeiros	Noah	Lifeguard	\$16.25
Sequeiros	Sebastian	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Kass	Alexis	Rec Aide	\$21.25
El-Rifai	Sameer	Rec Attendant	\$15.00
Pilieri	Morgan	Rec Attendant	\$15.00
Saavedra Alvarade	Jacklyn	Rec Attendant	\$14.50

Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #3 Authorizes the mayor to sign a contract with Delaware Engineering not to exceed \$15,000 to prepare the Emergency Response Plan, Vulnerability Assessment, Cyber Security Assessment for the Water Plant as directed by the Department of Health. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm to approve minutes from the May 22, 2024, Village Board Meeting. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Sellier at 7:26 pm and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katheleen Holder
Village Clerk/Treasurer

The next meeting will be July 17, 2024, 6:00pm Workshop followed by a 7:30pm Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.