

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
WORKSHOP/BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 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 6:02 pm on July 17, 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

Summer Concert Series: The concert series is up and running. Last Saturday's concert was very well-attended and the weather has been great. The concert series runs through July and August, until the week before Labor Day Weekend.

Centennial Celebrations: The weekend of August 16, 17, and 18, 2024, will be the final events of the Centennial celebration. The Lake Reunion will be Friday night, the parade and Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday, and on Sunday will be the opening of the time capsule and the Babe Ruth Tribute Baseball Game. Mayor Howley also recognized Nancy Clifford who is spearheading this committee and has been working very hard for the last eighteen months. She is doing a wonderful job and deserves a world of thanks from all of us.

CORRESPONDENCE

1177 Rt 17A GWL NY 10925 LLC/Cabin 12 – Professional Fees under Protest

Cabin 12 - Notice of Claim Against Village of Greenwood Lake

Town of Warwick – Senior Barbeque

Town of Warwick – Resolution #R2024-297 Public Hearing on Local Law #5 of 2024

Town of Warwick – Resolution #R2024-297 Public Hearing on Local Law #6 of 2024

Skylar Clifford – Thank you for allowing her to sing the National Anthem at Fireworks

VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Floyd DeAngelo had no report.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Parks Department June/July 2024 Report

- Village-wide maintenance:
 - Consistent trash removal throughout the village.
 - Mowing and upkeep of all village properties.
- Beach maintenance:
 - Trimmed hedges to maintain a neat appearance.
 - Installed and removed the dock for the July 4th fireworks display.
 - Performed post-celebration beach cleanup.
 - Spread a new delivery of beach sand for resident enjoyment.
- Horticulture:
 - Regular watering of all village flowers.
- Lake maintenance:
 - Operated the weed harvester to maintain water clarity.
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- Building maintenance:
 - Repaired Police Department generator

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

- Rebuilt catch basins
- Working with the mayor on deciding on a paving project for the fall
- Painted crosswalks
- Sweeping village-wide
- Leaf pickup village-wide

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Reported by Officer Conklin

BLOTTERS: 1138

TRAFFIC STOPS: 187

TICKETS (TOTAL): 96
VESSEL STOPS: 33
TICKETS (NAV): 10
ARRESTS: 5
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 6
MEDICAL CALLS: 15

WATER DEPARTMENT (June/July 2024):

- We'd first like to report that the full system hydrant flush went as well as could be expected finishing in three days without any complete disasters. It must be noted that the list of defective hydrants is growing and should probably be addressed in the next budget discussion as the cost of replacement is not cheap.
- May it also be noted that the #2 filter that was recently repacked with new media is still suffering with performance issues. A second filter is necessary to produce the volume necessary to get through a flush inside of a week. The filter is producing good turbidity numbers but for some odd reason isn't achieving the same finished Manganese removal numbers as the primary (#1) bed that we've been using.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Kelm:

Senior Center: Bus trip To Huntington Hills Play House July 23rd, Senior Center closed. State Senator James Skoufis will be visiting Wed., July 24, 2024, at noon. There is a planting program with Stacy from Greenwood Lake Garden Center Wed., July 31, 2024, and a wellness program July 17th and 31st and Aug 7th and 21st. Average attendance is 25-35 seniors a day. The Senior Center has been used for cooling center about 5 days this month. There have been two young men, relatives of seniors, volunteering on opposite Wednesdays during hot lunch which is provided by the Office of the Aging. They help pass out dessert, remove trash, sweep the floor, etc. They also socialize and play pool with some of the seniors. I love seeing our youth and seniors interacting. If you have any questions about the center and events coming up, please reach out to our senior director, Colleen, at 477-8482.

Beach: We had the first session of swim lesson that went great and the second session starts next week. The beach looks great and big thanks to Brendan and Ed and the beach staff.

Police: June 30th was the fishing derby. There was a good turn out and the kids had fun. I even surprised one kid by putting a worm on his hook. I was told and I quote - "that was a good job for a girl!" So big kudos to me!!!! Thank you to the PBA for another great program for our kids.

Trustee Sellier:

Library Report:

- Library Board will hold their re-organizational meeting, followed by a regular business meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 7PM in the library.
- Tuesday, July 23 @ 1:30pm Young Adult Program (ages 10-17) Felting – Combine Felting and your favorite yellow (pocket monster) for a fun adventure where imagination meets creativity in the most adorable way.
- Artist of the Month June 2024-- Arthur Gilmore, and award-winning director and creative director, studied at Pratt Institute and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Arthur has guest lectured at Parson's School of Design, The School of Visual Arts, Pace and Syracuse Universities. He was the vice president of the Ridgewood Art institute and currently holds a workshop in Suffern, NY on Monday mornings.

School Board:

- School Board held their reorg and business meeting on Monday, July 15
 - No changes to current board positions of President, Vice President
- New hires: Superintendent Hadden and GWL Board of Ed appointed Ms. Michelle Ring as the new GWL Elementary School Principal.
 - Extensive background in teaching at the primary level, background in many of the educational programs that are currently in place in the district, highly rated for leadership style and strong communication skills
 - Will begin on Aug 1st

Chamber of Commerce report:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Thurs, July 18 @ 4pm: GWL Trattoria Italiana Place (located at 75 Windermere Ave)
- Chamber Mixer: Summer Mixer July 24 @ Food Truck Park from 6-9pm. Guest and nonmembers are \$10.
- Announcements: Chamber is sponsoring inflatables for the Centennial Family Fun Day which will be held on August 17 from 11-8pm.
 - News and Noteworthy:
Chamber is planning a Social Media Workshop for the fall that will be open to all businesses. Additional Details forthcoming. Based on the spring mixer survey feedback: a lot of interest in this topic.
 - Chamber is excited to welcome Greenwood Lakeside Grab & Go Market with a ribbon cutting scheduled for scheduled for 8/1 @ 4pm. Melissa who used to own Lake Effect has started this great new addition to the lake at the GWL Marina.

Community Organizations report:

- **GWL Lions Club:** Awarded their \$2000 scholarship to Ava Lynn Schwab. The scholarship is awarded to HS seniors that demonstrate a commitment to community service. Among other activities, over the past several years, Ava volunteered for the GWL Summer Reading program helping children improve their reading skills. Ava will be attending college in the fall and has an interest in a teaching career. The GWL Lions and the Village Board and Mayor wish you every success Ava.

Economic Development report:

- Two Fools Gifts and Games (located at 73 Windermere Ave) will be continuing their monthly commitment to hosting a different local charity or organization by donating 10% of their profits.
- Tomorrow, July 18th beginning at 6pm they will be hosting a FUNdraising event for the GWL Fire Dept networking fundraising event with a raffle, great authentic drinks, vegan delights and pinball. Raffle and presentation from the fire dept will begin at 7pm.

Village Code Committee report:

- Nothing for the month of July.

Trustee Trazino:

Building Department Report June 2024:

- New combined ZBA board- met for the first time in June. Applicants were:
 - Benjamin's Steakhouse- received site plan approval, it is expected that they will begin moving forward with pulling demo permits in the near future.
 - One zoning application for an area variance- granted
- PSA- New updated permit applications available at Village Hall & Website; we ask that homeowners and contractors use the updated application forms.
- New requirement for building plans is 2 hard copies & 1 pdf version emailed to the Building Department building@villageofgreenwoodlake.org
- The Building Department is aware that septic companies are backlogged; if having difficulty getting an appointment by your due date, call Danielle in the office.
- Please remember that garbage and leaf bags are to only be put out the night before pickups and receptacles promptly taken back in after pick up.

Attorney Report – Brian Nugent: No report.

Clerk's Report- Katheleen Holder: Tax bills now have a penalty on them as they were due by July 1st. There will be an additional penalty assessed if not paid by August 1st. We are still collecting water bill payments as well. We will be posting Notary hours this week.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Treatment/Weed Harvesting: The Village has entered into an agreement with West Milford and has obtained two weed harvesters from them. Both needed some work, but one has been up and running in the north arm which was very overgrown. We have had a crew out there for hours and hours over the past few weeks. The west shore near DeFeo's Marina will be the next area weed harvested. The lake was treated with herbicides on June 26, 2024. July 24, 2024, will be the next treatment.

Hotel/Motel Tax: Home Rule is in process in Albany. We have not heard any updates yet.

NEW BUSINESS

MS4: The village needs to create a plan to mitigate storm water. The plan needs to be in place by October 1, 2024. Due to the population of Greenwood Lake, compliance is now mandatory. A municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is a publicly-owned conveyance or system of conveyances (including but not limited to streets, ditches, catch basins, curbs, gutters, and storm drains) that is designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater and that discharges to surface waters of the State. The village will be purchasing GPS equipment and an iPad to complete this study, which will go to the Building Department upon completion.

CHIPS: The village is in the process of picking which road or roads will be re-paved this year. Unfortunately, milling and grading costs are outweighing paving costs. DPW is helping us look for a new milling company, and we hope to have a paving project scheduled for this fall.

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
- Concert to Benefit Mercy Ships – Friday, August 19, 2024, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park starting at 7:00 pm.
- ZBA Meeting—second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Village Hall at 7pm.
- Laker Reunion—Friday, August 16, 2024.
- Centennial Parade—Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 11am.
- Centennial Family Fun Day— Saturday, August 17, 2024, following the parade.
- Opening of Centennial Time Capsule—Sunday, August 18, 2024, 10am at the Community Center
- Centennial Babe Ruth Tribute Baseball Game—Sunday, August 18, 2024, 1pm

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jeanne Maron, 5 Brook Court, asked if the stream in her backyard would be part of the MS4 study. Mayor Howley answered no and that no one will be on her property. The study concerns how the village handles stormwater, not homeowners.

Ed Krull, 659 Jersey Avenue, asked if road sand and salt would be part of the MS4 study. Mayor Howley answered that any runoff into the lake will be taken into consideration. Mr. Krull then asked if he can have a copy of the new

local laws before the Public Hearing in August. Attorney Nugent answered that a copy showing changes (red lined) will be available by 8/13/24 at the latest. Mr. Krull then asked if it was really against the law to drag a deer back to the curb if it was hit by a car and then end up in someone's yard. He had read it on the internet and offered to drag the deer out for the homeowner but the homeowner told Mr. Krull that he didn't want him to get in trouble for moving the deer. Trustee Trazino and Mayor Howley both answered that the deer would still be picked up by the municipality. Mayor Howley also added that Facebook is not an official means of notification and homeowners need to call Village Hall (845-477-9215) if they have an issue or a problem. This matter was never reported to Village Hall and Mr. Krull's comment was the first that the mayor and other members of the board were made aware of it.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #6 Authorizes Legal Services by Special Village Counsel in Litigation. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #7 Authorizes the Mayor to hire Peter Hillebrand as Building Inspector III at \$26 per hour effective immediately. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #8 Authorizes the pay increase of Danielle Mulqueen to \$21.60 per hour effective July 22, 2024. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #9 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Maintenance Service Agreement with Peak Power Systems Inc. for the Village-owned generators for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2027 as per the recommendation of Parks Supervisor, Brendan Kolesar. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #10 Authorizes the Village Clerk to transfer \$838,307.26 of unused funds from NYCLASS to Water Capt. Project to pay off BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - 2023 SERIES B to Oppenheimer & Co. in the amount of \$1,058,431.25 for the Water Plant project. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #11 Authorizes the Village Clerk to pay off BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - 2023 SERIES B to Oppenheimer & Co. in the amount of \$1,058,431.25 for the Water Plant project. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #12 Authorizes the Village Clerk to transfer \$2,500,00.00 of from General account to NYCLASS. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #13 Authorizes the Clerk TO SET PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE REVISIONS TO THE VILLAGE'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CODE – CHAPTER 96. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Sellier to approve minutes from the June 12, 2024, Village Board Meeting, the June 21, 2024, Special Meeting of the Village Board, and June 27, 2024, Special Meeting of the Village Board. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:19pm to receive to discuss personnel matters made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Trustee Kelm, Trustee Howley, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Howley to exit Executive Session at 7:54pm. 4 Ayes- Trustee Kelm, Trustee Howley, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Sellier at 7:55 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 August 21, 2024, 6:00pm Public Hearing, followed by a Workshop, and Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.