

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
WORKSHOP/BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

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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 May 22, 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

Greenwood Lake Elementary School Quilt Presentation: Third grade members of the “Sew What Club” with the help of some local seniors from the Greenwood Lake Senior Center designed and put together a quilt to honor the Greenwood Lake Centennial. Each young artist described his or her square. The quilt was then presented to the Village Board. It will be on display at Village Hall and also at Centennial Events.

Thomas Morahan Park/Beach will open on Friday, May 24, 2024. It will be open on weekends only until June 27, 2024; after that it will be open seven days a week.

The mayor also reported that this first month has been mayor; working on the budget, and reorganization. He also mentioned that he is accessible and encourages the public to reach out to him to discuss any pertinent matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Victor Ludmerer- Letter in regards to Joint Planning and Zoning Board, Membership Application
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to Village Board Agenda for 1177 Rt. 17A
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Building Department
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Zoning Board of Appeals
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Zoning Board of Appeals Rehearing
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Village Board Meeting date April 17, 2024
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Foil Request dated May 10, 2024
- Dennis McCoobery – Letter in regards to 1177 Rt. 17A and Legal Fees
- Lucia Piccolo & Todd Olsen – Permit #: 23-46
- Silverio Mazzella – Letter in regards to water bill 31034
- Barlon P. Wood – Letter in regards to water bill 31074
- Parlon Capital Portfolio I, Courtney Sales – Letter in regards to water bill 309728
- Theresa Marra Siliceo – Letter in regards Renewal of Permit 21-07689.
- American Legion – Letter in regards to their Memorial Day Service

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PARKS DEPARTMENT (April and May of 2024):

- Emptied garbage cans and picked up garbage village-wide
- Spring cleanups including mulching gardens
- Mowed village-wide
- Replaced water heater at Senior Center
- Spread clay on Francis Field
- Prepped beach for opening
- Assisted PD with swim ropes and swim platform
- Assisted Water Department with re-plumbing of Wah ta Wah pump station
- Purchased flowers and planted hanging baskets and ground planters village-wide
- Repaired pressure tank for Wah ta Wah pump station
- Fabricated brackets and installed Centennial banners
- Hung flags and veteran banners

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Adam Eirand reported the following for March and April of 2024:

COMPLAINTS: 2048
ARRESTS: 10
TRAFFIC SUMMONSES: 206
PARKING SUMMONSES: 2
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 6

The Chief stated that they have been awarded a grant from DCJS. The grant is a \$200,000 technology grant. It will be used for enhancing current technology, adding new technology including as side scan SONAR, surveillance cameras, servers, tasers, and drones.

Chief Eirand also reported that while his department was assisting Parks and Grounds with prepping the beach for the season, Detective Dwyer and Sergeant Jones performed a water rescue of a woman and her dog who became distressed in the cold water. Those officers will be recognized at June's meeting.

Greenwood Lake PD hosted an Easter Egg Hunt and a Bike Rodeo. Both events were well-attended.

June 8, 2024, is the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. The Police Department will be shutting down 17A between Vine Street and Chestnut Street for most of the day.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Kelm: Congratulations to the new School Members: Mike Emsworth, Patty Kaminsky, and John Thurber. The school budget also passed. Please visit the Greenwood Lake Public Library's website, <https://gwllibrary.org>, for a list of their available programs. The Senior Center hosts Zumba, yoga, and lunch once a month.

Trustee Sellier: This report covers Planning, Zoning, and Building for the month of April. The Building Department took in \$4,702 in April; fifty percent of that was for building permits. The Planning Board met in April. Benjamin's Steakhouse was on the agenda. Their traffic study was presented. The ZBA met in April; there were two applicants, both we variances which were granted. Trustee Sellier also attended the Warwick Cares event on May, 4, 2024, which was in support of May as Mental Health Month. He will be putting together a one-page information sheet for the public.

Trustee Trazino: He has been working with Chief Eirand on the technology grant which he received. He briefly discussed how this new technology will affect the Police Department and assist them in doing their job.

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

Clerk's Report- Kathleen Holder: We are still collecting water bills; taxes will go out by the end of the month. We have also been working on fulfilling beach pass orders.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Carts: Home Rule has been submitted which will allow the Village to make a law concerning the use of golf carts on village roads.

Hotel/Motel Tax: Home Rule has been submitted which will allow the Village to make a law implementing a local tax for hotels, motels, and short-term rentals.

Beach Passes: Passes purchased online will not be available for pickup at Village Hall for a few days. Passes can be picked up at the beach.

NEW BUSINESS

MS4 – The Village is working on stormwater mapping with our engineers. The MS4 report as well as an Emergency Action Plan is necessary and required by New York State.

DCJS Grant: Greenwood Lake Police Department was awarded a \$200,000 grant for technology.

Lake Treatment: The Village received an analysis from Tigris (our lake management company) on a course of treatment. Letters have gone out to the public concerning the treatment. We are hoping to have it done by mid-June as to not disrupt the beach season. Senator Skoufis is also trying to secure a grant for the Village to purchase a new weed harvester.

EVENTS:

- Community Center: Tue 4-6pm 2-5th grades, 6-8pm 6-8th grade
- Zoning Board Meeting – Thursday, June 6th and Thursday, June 20th – 7:30 pm, Village Hall
- Memorial Day Service – Monday, May 27th at American Legion Post 1443 located at 40 Mountain Lakes Lane at 2pm
- Street Fair – Saturday, June 8th on Windermere Avenue at 11am
- Farmers' Market – Saturdays from June 8th to October 26th located at Ben Winstanley Park starting at 11am

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Victor Ludmerer, 129 Edgemere Ave., expressed that he would like the Planning Board and ZBA to remain intact and not to be combined. The mayor responded that a law had already been passed and that there have been numerous public hearings on this matter. He also mentioned that over the past few months, Mr. Ludmerer's comment is the first he has heard regarding this local law.

Lisa Mulcahy, 138 Lake Street, asked about the hotel/motel tax. Mayor Howley responded that a law has not been passed regarding this and that Home Rule has been submitted to Albany which will allow the Village to make a law implementing a local tax for hotels, motels, and short-term rentals.

Diane Bramich, Rumsey Road, requested that the Water Department move the summer water valve be moved so that the plow does hit it. It is hit every year. She also added that she is against combining the ZBA and the Planning Board.

Marilyn Hayden, 4 Windermere Ave., asked if she can borrow the quilt for the Centennial Art Show on June 2, 2024. Also, there is a Jasper Cropsey talk on June 9, 2024.

Tatyana Federenko, 2 Wilson Street, said that she has seen golf carts driving on her street and questioned their legality. Mayor Howley and Attorney Nugent said that there are low speed vehicles which are registered and are allowed on the road. She also asked about using the water grant monies on the water lines. She also said that it is hard for people who cannot manage stairs to attend Village Board Meetings. Clerk Holder mentioned that we did just receive BAN monies to repair the elevator and trustee Kelm added that the Board will meet in Village Hall if they need to accommodate people who cannot manage the stairs.

Zack Sawaged, 641 Jersey Ave., is against the new hotel/motel tax. He feels people are taxed enough.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #93: Authorizes the following Reorganization Appointments for the 2024/2025 year:

DEPUTY MAYOR	TRUSTEE KELM
POLICE DEPT LIASION	MAYOR HOWLEY/TRUSTEE KELM
BUILDING DEPT LIASION	TRUSTEE TRAZINO
MUNICIPAL WATER LIASION	MAYOR HOWLEY/TRUSTEE KELM
ZONING BOARD LIASION	TRUSTEE TRAZINO
VILLAGE CODE COMMITTEE	TRUSTEE SELLIER
RECREATION/BEACH PROGRAMS	MAYOR HOWLEY/TRUSTEE KELM
LIBRARY LIASION	TRUSTEE SELLIER
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	TRUSTEE KELM
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	TRUSTEE SELLIER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	TRUSTEE SELLIER
SCHOOL BOARD LIASION	TRUSTEE SELLIER
PUBLIC SAFETY LIASION	TRUSTEE TRAZINO
FIRE/AMBULANCE LIASION	TRUSTEE TRAZINO
PUBLIC WORKS LIASION	TRUSTEE KELM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TRUSTEE SELLIER
ADMIN/FINANCE/BUDGET	MAYOR HOWLEY
SENIOR CITIZEN LIASION	TRUSTEE KELM
VILLAGE CLERK/TREAS	KATHELEEN HOLDER
DEPUTY CLERK	HOLLY BROWN
VILLAGE ATTORNEY	BRIAN NUGENT ESQ.
ZBA ATTORNEY	DAVE MacCARTNEY ESQ.
LABOR CONSULTANT	MICHAEL RICHARDSON
REFUSE ATTORNEY	MARYANNE SADOWSKI
GREENWOOD LAKE COMMISSION	MATTHEW VETH
REGISTER VITAL STATISTICS	EILEEN ASTORINO
ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE	PETER BARLET
CHAPLAIN	TBD
ASSESSOR	DEBORAH EURICH
COURT CLERK	ROBIN DUNLOP
SENIOR CITIZENS DIRECTOR	COLLEEN REILLY
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER	WARWICK DISPATCH
BUILDING INSPECTOR	TBD
VILLAGE CHIEF OF POLICE	ADAM EIRAND
WATER PLANT OPERATOR	LONG POND WATERWORKS
GARBAGE AND REFUSE	INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES
BANK DEPOSITORY	WEBSTER BANK
OFFICIAL MEETING DATES	THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH 6 PM
MARRIAGE OFFICERS	MAYOR HOWLEY/TRUSTEE KELM
HISTORIAN	MARILYN HAYDEN
ZONING BOARD	
5 YEAR TERM ZONING BOARD MEMBER	ROBERT ZIMMER - CHAIRPERSON
4 YEAR TERM ZONING BOARD MEMBER	JENNY LYONS
3 YEAR TERM ZONING BOARD MEMBER	ERIC KELM
2 YEAR TERM ZONING BOARD MEMBER	JACK SIROIS
1 YEAR TERM ZONING BOARD MEMBER	MARK PALMIERI
1 YEAR TERM ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD MEMBER	VICTOR LUDMERER
1 YEAR TERM ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD MEMBER	MARIANO CHOCONI

Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 3 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino. 1 Abstain - Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #94: Authorizes the Clerk to reduce the water usage line by 50% on water bill #31034. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #95: Authorizes the Clerk to reduce the water usage line by 50% on water bill #31074. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #96: Authorizes the Clerk to reduce the water usage line by 50% on water bill #309728. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #97: Authorizes the renewal of Building Permit # 21-07689. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #98: Authorizes the renewal of Building Permit # 23-46. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #99: Approving settlement agreement and authorizing Mayor to execute the Agreement in Matter of Klastow V. the Village of Greenwood Lake, et al. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #100: Authorizes the hiring of part time police officer Alexander Nicholas, at the rate of \$31.51 per hour. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Kelm, Trustee Sellier, 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 Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino to approve minutes from the March 6, 2024, Budget Workshop, March 20, 2024, Board Meeting, March 26, 2024, Special Meeting, April 17, 2024, Budget Workshop and Board Meeting, April 22, 2024, Budget Workshop, and April 24, 2024, Budget Public Hearing. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Kelm at 7:31 pm and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 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 June 12, 2024, 6:00pm Workshop followed by a 7:30pm Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.