

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSHOP/BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 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

PUBLIC HEARING- Revisions to Stormwater Management Code (Chapter 96)

Dave Fritts of MHE Engineering, the Village of Greenwood Lake engineering firm, discussed the proposed revisions to the code. In January, New York State DEC came out with a revision to their MS4 permit for applicable municipalities in New York State. MS4 is defined as municipal separate storm sewer system. It is a designated to certain municipalities based on density, population, and other factors. Greenwood Lake is an MS4 community and is bound to this permit requirement. As a result of that new permit, the village has decided to review the existing storm water management code and to make revisions to the code to be reflective of the requirements in the new permit as well as the DEC SPDES permit for construction activity which regulates the development of construction and land disturbing which disturb land greater than one acre. Some of the proposed changes to the village code are necessary for these new requirements and some changes are some housekeeping items that the village would like to change in the old code, including illicit discharges and enforcements in other areas of the code all in an effort to protect the stormwaters and the integrity of Greenwood Lake which is an impaired lake due to phosphorous. There will now be requirement for a stormwater management agreement which will affect projects that are coming through the Planning Board that have a SWPPP or will have a SWPPP for projects that disturbs more than an acre and have privately owned stormwater practices or ponds that will be in place after the project is complete with construction. This stormwater management agreement binds the property owner into maintaining those facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Ed Krull, 659 Jersey Ave., Greenwood Lake, NY – I read through it and my only question is, as far as design criteria goes, that will still be based on the design criteria as prescribed by the DEC and the state?

Dave Fritts answered in the affirmative, that it will be based on the DEC design manual and its requirements. The code revisions are more current and are reflective of the requirements that are out there and is grounded in the DEC requirements.

Mr. Krull asked so this is a regulation that's confirming that those design requirements are going to be required?

Dave Fritts answered yes, that is correct.

Jean Marron, 5 Brook Court asked if Mr. Fritts could review what would require going through, what level of changes or construction going through in structures that already exist in terms of having to building inspectors check them out, what the costs would be?

Dave Fritts answered that projects that have already been approved and constructed would not be applicable. Illicit discharge would apply to any structure or lot in the village. For example, if a convenience store owner or employee washes out a dumpster too close to a catch basin and the discharge from the dumpster ends up in a storm drain which leads to the lake, that would be an illicit discharge and a violation of the stormwater code and would out it into the auspices of the Building Department and Code Enforcement Officers.

Mayor Howley added that this is much more than construction and has to do with education to the public, and teaching people about stormwater and illicit discharge.

Mr. Fritts added that literature will be handed out to the public educating everyone on catch basin care and what they can do to help keep the lake clean.

Mayor Howley added that the village has to provide the DEC with GPS coordinates of all catch basins in the village.

CLOSE

Trustee Kelm motioned to close the public hearing at 6:15, seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centennial Celebrations: The entire weekend was a success although Mayor Howley. He expressed his thanks to the committee for an amazing time. The baseball game that was canceled due to rain will hopefully be rescheduled.

Lakeside Farmer's Market Grant: Karen Wintrow, the manager from the Lakeside Farmers' Market discussed the success of the Market; it runs every Saturday at Ben Winstanley Park from 9am until 1pm. The Lakeside Farmers' Market received a Resiliency Grant from the New York State Agricultural Department for \$22,665. Ms.

Wintrow discussed the \$5 Market Bucks vouchers that are given away at the Senior Center and Food Pantry, American Legion, and the VFW in Warwick which can be redeemed at the Framers' Market. Half of the grant will go toward Market Bucks. The rest of the grant will go towards marketing, support staff, and the compost program run by Grow Local Greenwood Lake. They also received a \$500 grant from Farm Credit East which was used for marketing. Ms. Wintrow also recognized the committee: Jesse Dwyer, who implemented the idea, Mayor Howley, Chelsea Whittaker, who put the grant together with Village Clerk Kathleen Holder, Peter Hall, Maureen Mulcahy, Yolanda Sly, and Jeff Bialas.

Mayor Howley also added that the Village of Warwick has purchased a building that they will be using as a visitors' center and they are looking for help from the Village of Greenwood Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE

Orange County Department of Health: Larvicide Municipality Owned Catch Basins

Debra Puccio: Late Fees on Tax Bill

Argie Miller: Assistance in Storm Damage

Orange County Department of Human Resources: Provisions of Section 63 Civil Service Law impacting "Provisional" Employees.

Michael Vesley, President Greenwood Park Association: Street Safety in Greenwood Park

Jocelyn Hannouche: Regards to Escrow on 11 Windermere Avenue

VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Floyd DeAngelo had no report.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

DPW: Deputy Commissioner Bill Roe reported that DPW has been working on

- Repaired catch basins on Stellar Drive
- Mowing the parks and roads
- Repairing potholes
- Maintain police cars
- Leaf pickup village-wide
- Assisted with water main breaks

Mayor Howley thanked the mechanics at the DPW shop for turning around the Building Department vehicle so quickly.

WATER DEPARTMENT (July/August 2024):

- For the month of July/August the department would like to report that our water source wells are continuing to meet all summer demands for water.
- We are also continuing to work closely with Delaware Engineering on multiple projects outside of the treatment plant upgrade. A test boring project is underway to secure a contractor who will be drilling pilot holes deep into the north arm in search of one of the primary underground springs that feed our lake. If successful, this venture will provide the village with an inexhaustible resource of water that will not only save us the time and cost of having to drill a new sand and gravel well every 20 years. But will also, in all likelihood, require far less chemical treatment.
- Arrangements are also being made to rehabilitate the old caisson Well 5 in Victory Acres as a redundant back-up source as required by the State Health Department. DOH requires that maximum day demand be met with highest producing source out of service.
- The village has gotten on board with the class action lawsuit that has been collectively filed against 3M for their use of "PFAS" in many of their products and its environmental impact on public drinking water systems. At the very least, settlement claims should compensate for the costs of sampling and testing for this contaminant. And could potentially cover any costs incurred for treatment and removal.
- The Department would also like to thank the DPW for their assistance with a number of service-related repairs and the recent water main break at 104 Sterling Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Reported by Mayor Howley

- BLOTTERS: 1238
- ARRESTS: 3
- TRAFFIC SUMMONSES: 73
- PARKING SUMMONSES: 5
- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 3

Parks Department July/August 2024 Report (read by Mayor Howley in Brendan Kolesar's absence):

- **Village-wide maintenance:**
 - Consistent trash removal throughout the village.
 - Mowing and upkeep of all village properties.
- **Beach maintenance:**
 - Trimmed hedges near gazebo to maintain a neat appearance.

- **Horticulture:**
 - Regular watering of all village flowers.
- **Centennial Celebration**
 - Located and uncovered time capsule
 - Moved picnic tables and garbage cans to Winstanley Field for Family Fun Day and maintained garbage cans all day.
- **Property maintenance:**
 - Cleaned up beach, Village Hall, and triangles by Coffee Roaster and Senior Center
 - Weeded and trimmed along village streets
 - Cleaned up tree that was hit in front of Cablevision; waiting on mark out to repair “Welcome to Greenwood Lake” sign

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Kelm:

Seniors Center Report:

- Senior picnic Aug 27th at the Warwick Town Park 11-3pm
- Physical Therapist coming to speak about fall prevention on 9/11.
- Bus trip to Casino to see the Drifters concert 9/25.
- Lunch provided every Wednesday from the Office of the Aging, please reach out to Colleen if you'd like to come so she has a head count
- Yoga and Zumba classes attendance continues to grow.
- New class for Brain Health first Friday of month, next class 9/6.

Centennial Report:

- I'd like to thank Nancy Clifford and Jesse Dwyer the co-chairs of the Centennial Committee and everyone else on the committee for a job very well done! There are far too many names to list but know that we all thank you for all your hard work over the past two years. From the beginning this was a huge undertaking and every event that was held was successful and fun. From the Gala to this past weekend was a year filled with fun events and full of Laker pride! Happy 100 years to us!!!!
- Thank you to Tony and Tara Donato and all involved, who work so hard to make this event so much fun and look so effortless, with the 100th anniversary Laker Reunion. It was, as always, a successful event filled with so many old friends reuniting, telling stories, catching up and just having fun. It's amazing to see old friends just fall right back into it like no time has passed. Can't wait for the next one!!!!
- If you missed the opening of the time capsule, which was very cool, there is a live video on the village Facebook page. Thank you to Trustee Trazino for being the camera man while I was elbow deep in 50 years of memories.
- If you would like to put anything into the next time capsule, you can go to the Library and purchase a 9X12 archival envelope for \$10 and it will come with instructions on what is allowed and how to preserve the items best. There is only room for 200 so get one soon!

Trustee Sellier:

Chamber of Commerce:

- Social media workshop planned for October 23, 2024, at the American Legion, free for members, \$20 for non-members. Must sign up in advance- there will be no sales at the door. The program will run from 6-9pm. Doors open at 5:30.
- Small Business Friday and Green Friday are being planned for November, as well as the Holiday Festival.

School Board:

- The first day of school will be September 2, 2024.
- The tax increase for the upcoming fiscal year came in at 1.19%.
- A resolution was passed for partial tax exemption for volunteer first responders.
- The district annually applies for an ESSA grant which funds items that are not part of the general budget.

Trustee Trazino:

Building Department:

- ZBA met on July 9, 2024; there were two projects: 73 Sterling Road who received amended approval for extended scope of work and a property on Edgemere that was deemed not to require an application to the board.
- The next meeting will be on August 27, 2024. The agenda is posted.
- Fee totals amounted to \$9,149 which includes a little over \$4,000 in permits, \$1,500 in short-term rentals fees, and \$2,000 in STOP WORK orders.
- 26 building permits and 14 certificates were processed in July.
- 5 complaints were investigated and 10 violations were issued.

Public Safety:

- Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corps reported 51 calls for the month.
- Greenwood Lake Fire Department reported 17 calls for the month.
- On July 30th and July 31st Greenwood Lake PD led an operation to recover a drowning victim in Greenwood Lake. The immediate response is rescue-deployment where personnel immediately search for the victim with the hope of survivability. Coinciding with this, is an investigation where detectives and other personnel retrieve information from any available sources or witnesses to provide the operation with actionable intelligence. As is the case with any investigation or incident where preservation of evidence must be a priority, the incident is classified as a crime scene so it's led by the police and it takes an enormous amount of support from various departments and disciplines. The entirety of the Greenwood Lake Police Department including its Nav units, the dive team, search and rescue members, were all quick and decisive

in their actions. Chief Rader and the Warwick Police Department were crucial in the operation as were members of the Tuxedo Police, Search and Rescue, West Milford Police, the Orange County Sheriff's Office Technology Unit, and both the New York and New Jersey State Police. Mutual aid and rescue resources arrived quickly from the Greenwood Lake Fire Department and Ambulance Corps, the Monroe Fire Department, the Stony Point Fire Department, and Piermont and others. Multiple dive teams, submersible scanning resources, and aerial assets were deployed throughout the incident. Sadly, the victim was located on day two of the assignment by one of the Greenwood Lake navigation vessels who was assigned to surface search duties. Mayor Howley was a steadfast presence throughout both days of the operation. As the lead representative of our village, he ensured that responders were provided for and the interests of the citizens of Greenwood Lake were continually addressed. Recognition also needs to be given to my fellow trustees, the village clerk, DeFeo's Marina, Parks, DPW, and the many people who offered or gave assistance in various ways.

Trustee Kelm offered deepest condolences to the family of the victim on behalf of the Village Board and the citizens of Greenwood Lake.

Attorney Report – Brian Nugent: No report.

Clerk's Report- Kathleen Holder:

- Second tax notices will be going out in September.
- Water bills for March through September will be going out in the first week of September.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Treatment/Weed Harvesting: There are two weed harvesters stationed in the north arm. Brendan Kolesar from the Parks Department has both up and running and runs them himself instead of the village hiring a third party. The lake, including the arms, is monitored by the Parks Department daily. Senator Skoufis will be awarding the village with a \$100,000 grant next week for the purchase of a smaller weed harvester which will be able to get into smaller spaces including marinas and docks. The water chestnuts are an invasive species and we will be working on a plan in the fall. We will revisit this with the DEC to see if we can treat with herbicides.

CHIPS: We will not be doing a paving project this year, but CHIPS funds do roll over so we will be able to use those funds next year. Milling has doubled in price and is a necessary part of paving in order to handle water runoff.

NEW BUSINESS

MS4: The village needs to certify its MS4 plan by October 1, 2024.

Stop Signs in Greenwood Park: Residents have asked for three STOP signs to be installed on Laurel Avenue in order to alleviate speeding. This will be assessed by the Board and the Police Department.

Lead and Copper: This is another NYS mandated project. The village has to come up with a plan to certify that there are no lead pipes in use in the village. The village will need to hire an outside company to help implement this plan as it needs to be complete in October. The village will be asking residents to assist with this project. If you are asked to be a part of this survey, your help is integral to the success of the project.

Comprehensive Plan: A committee will be formed by the mayor to work on the village's comprehensive plan. This plan will make a timeline for the vision of the village going out ten to fifteen years.

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, 9am-1pm
- ZBA Meeting— scheduled for September 24, 2024, and tentative dates October 8 & 22nd, located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.
- Greenwood Lake Elks 2067 and Greenwood Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, Sunday, September 8th, 2pm at the Elks.
- September 11th Service, Wednesday, September 11th, Greenwood Lake Fire Department located at 17 Mountain Lakes Lane, starting at 7:30 pm
- Halloween Festival, October 19, 2024 at Ben Winstanley Park sponsored by the Boy Scouts, featuring the Terror Trail
- Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival, November 30, 2024,

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ed Krull, 659 Jersey Ave., on the water supplies...are you going to be able to satisfy that administratively? No lead bends should have been installed after 1930 right? So could you go back and just say anything that was constructed after '30 you can just rule out? Mayor Howley answered that we have a few ideas and that the company we are hiring will be able to navigate us through the process. We have code that goes back to 1979 that mandates it. Mr. Krull responded that anything from 1979 on should be eliminated. Mayor Howley said that is the goal and that's why we bring professionals on board. Mr. Krull then asked if water testing would satisfy it? In other places it does. The mayor answered that he was not sure, but he thinks what could possibly help is that at the time of the meter installations. Lead pipe fittings and copper pipe fittings are very different.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #14 Authorizes the Greenwood Lake Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #15 Authorizes the appointment of Danielle Mulqueen as the Zoning Enforcement Officer effective immediately. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #16 Authorizes the hiring of Dylan Semprivivo as a part time dispatcher at \$20.47 per hour. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #17 Acknowledges that the required examination of the Justice Court records for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024, was completed and a copy will be sent to the New York State Unified Court System. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #18 Authorizes the clerk to set a public hearing on September 25, 2024, at 6pm regarding the rear structure at 15 Church Street. Motion made by Trustee Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #19 Authorizes the Building Department and Police Department to secure and restrict access to the rear structure at 15 Church Street until a public hearing is held. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Kelm. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #20 Authorizes the Adoption of Local Law No. 6 of 2024 to repeal and replace Chapter 96 of the Village Code (Stormwater Management). Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #21 Authorizes the Village Clerk to refund the applicant any unused fees in their escrow account number H11.085.298 in the amount \$156.00. Motion made by Trustee Sellier 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 Kelm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 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 July 17, 2024, Village Board Meeting. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Kelm, and Trustee Trazino.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Kelm at 7:22 pm and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 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 September 25, 2024, 6:00pm Public Hearing, followed by a Workshop, and Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.