

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE  
PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSHOP/BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 6:08 pm on October 16, 2024, for the Village of Greenwood Lake located at 18 Church Street in Greenwood Lake, NY.

**The following persons were present:**

- Mayor Thomas Howley
- Trustee Chad Sellier
- Trustee John Trazino
- Trustee Matthew Veth
- Attorney Brian Nugent

**The following persons were absent:**

- Trustee Kelli Kelm

**PUBLIC HEARING- Amendments to Chapter 120 of the Village Code (Zoning)  
Concerning Site Plan Approval of Alterations to Structures and Properties in  
Designated Protection Areas**

Mayor Howley opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**

Jeanne Maron, 5 Brook Court, asked if these new changes would require new approval and what costs would be incurred. Mayor Howley responded that these changes would protect the lake. Attorney Nugent added that the amendment would not apply to interior renovations and exterior renovations that do not disturb the soil. If an exterior renovation does involve disturbance to soil, the applicant would be referred to the ZBA/Planning Board. Ms. Maron asked what new fees would be involved. Attorney Nugent answered that there would be no new fees, and the fee schedule will remain the same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to leave the public hearing open at 6:14pm by Mayor Howley

**Mayor Howley opened the regular meeting at 6:42pm.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Howley introduced Town Supervisor, Jesse Dwyer, to present a check to the Village of Greenwood Lake for \$150,000 to be used for park-related projects. The Town of Warwick sold some property for \$1.5 million and passed on \$150,000 to each of the three villages within the town.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Kevin Bonkoski** – Teamsters Disaffiliation  
**Dylan Semprivo** – Resignation letter  
**Giovanni LiBassi** – Building Permit #23-51 Renewal  
**Miriam Irizary** – Refund for Building Application number 24-64  
**Michael Heister** – Refund for Escrow Building Permit 24-104  
**Craig Bacon** – Water Bill number 3105402

**VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Parks Department September/October 2024 Report** (reported by Brendan Kolesar)

**The Parks Department successfully completed the following tasks during the months of September and October:**

- **Emptying Village Garbage Cans:** Regular emptying of cans throughout all village parks.
- **Flag Maintenance:** Inspection, cleaning, and raising/lowering of flags at designated locations. Ten flags were replaced from wind damage.
- **Walking Trail Maintenance:** Clearing of debris, trimming of overgrown branches, and general trail upkeep.
- **Grass Mowing:** Regular mowing of all park lawns and fields.

- **Prepared Equipment for Leaves:** Maintenance and servicing of leaf blowers and other fall cleanup equipment.
- **Ballfield Maintenance:** Leveling of fields and raking infields
- **Watering:** Regular watering of flowers and trees
- **Removal of Summer Flowers:** Removal of spent summer flowers.
- **Installation of Fall Decorations:** Placement of pumpkins, hay bales, cornstalks, and other seasonal decorations.

**Additional Notes:**

- All tasks completed as scheduled and within budget.
- No significant issues or problems encountered during the months of September and October.
- Parks Department is well-prepared for the upcoming winter season.

**DPW:** Reported by Bill Roe, DPW Deputy Commissioner reported the DPW has been cleaning and repairing catch basins, using hot patch while the plant is still open, mowing, collecting leaves, assisting the Water Department, and preparing their equipment for winter.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Reported by Chief Adam Eirand.

For the month of September 2024:

- BLOTTERS: 1154
- ARRESTS: 4
- TRAFFIC SUMMONSES: 146
- PARKING SUMMONSES: 1
- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 4

Halloween Curfews – 10/30/2024 – 8:00pm and 10/31/2024 – 8:00pm

\*Applies to all minors under the age of 18 unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult 21 years of age or older.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Reported by Phil Landru for September and October 2024

- The department would like to report that village water consumption is dropping significantly with the approach of colder weather. And demand typically continues to decrease as we go into November and shut down all of our summer water systems for the cold winter months ahead.
- Our Emergency Response, Vulnerability Assessment and Cyber Security Assessment Reports have all been finalized and approved by the County Health Department. Copies can be accessed on the Village website or obtained through Village Hall.
- Even though I have not seen a single inch of Lead pipe in over 20 years of service with the Village. The State's required Lead Service Line Inventory has submitted to the State. This will be a working inventory that will be an ever updating "registry" of the pipe material of every water carrying service line in the village.
- We were just notified today that Atlantic Testing will be looking to schedule us for sample boring in the North arm of the Lake sometime in November. The village is hoping to find one of the underground springs that feed the lake and tap into it as our primary water supply. To find and access one of these springs would not only eliminate the need to drill a mineral laden sand and gravel well every 20 years. But the water quality would require far less chemical treatment and filtration.
- Our Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids have been coming in well within compliance. As have our PFAS/PFOA and Dioxanes. Along with our recently collected Leads & Coppers passing. Village water is in full compliance of all Health Department Standards for public water supply.
- As always, we would like to thank the DPW for their ongoing assistance with any and all water main and service-related maintenance and repairs.

## COMMISSION REPORTS

**Trustee Kelm:** (read by Clerk Holder in Trustee Kelm's absence)

**October 2024**

- **Elks Luncheon:** Approximately 35 guests attended the monthly Elks luncheon. The next luncheon will be held on October 25th. A big thank you to the Elks for their continued support!
- **Greenwood Lake Fire Department Visit:** On October 11th, the Greenwood Lake Fire Department visited the center to speak about fire prevention and treated the seniors to lunch. Thank you to the GLFD for their time and generosity.
- **New Brain Health Class:** The new monthly Brain Health class is well attended, with 6-8 people participating each month. The next class will be held on November 1st at 11:30 AM.

This report summarizes the activities and events that took place at the senior center during the month of October. We are grateful for the continued support of our community partners and volunteers.

Respectfully,

Deputy Mayor Kelm

**Trustee Sellier:**

**Greenwood Lake Chamber of Commerce.** The Chamber will be holding a social media workshop on October 23, 2024, at the American Legion from 6 to 9. They will also be working with the Food Pantry to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving.

**Greenwood Lake Public Library:** The winter hours will begin on January 1, 2025, until March 9, 2025. The library will close at 8pm instead of 9pm.

**The Greenwood Bark Park:** Held a fundraiser at the Oktoberfest by sponsoring the bounce house in the kids' village. Also thank you to all of the first responders who assisted with the Touch a Truck and canine demonstration.

**Trustee Trazino:**

**Building Department:** there was one ZBA meeting in September at which there were two returning applications: one was a change of use 97 Windermere and one for a site plan approval to work in a critical environmental area.

**Public Safety:** Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corps reported that they handled 46 calls in the month of September. Greenwood Lake Fire Department reported no issues.

Trustee Trazino reminded residents that hunting season is open and that hikers should wear orange and keep their dogs on leashes and hunters should obey all safety rules.

**Trustee Veth:** Trustee Veth discussed how the Village Board has to apply for grants for the lake as the GWL Commission is unable to apply.

**Attorney Report – Brian Nugent:** No report.

**Clerk's Report- Katherine Holder:** Water bills are due October 24, 2024. Unpaid Village Taxes must be paid by October 31, 2024, or they will be re-levied onto your Orange County tax bill which goes out in January.

**Mayor's Announcements:**

- The DPW will be open to village residents on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm until 11/16/24 for leave and brush.
- The north arm is being bored to look for potential water sources at the direction of village engineers.
- The IMA with the town and other villages within the town for grant writing will start January 1, 2025.
- Two part time police officers will be hired this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Lake Treatment/Weed Harvesting:** Mayor Howley had a Zoom meeting with the DEC, Jim Martin from the Lake Commission, and Town Councilman Floyd DeAngelo discussing the timeline of next spring's treatment of the lake. All permits are in place and a timeline has been created through December of 2025.

**MS4:** The Village is in compliance with NYS law and now has a stormwater management plan in place. Any parcel with a storm drain on the property will enter into an agreement with the village guaranteeing maintenance of the storm drain in order to protect our lake from run off and illicit discharge.

**Benjamin's Steakhouse:** They have received their demo permit and work began on Tuesday.

**Lead and Copper:** The Village has met its first deadline by sending its plan to the state. The next step is to determine if any homes in the village were built before Village Code stated that lead pipes were prohibited. A mailer was sent to each household and we are asking the residents for help in determining what their water service pipes are made of.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting:** Will take place Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Winstanley Park starting at noon and ending with the tree lighting. The Village is asking for donations to help subsidize the festival.

**Meeting with Town of West Milford:** Mayor Howley met with the West Milford mayor as a meet and greet and also to discuss the shared weed harvesters. The Village will keep and maintain the harvesters but will make them available to the southern half of the lake. The Village has also received a grant to purchase a third smaller harvester.

**EVENTS:**

- Community Center: Tue 4-6pm 2-5th grades, 6-8pm 6-8th grade
- Farmers' Market – Saturdays from June 8<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup> located at Ben Winstanley Park, 9am-1pm
- ZBA Meeting— scheduled for tentative date of October 22, 2024, located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.
- Halloween Festival, October 19, 2024, at Ben Winstanley Park sponsored by the Boy Scouts, featuring the Terror Trail
- Halloween Party – Friday, November 1, 2024, located at American Legion Post 1443, 40 Mountain Lakes Lane at 7 pm
- Greenwood Lake Elks Lodge 2067 Greenwood Lake Hoop Shoot, Greenwood Lake Elementary School located on Waterstone Road at 9 am. Ages 7-13.
- Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival, November 30, 2024, from 12-6pm.
- Warwick Story Share #6—Greenwood Lake Elks Lodge on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 7:30pm.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Jeanne Maron, 5 Brook Ct., asked if the tree outside Village Hall which had hats, gloves, mittens, etc., for those in need will be back this year. Clerk Holder said it will be put back out closer to the holidays. Ms. Maron then stated that the gentleman that came to her house for her gas meter helped her perform the scratch test that the village is asking for with the lead and copper study and that residents should ask for help if they need it. She then asked if tree removal and storm debris removal is considered disturbing the soil. Attorney Nugent replied that the new amendment to the code only refers to structures. Mayor Howley advised residents to call Village Hall to ask for what is necessary for tree removal.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #31 Authorizes Dylan Sempervivo to resign his position as part-time dispatcher and to be rehired as part-time police officer, with a starting FTO rate of \$14.20/hr, upon successful completion of FTO program rate to become \$28.99/hr. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #32 Authorizes the hiring of Ryan Worden as a part-time police officer, starting FTO rate \$14.20/hr, upon successful completion of FTO program, rate becomes \$28.99/hr. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #33 Authorizes the Police Department to apply for DCJS equipment grant in the amount of \$425,000.00. The request is for the following: Three (3) new hybrid patrol vehicles, One (1) new patrol vessel, Forty (40) new Glock 17 handguns, optics and holsters and Six (6) new radar units for patrol vehicles. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #34 Authorizes the renewal of building permit number 23-51. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #35 Authorizes the building permit refund for application number 24-64. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #36 Authorizes the refund of escrow account on building permit 24-104. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #37 Authorizes the village clerk to refund half the water charge of account 3105402 for the water bill dated March 13, 2024. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #38 Authorizes the Village Election to take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the Senior Center located at 132 Windermere Ave, Greenwood Lake, NY for the hours of 12 pm – 9 pm. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Resolution #39 Authorizes special counsel to represent the village in litigation. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

**APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Sellier to approve minutes from the September 25, 2024. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Trazino at 7:21 pm and seconded by Trustee Veth. 4 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Trazino, and Trustee Veth. Absent: Trustee Kelm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katheleen Holder  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

The next meeting will be November 20, 2024, 6:00pm continuation of the Public Hearing followed by Workshop, and Village Board Meeting at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.