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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Donald Wilbur	Supervisor
	Bob Jeffords	Councilman
	Steven Patrick	Councilman
	George Perkins	Councilman
	Eric Whitehouse	Councilman

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, Rick Sullivan, Ashleigh Farrell - The Eagle, Jenny Lyttle - Main Street, David Doonan, Dorthea Casey, Dean Watkins, Kyle Perkins, Lauren Turczak, Suzanne Cohen, John Farndell, Garson Smith, Marilyn Boyd, Peter Carner and Dan O'Connor.

Supervisor Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Clerk called the roll.

Greenwich Fire Department Chief Dean Watkins and Middle Falls Fire Chief Kyle Perkins were moved up on the agenda to allow them time to go to another meeting. The Chiefs made a presentation to the Board concerning an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement and Tag System. Due to such a large number of fire department members working out of town there is a need for a mutual aid system from 6 AM – 6 PM. The fire companies involved in this particular project are Greenwich, Middle Falls, Cossayuna and Easton. With this agreement comes the need for a “tag system” which would allow accountability for all members responding to a call regardless of their department. A fireman would have either an “interior” tag or “exterior” tag on his turn out gear stating whether he would be responding to the inside or outside of a structure. A corresponding tag would be in possession of the responder in charge for that particular call. This would allow accountability for every responder. The cost for this tag system for Greenwich, Middle Falls and Cossayuna fire companies would be approximately \$1100.00. The chiefs are requesting that the Village and Town share 50% of the cost and the fire departments would pick up the other 50%. This would be approximately \$275.00 for the Town of Greenwich. The Easton Town Board will be asked to share in the cost for the Easton Fire Company. Discussion followed and Supervisor Wilbur stated that the Town Board was in favor of this and asked that the chiefs return to next month’s meeting with the actual dollar amount.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-08
Payt. of Bills 08/12/08

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #7008 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from their respective funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Town-wide (A) Pre-pay:	0258-0259	\$ 522.61

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General Town-wide (A):	0260-0297	\$ 9,756.39
General Outside Village (B):	0298-0300	\$ 299.44
Special District Lighting (SL):	0301	\$ 808.56
Capital Fund Landfill Closure	3002	\$ 400.00
Highway Town-wide (DA) Pre-pay:	5104	\$ 11.73
Highway Town-wide (DA):	5105	\$ 1,621.88
Highway Outside Village (DB):	5106-5114	\$48,241.61

RESOLUTION NO. 93-08
App. of Minutes 07/08/08

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of July 8, 2008 be approved and accepted as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) A letter was received from "Food For Kids" thanking the Board for their generous contribution to the 2008 "Food For Kids" summer program.
- 2) A letter was received from Lisa Towne and Carolyn Williams thanking the Board for the use of the Town's picnic tables.
- 3) A letter was received from VFW Post #7291 advising the Board that they are applying to the NYS Liquor Authority for a renewal of their liquor license.
- 4) An invitation was received from The Greenwich Regional Medical Center to join them for a reception as they unveil plans for their new medical center. This will be held at the Spiritual Life Center at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 26th.
- 5) Two letters were received from the Town's Engineer, The Chazen Companies, concerning the Snell subdivision. The first stated that the core sample tests of the road had been received and were acceptable based on the Town's road specifications. The second stated that all comments issued by the Chazen Companies had been addressed. The Clerk asked that last month's resolution concerning the acceptance of Snell Road be ratified at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-08
Snell Drive/Road Acceptance

Resolution by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

Whereas, at the July 8, 2008 meeting of the Greenwich Town Board, the Board passed Resolution # 85-2008 stating that the Town of Greenwich would hereby accept Snell Drive, as a Town Road, contingent upon: a) The certification from the Town's consulting engineer that Snell Drive meets Town's specifications, and b) Town of Greenwich Planning Board approval, and

Whereas, a) letters have been received from the Town's consulting engineer that Snell Drive has met all Town specifications and requirements, and b) the Town of Greenwich Planning Board has given its approval, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies Resolution #85-2008 accepting Snell Drive as a Town Road.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Whitehouse	Aye
	Councilman Perkins	Aye
	Councilman Patrick	Aye
	Councilman Jeffords	Aye
	Supervisor Wilbur	Aye

Carried.

6) An email was received from the Chamber of Commerce asking for volunteers to staff two booths at the Washington County Fair.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- 1) Greenwich Mayor David Doonan, Trustee Dorothea Casey and Village Youth Director Peter Carner addressed the Board about the possibility of locating a community playground in the Commons. Mayor Doonan stated that the Village would like to build two small playgrounds, with three to four pieces of equipment in each, at safe locations in the Village. Safe is deemed as suitable parking yet away from traffic and streets. The Village representatives feel that the Commons would be an ideal location. Discussion followed including how this would impact some of the activities that are held in the Commons such as weddings, concerts, church services, etc. The Village stated that they are interested in the back, left corner in hopes that this would have the least distraction to other activities and the serene nature of the area. The Village and the Town will look at the area to determine if there is adequate space. Councilman Perkins volunteered to be the Town's representative on the playground committee.
- 2) Marilyn Boyd asked where the boundaries were for the Town property. Without a map on hand, Councilman Perkins explained the general area.
- 3) Lauren Turczak stated that it would be nice to have a playground that would be available to use for toddlers and pre-schoolers during GCS school hours. She also asked if the fire departments might be able to hold a coin drop to raise the money need for their "tag" system. The GFD does hold coin drops on Main Street once or twice a year.

REPORTS:

- 1) Greenwich Fire Department Report: An activity report for July was received from the Greenwich Fire Department.
- 2) Planning Board Report: Board members received the minutes of the Planning Board meetings that were held on July 10 and 17, 2008 and the ZBA meeting that was held on July 15, 2008. ZBA Chairman John Farndell stated that the ZBA has recently completed their first year in existence. During this first year the following applications were submitted:
 - 5 Area Variances:
 - 2 granted as submitted.
 - 3 granted with modifications
 - 3 Interpretations
 - 0 Requests for Use Variances
- 3) Assessor Report: No Report.

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4) Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor stated that he had assisted Larry Burch in filling out his Special Use Permit application for burying dead livestock on Ryan Road. Mr. Burch will be submitting this application to the Planning Board. Dan's monthly report stated that six building permits and one sign permit had been issued during July.

5) Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan gave the following report for the month of July:

- 825.2 gals on fuel used.
- Department has been busy. Finished Derby Road repairs with the exception of Marilyn Boyd's driveway.
- Shoulder work completed on Hartshorn Rd, Spraguetown Rd and Pulp Mill Rd.
- Culverts installed on Beech Hill Rd and Queen's Gate Drive.
- Several washouts due to storms.
- Hydraulic cylinder on Truck #1 failed and was repaired by Reed Hydraulics for \$2400.
- Rick was away on military duty for 2 weeks and the road grader motor blew while he was away. This happened out on a job and Supervisor Wilbur arranged for the grader to be picked up, taken to Capital Tractor and evaluated. Supervisor Wilbur stated that the damage is not as bad as they had thought and it would be cheaper to repair than replace with a remanufactured engine. It was suggested that Capital Tractor be authorized to perform the repairs as the motor is already torn apart and would be costly to box it up and take it somewhere else for an estimate. John Mattison of Capital Tractor told Supervisor Wilbur that while the engine is apart they should consider replacing the pistons and bearings as well. The grader should then serve the Town for several years. The cost for the complete job would be \$6159.22.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-08
Highway - Grader Repair

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that upon approval of a permissive referendum covering the cost of the repair, the Town Board authorizes Capital Tractor to repair the road grader at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-08
Permissive Referendum/Repairs to Highway Equipment
Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment Fund

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwich has a Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment Fund that has been established for the express purpose of setting aside monies for acquisition or repair of equipment for the Town Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for repairs to road grader of the Highway Department; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the Town Law which requires this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum, the Town of Greenwich is authorized to expend not more than \$7,000.00 from the Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment Fund for repairs to Road Grader of the Town Highway Department; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 90 of the Town Law that within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Journal Press newspaper published in Washington County having general circulation in the Town of Greenwich and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post, or cause to be posted, on the sign-board of the Town of Greenwich, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Roll Call:	Councilman Whitehouse	Aye
	Councilman Perkins	Aye
	Councilman Patrick	Aye
	Councilman Jeffords	Aye
	Supervisor Wilbur	Aye

Carried.

6) Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilbur stated that the County Board of Supervisors are now in their 3rd round of budget workshops. County Budget Officer Gayle Hall will be presenting an early view of the budget on September 2nd. Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake requested approval to order an automated postage machine from Pitney Bowes. Approved.

7) Youth Report: Councilman Patrick the summer youth program for 2008 has ended and the beach will close for the season on Sunday, August 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion was held on establishing a speed limit for Snell Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-08
Speed Limit Request/Snell Drive

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich hereby requests Washington County to perform a speed limit study on newly adopted Snell Drive in the Town of Greenwich and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board requests that the speed limit for Snell Drive not exceed 30 mph.

2) Tom Butler's term on the Board of Assessment Review expires September 30, 2008. The Board will advertise to fill the five-year term on the Board of Assessment Review.

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-08
Bd. of Assessment Review-Advertise

Resolution by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board advertise for two consecutive weeks for applicants to fill a term on the Board of Assessment Review; letters of interest shall be filed with the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

3) Discussion was held concerning the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on September 9th. This is Primary Day and the date of the Town Board meeting needs to be changed due to elections being held in this building.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-08
Meeting Date Change

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, due to Primary Elections being held in the Town Office Building, the regularly scheduled September 9th Town Board Meeting be changed to Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk