

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 16, 2017 7 PM

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Trustee Evener called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Present were: Trustees Evener, Trustees Conger, Morey, and Holl, Charles Rankin-Administrator, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Mike Andersen-Code Enf. Officer, Tim Williams-Police OIC, and Lance Coit – Fire Chief, Ted Schiele, Tompkins County Health Dept.

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, Seconded by Trustee Holl, carried

GENERAL (A4)	\$113,784.18	JOINT REC (J4)	\$411.73
WATER (F4)	4,191.53		
SEWER (G4)	25,993.71		
ELECTRIC (E4)	78,054.36		

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that new Transformers and new wire have been updated on Church Street. New Building sign and frame put up on lot on Main St. The lid covers on the hand holes that were broken on Main Street lights have been replaced. Tree trimming has been started, there are quite a few to do including Baker Miller and house behind it. We have ordered Dunkin Donuts/Expressmart upgrade supplies. They will need bigger service than they have now. The meters will take 5-6 weeks to come in. The annual stress test for the bucket/digger will be scheduled.

Dept. of Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff reported that they have grinding and patching the largest potholes around the village. They have been clearing brush and low hanging trees on Pleasant Street. Road sand for the winter and gravel for the stock pile have been brought in. The pool has been winterized and the park has been graded and some new drainage. Assistance provided to the West South Street project. The water main was hit several times and required repair. Testing was done before and after on Pasadena and Corona Ave, great increase in flow from 500-600 gallons to 1500 gallons per min. Stormwater trenches are done. New curbs and sidewalks scheduled for Thursday, October 19th. Lance is testing hydrants around the Sr Citizens. There will be fire flow testing a section of village each year.

Contract – Original contract was to be completed October 15th – The company is requesting an extension due to the delays from weather to Nov 17th– Chad Kortz is trying to recommend Nov 1st.

Fire/Ambulance – Chief Lance Coit reported that they have had a lot of service calls this month. There was a small fire on Carpenter Ave, due to a faulty light fixture. They were able to assist Borg Warner with their RIT drills. Borg Warner helps the Fire Department with a nice donation. Last week was Fire Prevention week with the schools, all activities went well. We attended the Tompkins County Airport Fire Disaster Drill last week. Ambulance had over 100 calls in less than a month. Several mutual aid calls with Moravia this past week. The schedule has been 100% full. New hire Joseph Doeing is working out well. Chief Coit discussed the projected shortfalls in the finances. Recommendation – it has been about a year since EMS task force - Items of concern: Wages projected at \$292k and contracted at \$261k , Equipment fund line item being reduced every year – at \$25k. The cost to outfit a firefighter is approx \$11k. These items affect ISO rating.

Code Enforcement – Code Enf. Officer Andersen reported that he has issued 7 building and 7 roof permits in the past 2 weeks and has done 33 inspections. There are two gentlemen looking to set up a new computer based business at the IDA/Fish Hatchery site. NYS Rules on unregistered vehicles now back to having one allowed.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that the Dept. has responded to 1685 incidents to date. Several of these were criminal cases this month. One felony closed out today. We have been completing firearms training this past week and have a few more to finish up. Main Street cameras – one was down and has now been fixed. We are making plans for Halloween – Officer Forney is spearheading and will have a couple of extra Officers on duty.

Joint Recreation – 15 have registered for the fall x-country race and there was a 1k race last Saturday. Zumba is starting. Background checks have been done on all coaches. Cheerleading and Football have seen a drop in registrations, although soccer is growing. Basketball may need to combine some grades due to lack of coaches. Cabin Fever is set for March 3, 2018. Babysitting course and Adult dance classes are planned for after the 1st of the year.

Youth - 4 programs at the Jr High: “Just Try it” Team building, Creepy Concoctions, Groton Pride cleaned up the park and Homework helpers Thursdays after school. Girls Ventures have a chance to go to Cornell Splash to take a full day of college like classes. Two other municipalities are teaming up with Groton to help get grants.

Sewer Department –

DEC Inspection of WWTP was satisfactory. They requested to have the sewer use ordinance available on our web site. Pall Trinity has 9 trailers to be serviced.

Public Comments:

Ted Schiele – Tompkins County Health Department came to present Tobacco Free Tompkins after meeting with the Groton Youth Commission last month. He discussed the dangers of tobacco to youth and others and spoke about tobacco free outdoor areas and landscapes, how to enforce with signs, peer enforcement and community support. He mentioned the program can help provide education. He recommended adopting a local law to designate no smoking areas and he will send some samples from other communities for our review.

Resolutions & Items for approval:

- Approval of Bond Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a New Dump Truck: (attached)

Motion made by: Trustee Conger

2nd: Trustee Morey

Roll Call:

Mayor Neville – absent

Trustee Conger – Y

Trustee Evener – Y

Trustee Morey – Y

Trustee Holl – Y

Carried: X denied:

- Trustee Conger moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT the Village Office, 143 Cortland St., be designated as the one polling place for the general village election to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

- Trustee Morey made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to withdraw up to \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund-Motor Vehicle Equipment to fund a portion of the purchase of a dump truck, subject to permissive referendum, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

- Approval for travel to Greek Peak Mtn Resort Oct 25-27 for the NY Women in Law Enforcement Conference for Hilary Forney and Cody Cook

Motion to accept made by: Trustee Conger

2nd: Trustee Morey

carried: X denied:

Other Items:

Boy Scout of America Project – Chad has been in contact with Carl Cote and will set up a time to meet with him on improving the Elm Street bank.

IDA – we received a dunning letter. Report is difficult to file as it is meant for larger IDA's. Should the Mayor write a letter or board resolution to dissolve? Same work could be done as a committee. Chuck Rankin to look at the exact mechanics of dissolving the IDA.

Trustee Conger made a motion to go to executive session to discuss a Property issue, an employee issue and Fire Department Budget.

2nd – Trustee Holl

Trustee Morey made a motion to move out of executive session, 2nd by Trustee Conger. There were no votes taken or resolutions adopted during the session.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.



Nancy Niswender
Village Deputy Treasurer

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2017.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW DUMP TRUCK IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$174,835 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$75,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of new dump truck, including original equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith, for the Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$174,835.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is: (a) by the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000 serial bonds of said Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and (b) by the expenditure of not to exceed \$99,835 monies from the Capital Reserve Fund, heretofore appropriated therefor by resolution subject to permissive referendum.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is **fifteen** years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized **will not exceed five years**.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Groton, Tompkins County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Village, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are

reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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_____ VOTING _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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