

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024

Board Members

Trustee Conger
Trustee Morey
Trustee Walpole
Mayor Neville
Trustee Holl

Others in attendance:

Angela Conger - Deputy Treasurer	Pat Albro - YAWS
Lt Troy Boice	Mike Albro - YAWS
Steve Teeter - Elec Supervisor	Skip Schell
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.	Jason Cortell
Eric DeForrest - GFD Fire Chief	Lee Shurtleff

7:00pm Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, and April 1, 2024 Board Meetings, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Audit of claims and approval thereof.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims presented for review and to adjust the budget as follows:

G0-8130-04	Treatment Plant	70,000.00	
G0-5031-0	Interfund Tfr		70,000.00
A0-9901-9	Tfr to other funds	65,824.44	
A0-5031-0	Interfund Tfr		65,824.44
J0-9060-08	JR-EE Health	133.74	
J0-9030-08	JR-EE Social Security		113.74
J0-7145-46	JR Fitness Exp	500.00	
J0-2001-6	JR Fitness Revenue		500.00
A0-5182-04	Street Lighting	1,500.00	
A0-5142-04	Snow Removal		1,500.00

The claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

	<u>Abstract #11b</u>
GENERAL	8,074.35
WATER	1,114.22
SEWER	46,336.85
ELECTRIC	90,536.57
JOINT REC	317.99
CAPITAL	308,561.56

Seconded by Trustee Walpole, all in favor, carried.

Monthly Department Reports:

Electric Department:

Supervisor Teeter report was submitted (attached to the minutes)

- The transformer that has been on order may be coming sooner as the company had a cancellation and it matches what we are looking for. Company is doing testing on it before mailing it out.

Department of Public Works

Supervisor Shurtleff report submitted (attached to the minutes)

- Pressure test on new water main at the new building and chlorination. Bacteria samples have been done. Waiting for the second round results. TG Miller will get approval from Health Department to make the line live.
- Waiting for water to recede on Railroad Ave to start paving. TG Miller is sending surveyors to give grading points. The Town will help with the project in May and planning to use Chips money.
- Changing seasons at the garage from Winter to Spring/Summer. Work will start on the Park in about 3 weeks and then prep for the pool opening.
- Street Sweeper \$362k for new machine. Supervisor Chad Shurtleff has some leads on some used ones and working with Administrator Niswender for budget and financing.
- Mayor Neville asked about who was paving the lot. There will be an independent company that will be doing the lot. There are three companies that are submitting bids. Randolph Paving, First Choice and one other one.
- Advertisement out for a new hire for DPW. Ad went into Shopper this week.
- Contracted with Chris Leonard CM to run a Sewer line along the fitness center on the property line, for the future police station. \$2500 bill will be coming.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Mike Albrow - Yaws Report was submitted and reviewed (attached to the minutes)

- Polymer pumps from Cayuga Heights they worked to refurbish the one that was there and it's up and running. Mike is looking to get new one up and running free of charge.
- Evaluation for DEC pushed back to June. We have some equipment that needs to be repaired or replaced before hand.
- Starting clean up outside. Clean the outside of tanks and building.
- Trustee Walpole inquired about the generator not coming on. Supervisor Shurtleff said that it's losing antifreeze. It's not leaking it but it's burning it somewhere. Weekly test of motor for an hour and by the 3rd or 4th time it trips the safety and shuts it off. About a gallon of antifreeze every 3 weeks.
- Discussion of Industrial Permit and what is needed to acquire it. Work is in progress this week on that.

Police Department

Lt. Troy Boice Reported

- Lt. Boice and officer that were previously approved to go to training did not end up going. The training was full by the time they went to register.

Fire Department

Chief DeForrest reported the following:

- April 19th is career day at the Elementary school. Chief DeForrest and a few other members will be going to the school to present.
- Mock Car Crash scheduled for May 8th and will be like a real call and they will go through the village.

Groton Youth Commission

Trustee Conger reviewed the Youth Commission report (attached to the minutes):

Other Items of Mention

- Skip Schell reported on a building update, focusing on south side of parking lot and working on grading that up. Interior painting is underway. Interior doors are onsite and most frames are installed. Sprinkler and Electrical installation is moving along. Shooting for May completion. Administrator Niswender and Skip will meet up for a meeting to discuss comparisons against prints and contracts, there seem to be some differences.

Presentation & Discussion Items

- Jason Cortell from Dynamic Locomotion Inc. Dyna Loco in the Old C& D building came to tell the Village Board about his company and that they design and build robots and other machines and are working on project with Cornell Vet school. He was just wanting to make the village aware of what they do and ask if there is anything they could think of where his company could help either the village or the school. His goal is to get more involved with local schools and companies as well as the Village if they could be of assistance.
- Chris Brennan is working with Jeff Toolan on a short sale process and asked the Village Board what they were willing to do about the lien that the Village has on the Hotel. It was agreed that Trustee Walpole would contact her and let her know that they would be willing to work with her and asked that she put together a package and send it to the Village Office for consideration.
- Utilities board would like parameters set of what their responsibilities would be. Lightboard is not in agreement of that. Get with Nancy and set up expectations, and possibly have a sub committee, The Mayor said that if we had sewer representation, then the Light Commissioners could leave, and then sewer department could be discussed.

Action Items

- Trustee Conger made a motion to loan the Sewer fund \$90,000 from the General fund and to calculate this in to the sewer rate increase, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Holl made a motion to approve new Fire Department member Anthony Linman seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve the Groton Fire Department Fireworks permit seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.
- Trustee Walpole made a motion to approve the GHD proposal to develop the Industrial permit, IWPP Admin and FROSI report (\$10,300) seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.
- Mayor Neville appointed Michael Shurtleff, Cayden Dryja & Malachi Jones as laborers at \$15.00/per hour

8:06 PM Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Conger
Deputy Treasurer

Electric Department Report

April 8, 2024

Work Completed

- Stray voltage testing
- Engineering workshop
- Remove dead tree at the cemetery
- Replace streetlights
- Hearing test
- Fixed oil leak on bucket truck
- Cut trees for the Town of Groton
- Installed UG conduits for the new building
- Plowed snow
- Installed outlet at the Town Court Office
- Serviced F450 and replaced running boards
- Helped DPW install water & sewer line at the new building
- Read meters
- Replaced bad split bolts at 720 Elm St.
- Replaced bad hydraulic lines on the Kubota
- Replaced bad meters
- Tagged doors for non-pays
- Installed box pad at the new building
- Changed out bucket on Bucket truck
- Tested meters
- Put brakes on DPW truck



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Trustees.....	Elizabeth T. Conger
	Michael G. Holl
	Jean E. Morey
	Terrance E. Walpole
Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator.....	Nancy Niswender
Dept. of Public Works Supv.....	Chad M. Shurtleff
Electric Utility Supv.....	Stephen E. Teeter
Police OIC	Lt. Troy Boice
Code Enforcement Officer	Ted Skibinski
Director of Recreation.....	Becky Koenig

Department of Public Works

March 18 – April 15, 2024

Completed Work/Projects:

- Plowing snow and salting as needed
- Dig and connect 4" sewer lateral to the new building
- Help dig trench for electric conduit
- Pressure test, flush, and chlorinate new 8" main
- Grade the edges of Railroad Ave.
- Haul in material item #4 gravel
- Work on sewer plant issues
- Brakes and service on truck #48
- Attempt to locate utilities for W. Cortland bridge project
- Monthly water samples
- New street sweeper demonstration
- Respond to a fire call at 173 Cayuga St.
- Help clean up trees in the cemetery from storm damage
- Work on mixer units at the sewer plant

Schedule of Work

- Flush fire hydrants
- Construction of Railroad Ave.
- Prepare lawn equipment for mowing

Groton WWTP Update

Polymer system on press went down. Installed new polymer system that was brought over from YAWS years ago. Parts are needed to get old polymer system back up and running. Working with Mike from slack chemicals to get the parts free of charge for old polymer system.

Waiting for Industrial Permit to be put in place to reduce solids loading at plant.

Temporary Slack line running to SBR #2.

3 of 4 mixers in SBR's down. DPW took mixer to install rebuild kit. Reduced treatment because of lack of mixing. (Anoxic Treatment)

Roof leaking in main building above Influent control panel. Panel is covered and we informed the Village of the leak.

Have experienced high flows the past month due to infiltration in the waste system.

Going to be disconnecting and transporting Influent pump # 2 to W2O to replace bad bearing.

The generator is still not coming online automatically. If we have power loss this could cause major issues.

Influent channel is full of grit reducing capacity and bringing grit into wet well. This has negative impact on head works influent pump wear and tear. (Needs to be sucked out)

Bearings on auger for press are starting to wear out.

Reduced some solids being stored in drying beds. Weather is making it difficult to dry sludge.

➤➤➤MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER◀◀◀

GROTON RURAL YOUTH SERVICES



GROTON CABIN FEVER, PETER



WELLS COLLEGE JOB & INTERN FAIR

➤➤➤EVENTS & TRAININGS

- Groton Cabin Fever: March 2, 12pm-4pm
- Wells College Job & Internship Fair: March 6, 12pm-2pm
- Youth Planning Task Force: CDC & Whole Health Update Camps/
- Programs for Transgender Youth: March 20, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- RYS Staff Meeting March 21, 9am-12:30pm
- CCE-Tompkins All-Staff Meeting March 27, 9am-11am

BEHIND THE SCENES CAMP:◀◀◀

For camp Registration has been started!!! I went to Wells and recruited staff there!!! We have been having weekly meetings on camp. We have reached out to applicants and starting scheduling interviews. We recruited a new individual for the camp nurse administration role. I have also scheduled our nutrition depart to come out to camp on Thursdays!!!

WELLS IS WILLING TO
WORK WITH YOU FOR
INTERNSHIPS
-LINDA GALBATO



PATHFINDERS 2.0

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Way**



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Tompkins County



4-H GROWS HERE

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Participant Highlight: Tracer!

Tracer is an awesome kid but has is very introverted normally. Lately he has been making friends and very engaged in Baking Around the World and Catch Them All. He is a leader with his peers when playing Pokemon Go!!!



TRACER, MARIAH



QUOTE:

JUST KEEP MIXING, MIXING, MIXING

CATCH THEM ALL @ THE GROTON LIBRARY



MASON, PETER & JOEY

CATCH THEM ALL

Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26: 3pm- 5:30pm

@Groton Library, Grades 4th-8th

Enrollment: Total=7 Male=6 Female=1

Average Daily Attendance=5

Life Skills: Problem Solving, Leadership, Empathy

In Catch them All this session we made Pokemon keychains, the card game place mats, and a Mega block Charizard. Each day we did a themed craft, then we would go for a walk playing Pokemon go in teams using two devices. We would go back to the library and kids would either finish the craft or play the Pokemon trading card game. The game is really good for kids to learn as it is a strategy game that has a lot of math involved. Some days we also play Pokemon monopoly.

BAKING AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday: March 6, 13, 20, 27: 3pm- 5:30pm

@Middle School, Grades 6th-10th

Enrollment: Total=5 Male=1 Female=4

Average Daily Attendance=5

Life Skills: Healthy Lifestyle Choices, Marketable skills, Nurturing Relationships

This session was awesome we made Russian Pancakes, Blondes, Churros, Houdraus Semite & Jamie Dodgers we learned about the culture and the history of each dish and where they came from. Blondes are actually for Hawaii before they joined the Union.

BAKING AROUND THE WORLD @ GROTON CENTRAL SCHOOL



TRUTH, NATALIA, ALYSSA

Project of the Month!!!

➤➤➤ The Catch Them All students spent hours putting Charizard and his evolutions Charmander & Chameleon together. They are some where at the Groton Library living out the rest of there days!!!



CATCH THEM ALL



QUOTE:
I WOULD
CHANGE
NOTHING BUT
MORE DAYS!!!

PATHFINDERS

@ ELEMENTARY GROUNDS



DANIEL, AVA, JULIA, JOEY

➤➤➤PATHFINDERS

Mondays: March: 25 Apr 15, 22, 29; 3pm- 5:30pm

School Canceled April 8th

@Elementary School, Grades 2nd-5th

Enrollment: Total=12 Male=9 Female=3

Average Daily Attendance=12

Life Skills: Personal Safety, Resiliency, Teamwork

We have worked on shelters the first day which quickly became Mr. Keith can you lift this 8ft log. I am excited to take them birding, animal tracking was big last session so we can track again, this time making plaster of paris molds. There is a hiking trail at the park we will explore. And we can do a small outdoor cooking, treat there.

CHARMED CHAMPIONS <<<

Thursday: Mar 21, 28

Apr 11, 18, 25; 3pm- 5:30pm

@Elementary School Grades 2nd-5th

Enrollment: Total=7 Male=7 Female=0

Average Daily Attendance=7

*Life Skills: Critical Thinking, Sharing,
Conflict Resolution*

Charmed Champions we have been playing an array of games some of there favorites is Pandemic, Monopoly, Jumanji. They really enjoyed Werewolf a game that involves trying to figure out who the wolf is before he turns the whole town into puppies!!!

CATCH THEM ALL @ GROTON LIBRARY



LEVI, MASON, JOEY

Groton Youth Services

Summer Camp 2024



GROTON YOUTH SERVICES



**Ages 5-12,
July 8 -August 16,
2024**



**Free Breakfast and Lunch
Outdoor Games
Activities
Weekly Themes
Nature Time
Swimming
Arts and Crafts**

**8am-4pm
Aftercare 4-
5:30pm**



FUTURE: EVENTS & TRAININGS

- NEW STAFF ORIENTATION GATHERING: APR 3, MAY 1
- DUCK RACE CREEK CLEAN UP APRIL 13, 10AM-1PM
- VOLUNTEER LINK: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=1259&idSession=462409&campCode=PPC>
- TOMPKINS COUNTY 4-H DUCK RACE: APRIL 28
- VOLUNTEER LINK: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=1259&idSession=462710&campCode=PPC>
- ANIMAL CRACKERS: MAY 4
- SPRING 4-H IN-SERVICE: MAY 15- 17

>>>GROTON ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPONSORED THE DUCK RACE!!!

Groton Cycle Center
Dottie's Cakes
Land Maintenance Systems
Moore Tree Farm

Thankyou to all our Sponsors &
Duck buyers may the odds ever
be in your favor!!!

THE LINKS TO APPLY ARE BELOW:

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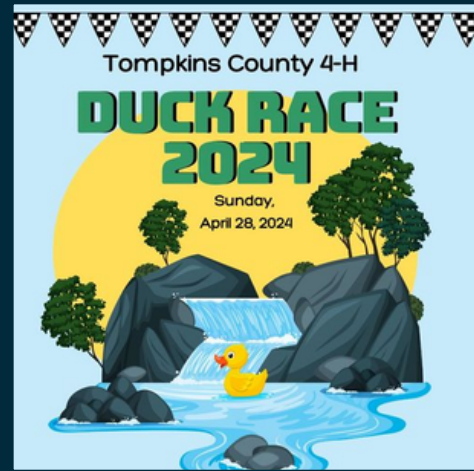
JOIN NOW

BE A PART OF OUR SUMMER CAMP TEAM!

Plan and implement camp programs for children. Provide high-quality educational and recreational opportunities and enjoyable experiences for camp participants. Supervise campers and ensures their safety, development, growth, skill achievement, and general well-being.

[Scan for position descriptions and application](#)

Full Time Counselor	Full Time Counselor	Assistant Director



Future Programs

>>>CRAFTASTIC DAY

Date: 4/4/2024 Time: 8:30am -4:30pm

Meeting at Groton Elementary School, Grades:4th -8th

Life Skills: Self-esteem, Critical Thinking

COME TO THE BROOKTONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A DAY OF CRAFTS. WE'LL BE COMBINING WITH THE GROTON, DANBY, AND JYS WITH RURAL YOUTH SERVICES. WE'LL HAVE POLYMER CLAY, FELT, AND PAPER CRAFTS ALONG WITH SOME NEW PROJECTS TO CHOOSE FROM. YOUTH CAN MAKE A TALKING SANDWICH PUPPET (SEE EXAMPLE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.INSTRUCTABLES.COM/SANDWICH-PUPPET/](https://www.instructables.com/sandwich-puppet/)).



>>>GROTON'S MONTEZUMA TRIP

Date: 4/5/2024 Time: 9:30am -4:30pm

Meeting at Groton Elementary School, Grades:3th -8th

Life Skills: Contributions to Group Effort, Teamwork

JOIN US FOR A FUN FIELD TRIP TO MONTEZUMA WILDLIFE REFUGE ON CAYUGA LAKE! WE WILL BE JOINING URBAN YOUTH SERVICES FOR THIS EXCITING DAY OUTSIDE EXPLORING NATURE!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH! SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE AT NO COST!

LET THERE BE DARK<<< -WELLS COLLEGE TRIP

Date: 4/8/2024 Time: 9:15am -4:30pm:

Meeting at Groton Elementary School,
Grades:3th -8th

Life Skills: Communication, Managing Feelings

COME JOIN THE FUN WE WILL HEAD UP IN THE CCE VANS TO WELLS COLLEGE THEY HAVE AN ARRAY OF EVENTS TO LOOK FOWARD TO ATTENDING.

SOLAR ECLISPE GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED!!!

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, EVEN THOU
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!!!**

LET THERE BE DARK

Join Us for Solar Day at Wells College
April 8, 2024
Free and open to the public

10 A.M. – LITERARY ECLIPSE

Join Arts and Humanities faculty on Main Lawn for a festival of poetry, spoken word, and creative writing in response to this historic event.

12 P.M. – SWALLOW THE SUN TACO BAR

Come to the Dining Hall courtyard to print your own eclipse-themed tortillas using edible inks. Load it up with taco fillings for an interplanetary lunch.

12:30 P.M. – TOTALITY WITH THE HAUDENOSAUNEE AT THE CAYUGA SHARE FARM

The Haudenosaunee trace the origin of their federation to a solar eclipse nearly 1,000 years ago. Stop by to see Mohawk Chief Tom Porter ("Sakokwenionkwis," The One Who Wins) at this complimentary presentation and stay throughout the eclipse.
4061 Truett Road, Union Springs, New York

1 P.M. – LET THERE BE DARK: THE SCIENCE OF ECLIPSES

Listen to a lecture on eclipses in Stratton 209 with Professor Scott Haverkamp.

1:30 P.M. – WONDER TURNER! RING OF FIRE!

Visit the Book Arts Center in Morgan Hall to make your own Ring of Fire thaumatrope, a two-sided print representing the sun and the moon, as the images create an optical illusion to visually re-enact the eclipse.

1:30 P.M. – TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE ARTS

Gather on Main Lawn and have fun with music, arts, cookie decorating, and other outdoor activities before the eclipse.

2:15 P.M. – ECLIPSE BEGINS

3:22 P.M. – MOMENT OF NEAR-TOTALITY

Aurora is just south of the path of totality. Relax on Main Lawn to view the experience. Special solar viewing glasses will be provided.

For accommodations, contact James Miranda at jmiranda@wells.edu

