

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 13, 2018

Trustees Present: Walter Scott, Guy Breault, Leonard Charron, and Ellen St. Marie

Staff Present: Jonathan Elwell and Joanne Davis

Public Present: Steve Farman, VPPSA, Suzi Hull-Parent from Enosburg Initiative

Walter Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda - There were no changes to the agenda.
2. Public Comment - There was no public comment.
3. Review/Approve Minutes of January 23, 2018 and Special Meeting January 30, 2018.  
Ellen St. Marie moved to approve the minutes as written for both the January 23, 2018 and January 30, 2018 meetings. Leonard Charron seconded. Unanimous.
4. Enosburg Initiative Group Request Regarding Village Annual Report  
Jonathan included in the Trustee information email conversations he had had with Suzi Hull-Parent regarding including an Enosburg Initiative report in the Village of Enosburg Falls Annual Report. Jonathan reminded the Trustees that no other private group has a report included in the Village Annual Report so he wanted to verify with the Trustees that they wished to include this report. Guy Breault moved to approve the Enosburg Initiative report in the Village Annual Report. Leonard Charron seconded. Leonard asked if this would be a separate page stuffed or stapled in our annual report. Jonathan verified that we have been able to work with the printer to submit the Annual Report for printing once the Trustees have made a decision on this final request. Walter Scott called the vote – Unanimous.

Suzi Hull-Parent also brought to the attention that Sam Vaillancourt will be engaging in a write-in campaign for the open Trustee seat at the Village Annual Meeting.

Suzi also invited everyone present to a pot luck dinner at the Emergency Services Building on February 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. on behalf of the Enosburg Initiative. This is a community gathering with no agenda.

5. Conflict of Interest Policy  
Jonathan included in the Trustee information communication he has been having with Sarah Jarvis of VLCT regarding new state legislation 24 V.S.A. § 1984 – Policy Regarding Conflicts of Interest and Ethical Conduct. Jon also included a copy of the model policy developed by VLCT. The Trustees have not had the opportunity to read the policy so Walter Scott asked that this be tabled until the next regularly scheduled Trustee meeting.
6. SQRP Report

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Jonathan included the fourth quarter SQRP Report for 2017. It appears the the Village of Enosburg Falls Electric Department is operating below the State benchmarks for our electric system.

7. Manager's Report

- Elm Street Sidewalk - As per the Trustee's decision there will be another Public Meeting to inform and take input from the public regarding the Elm Street Sidewalk project. This meeting is scheduled for the February 27, 2018 regularly scheduled Trustee meeting. Doug Goulette of Lamoureux and Dickinson will be here. Property owners who will be affected by the project have been notified.
- Update on the 2018 Wastewater Budget. Once the audit was completed and final numbers were given to Brian Ovitt, he reviewed the Franklin Foods rate. This cannot be done sooner as we need the completed audit figures to determine the rate. The effect of the rate change to Franklin Food is that the Wastewater deficit decreased to \$7,456 for 2018.
- Legislature – Jon advised the Trustees that the State Senate Agriculture Committee has discussed a rural economic development bill that includes several utility-related aspects. This is in very early discussion so there is no direction at this time.
- Jon was contacted by our attorneys Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer regarding the hydro-renovation bond. The Bond Bank advised our attorney of an additional covenant they would like to include in the bond agreement that has already been signed by the Trustees. The effect of this covenant is that the Village of Enosburg Falls may not purchase any bank bonds from a bank that works with the bond bank during the period of the hydro-renovation bond for investment purposes. The reason for the late notice of the covenant is due to a Federal law change which has given more risk to the Bond Bank and this is their way of helping to mitigate some of that risk. The additional covenant is to demonstrate to the IRS that bond bank loans to municipalities are not for the purpose of making money, and so should continue to have tax-exempt status at both the state and federal government. The Trustees were in agreement with including the covenant.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Executive Session: For the Purpose of Discussion Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge may Compromise the Position of the Municipality. Ellen St. Marie moved to go to executive session. Leonard Charron seconded. The Trustees voted to go into executive session at 7:10 p.m. Joanne Davis remained in executive session.

Ellen St. Marie moved to reenter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The Board reentered their Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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10. Adjourn –

Guy Breault moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Ellen St. Marie seconded. Walter Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Davis  
Director of Finance

These minutes were approved as written at the February 27, 2018 Trustee Meeting.