

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 25, 2018

Present: Trustees - Guy Breault, Ellen St. Marie, Samuel Vaillancourt, Leonard Charron
Staff – Jonathan Elwell, Matthew Miner, Gary Denton
Guests – Roger Langevin, Cathy Hickory, Patty Hammond, Tom Oliver, Greta Brunswick, June Flaherty, Andre Jette, Susan Jette

Meeting called to order by Guy Breault at 6:34 p.m.

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no modifications or changes to the agenda.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Minutes September 11, 2018

Sam Vaillancourt made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Trustees as written. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimously approved.

4. Vital Village Project Update – Greta Brunswick, NRPC

Ms. Brunswick spoke to the Board about the upcoming community engagement event scheduled for October 13, 2018 during the Enosburg Eats event. This would be a walkabout tour of the village to solicit input from community members on potential improvements to be considered in development of the Village Master Plan. SE Group, the consulting firm working with the Village to develop the Village Master Plan, has requested permission to install two temporary streetscape improvements on Main St at the Rail Trail crossing and the Missisquoi St crossing. This would include a bump out of the curb, some public art and décor improvements to demonstrate what future improvements might look like. This would be installed the morning of October 13, 2018 and removed after the event concludes in the afternoon.

Sam Vaillancourt made the motion to approve installation of a temporary streetscape enhancement on two crosswalks on Main St during the Enosburg Eats/Village Walkabout Tour Event on October 13, 2018. Seconded by Ellen St. Marie. Unanimously approved.

5. Franklin County Sherriff Department, Lt. Tom Oliver

Lt Oliver introduced himself to the Board to discuss his experience and background and provide an opportunity for those at the meeting to discuss any law enforcement concerns. Lt Oliver informed the Board that a speed cart has been located on Water Tower Rd to collect some data on traffic volume and speed. After gathering data then a specific enforcement plan can be developed to address any issues identified. A plan exists to do this on Orchard St as well.

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6. June Flaherty, Law Enforcement Concerns

June Flaherty reported that she was speaking on behalf of herself and several neighbors on Water Tower Rd who are concerned with the number of vehicles traveling at high rates of speed making it dangerous to enter and exit their driveways. Andre Jette also reported several incidents including his mailbox being destroyed twice by passing vehicles and he is frustrated by the response of both the Sheriff's Dept and the State Police to this issue. Susan Jette also expressed her concerns. There was dialog between Lt Oliver and the residents about some new efforts to address this issue.

7. Water Allocation Request Lot #2 Birch Lane

Jon Elwell recused himself from this agenda item because he lives on Birch Lane.

Leonard Charron made the motion to approve one (1) water usage allocation for Cheryl Slayton for use on lot #2 on Birch Lane. Seconded by Sam Vaillancourt. Unanimously approved.

8. 2019 Proposed Roads/Streets Projects Discussion

Per the Board's request from the August 25, 2018 Board Meeting, Gary Denton investigated possible savings of scheduling multiple paving projects in conjunction rather than separately. Mr. Denton reported that the contractors would save approximately \$10,000 for each eliminated mobilization and that there could be volume purchasing savings in the per ton rate for the asphalt. The Board recommended that all five paving projects, St Albans St, Hayes Farm Rd, Orchard St, Railroad St and Village Dr, be included as staff prepares the draft 2019 budget for later consideration during budget review.

9. Lincoln Park Permits Request, Rosary Crusade

The Board reviewed an application from Patricia Hammond to conduct an event named America Needs Fatima/Rosary Rally 2018 in Lincoln Park on October 13, 2018. Jon Elwell shared with the Board a communication from the Village's attorney, Jesse Bugbee, warning the Board that approving this event in a public park clearly oversteps the boundaries of the Establishment Clause and tends to entangle the Village in the promotion of a religion. There was considerable dialog between the Board and several guests in attendance.

Ellen St. Marie made the motion to not approve the permit application from Patricia Hammond for the America Needs Fatima/Rosary Rally 2018 event to use Lincoln Park on October 13, 2018 from 11:30am to 1:30pm based upon advice from the Village's Attorney. Seconded by Sam Vaillancourt. Unanimously approved.

10. Electric Dept. 2004 Pick-Up Truck Bids

The Board reviewed two bids received for the 2004 Chevrolet 2500 ¾ Pickup Truck owned by the Village of Enosburg Falls, one from Scott Goodhue for \$300, another from Adam Bowker for \$200. Staff recommended acceptance of the higher bid.

Ellen St. Marie made the motion to accept the bid of \$300 from Scott Goodhue for the purchase of one (1) 2004 Chevrolet 2500 ¾ Pickup Truck owned by the Village of Enosburg Falls. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimously approved.

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11. Manager's Report

- VPPSA/AMI Meeting – Jon Elwell reported to the Board that he attended this meeting to discuss advance metering infrastructure, commonly referred to as “smart metering” in an effort to determine interest and needs from the VPPSA membership.
- Hydro Renovation Project Update – At this time the contractor performing the renovation to the Hydro Plant has not yet met the deadline for substantial completion. Current estimate for completion is September 28, 2018 which is still subject to change. At this time the contractor has been notified that liquidated damages have been activated and they will be subject to \$500 fine for each day beyond September 18, 2018 to reach completion.
- FERC Relicensing Special Joint Meeting – Mr. Elwell confirmed that a meeting has been scheduled for November 8, 2018 for a site visit at 11am and a joint formal meeting at 4:30pm in the Village Conference Room to include several state/federal officials, the Board and the general public to review and discuss impacts from the Village's application for FERC License renewal.

12. Other Business

No other business was presented to the Board.

13. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Sam Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen St. Marie. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Miner, Director of Finance

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2018.