

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 4, 2022

Present: Trustees – Samuel Vaillancourt, Heather Moore, Sandra Ferland, Leonard Charron, Eli Gabuzda
Staff – Jonathan Elwell, David Westcom, Ken Laplant
Guests – George Gabuzda, Ken St Amour

Meeting was called to order by Samuel Vaillancourt, Chair at 6:30pm

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. 2022 Preliminary Budget

Electric Department – Jon Elwell gave a summary of highlights regarding the department. The current draft shows a cash deficit of \$349,291.00. The bulk of this is driven by increases to power supply and transmission charges. There are also increases in the State of VT RES Program, and VPPSA Administration fees. Jon informed the Board that if significant reductions cannot be made, it is possible the Village may have to file for a rate increase in 2022.

A discussion took place regarding purchasing a new v. used digger truck for the department in the near future. There is currently a two-year lead time on digger truck deliveries. It was decided that Dave Westcom would contact, and monitor any opportunities for purchasing a good, used digger truck over the next three weeks. He will report back to the Board if he finds anything he would recommend. The Trustees also asked Jon Elwell to invite Ken Nolan, General Manager from VPPSA to a future Trustees Meeting to, again, discuss details on a proposed AMI project for Enosburg Falls' Electric and Water Departments.

Public Works/General Fund – Jon Elwell gave an overview of the General Fund including the Public Works Department. Given all requested projects and purchases to be included in the GF the Preliminary Budget is showing a 12.79% increase in the tax rate. After discussion on the projects shown in the budget, and their costs, the Board asked staff to research several more items, and include them in a next draft of the General Fund. The additional items were Re-Paving Maple Park, additional quotes for a new plow truck, and a new Laborer position that would be permanent, full-time intended to begin in June 2022.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Executive Session: Personnel

Sandra Ferland made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel item. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:12pm. Sandra Ferland made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous. The Board re-entered its Regular Meeting at 8:23pm. As a result of Executive Session, Samuel Vaillancourt acknowledged Jon Elwell's resignation as Village Manager. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Sam thanked Jon for his 17 years of service to Enosburg Falls.

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6. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Elwell
Village Manager

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2022.