

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 10, 2022

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Heather Moore, Eli Gabuzda, Sandra Ferland, Leonard Charron
Staff – Abbey Miller, Gary Denton
Guests – Brian Dawicki (NWTV), Shaleigh Draper, Jesse Woods, Jim Cameron, David Tryhorne, Sally Tryhorne, Ward Heneveld, Cindy Weed, Maggie Cavazos, Pierre Letourneau, Ellen Stanley, Greta Brunswick

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:31 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda
The addition of a discussion of personnel matters to executive session.
2. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
3. Review/Approval Minutes April 26, 2022, Meeting and May 2, 2022, Joint Meeting
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.
4. Enosburg Falls High School Graduation Parade
A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve the parade route and plan for the Enosburg Falls High School Graduation. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.
5. Welcome Signs, David Tryhorne
David Tryhorne stated that he spoke with the Jackson's on West Berkshire Road, and they would be willing to let the Village put a Welcome Sign on their lawn if there was a written agreement in place with conditions. The Trustees asked David to have the Jackson's draft a letter they are comfortable with, and they would review and respond.
6. Vital Village Discussion, Enosburg Initiative and Greta Brunswick
The grant to continue with the next and final phases for Vital Village is due June 8th. After a lot of discussion, the Trustees decided that based upon the economic times and the impact on the tax rate, to take this next year as a planning year to try and research and align the infrastructure maintenance that would be needed under Main Street before moving forward.
7. Elm Street Sidewalk Discussion
The Elm Street Sidewalk project had previously been placed on hold, and the State stated that the Trustees would need to decide by Fall if they were going to move forward with this project. Discussion centered around how many easements were left to obtain to do this project and the Water Tower Road/VT Route 105 Intersection. Trustees instructed Finance Director Abbey Miller to determine what implications there would be if the project does not move forward and Zoning Administrator Jesse Woods stated he would start asking questions regarding Water Tower Road/VT Route 105 Intersection.

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8. Staff Report

- Historical Society Update – Cindy Weed was able to contact VTrans and they stated they do not have any initial concerns with adding the Town to the deed as long as all of the same preferences in the current deed are included. The Trustees authorized the Village’s lawyer to make contact with the Town and State’s lawyer to coordinate the Quit Claim Deed.
- Highway Department Dump Truck Update – We were just informed of an added \$3,800 surcharge from Freightliner on all vehicles that are ordered. It is unclear at this time if there will be more before the truck is here.
- Digger Truck – Ludlow was standing firm on their asking price, and we could not negotiate to the authorized amount the Trustees approved. At this time, staff is recommending getting the RFP for the new truck out and keep looking at any used trucks that may become available.
- FERC Update – Abbey Miller stated that documents were filed with FERC for the latest deadline and that she would keep the Board informed of the next steps.
- Hydro Upgrade – Abbey Miller is meeting with a contractor on Friday to do a walk through of the Hydro buildings to get estimates on the work to be done.

9. Other Business

Heather Moore asked about getting name tags for board members so guests would know who is sitting at the table. Abbey Miller stated she would talk to Sykie Leach about creating those.

10. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality and for Discussion Personnel

Sandra Ferland made a motion to enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality and for Discussion of Personnel matters. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:54pm.

Heather Moore made a motion to re-enter the Board’s Regular Meeting. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:53pm.

As a result of Executive Session, the Trustees agreed to stay with the current HR lawyers who are changing firms from Primmer Piper, Eggleston & Cramer to Downs Rachlin Martin.

11. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

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