

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 23, 2022

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Eli Gabuzda, Sandra Ferland, Leonard Charron, Heather Moore

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller

Guests – JR Cox (NWTV), Ken Nolan (VPPSA), Ken St. Amour (VPPSA), Shawn Enterline (VPPSA), Shirley Duso, Sean Millinor, Cindy Weed, Jesse Woods, Ginny Gometz, Mark Fitzgerald, Ward Heneveld, Greg Lamoureux

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:30 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no changes.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Minutes August 9, 2022

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

4. Lincoln Park application for Fundraiser

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the Lincoln Park Use Permit for a fundraiser for Sean Millinor and his children, waiving the fee. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

5. Tractor Supply Allocation Extension

A motion was made by Leonard Charron to extend the deadline for the requested water and wastewater allocations for Tractor Supply to December 31, 2022. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

6. VPPSA presentation /budget preparation for 2023, energy prices.

Ken St. Amour and Ken Nolan were present from VPPSA to continue the discussion about Enosburg Falls Light Department switching to AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure). There was discussion about the State funding that will be available and how that will impact Enosburg Falls cost and a possible funding structure. After a detailed discussion the Trustees gave the go ahead for Enosburg Falls to continue moving forward with the transition to AMI. Shawn Enterline with VPPSA was present to discuss the current energy market prices and discuss a plan for the winter months. VPPSA has explored several different contract options for utilities to pursue and is recommending a wind contract. After discussion, a motion was made by Sandra Ferland authorizing John Dasaro to sign off on the Letter of Intent for Enosburg Falls to move forward with the wind contract. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

7. Historical Society Discussion with AOT regarding Railroad Museum

Members of the Historical Society were present along with AOT's Mark Fitzgerald to discuss the state of Historical Society building and clarify ownership and responsibility. After a lengthy discussion the Trustees requested that the Historical Society get estimates on putting in a second egress to the building along with an estimate for repairing the railing and bringing it up

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to code. Once those are obtained, there can be a discussion about who will be financially responsible for those repairs. The Trustees also requested that the Historical Society set up a meeting with someone from the State Historical Preservation to do a walkthrough of the building so everyone will have a clear understanding of what can and cannot be done to the building. Jesse Woods and Abbey Miller are going to continue to support the Historical Society as much as possible and necessary.

8. Budget – general discussion, project suggestions for 2023

Director of Finance Abbey Miller advised the Trustees that she is going to be meeting with Department Heads in early September to finalize project ideas and requested that if they Trustees have any projects they would like to discuss for consideration to please bring their ideas to the September 13th meeting.

9. Manager's Report

NEPPA recap – EV's, power sources of the future, meet and greet with some key people

School Crossing – Cate Bennett, nice job Abbey for getting this project completed this fall

Open House – 9/17 the same time as the Harvest Fest we would love for any trustees to stop or join in supporting the day of.

Kendall – work is completed

Digger Truck – inspection date is coming, we will continue to shop around, however the Ludlow truck is still available.

10. Other Business

Sandra Ferland asked if the ordinance for Harvest Fest was in effect yet. John Dasaro advised it has been posted and we are waiting for the appropriate timeline to pass for it to become law.

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

Heather Moore 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 Leonard Charron.

Unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:24pm.

Eli Gabuzda made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Leonard Charron. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:37pm.

As a result of Executive Session, the Trustees approved an inflation raise for the Public Works Director.

12. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Sandra Ferland made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting September 13, 2022.