

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 24, 2023

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Eli Gabuzda, Sandra Ferland, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron
Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller
Guests – Hunter Parah (NWTV), Brenda Stanley

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

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda
There were no modifications.
2. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
3. Review/Approve Minutes January 10th, 2023.
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the minutes with the change under #12, adding seconded by before Heather Moore's name. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
4. Wastewater Floors, Brian Ovitt
Director of Finance Abbey Miller, advised that it was determined that we will need to remove the existing floor in the Wastewater Treatment Facility rather than going over the top. It was initially thought that this was going to be an added cost above the original estimate, but it was determined that the removal was already factored into the original estimate.
5. Enosburgh Public Library Request, Brenda Stanley
Brenda Stanley requested if the Trustees would be willing to use \$800.00 from ARPA money to assist in purchasing a Hard'Ack pool pass for the Library to have available for community members. The Town of Enosburgh has agreed to contribute another \$800.00 for a pass if the Village also agrees. A motion was made by Leonard Charron to use \$800.00 of ARPA funds for the purchase of a Hard'Ack Pool Pass. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.
6. Sign off on Clean Water Revolving Fund, Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Lead Survey Line Inventory Loan Application
After a brief discussion of each application, the Trustees did not have any questions and all members signed off on each application to move forward with the Elm Street Water and Sewer upgrades and the EPA/State of Vermont required Lead Survey Line Inventory.
7. People's Trust Company Banking Resolution
Director of Finance Abbey Miller stated that we had made a motion at the June 14, 2022 meeting to add John Dasaro to the Peoples Trust Company Bank accounts, but the paperwork was never finalized and all Trustee members would need to sign the updated resolution. All Trustees signed the updated resolution.
8. Final Budget Review and Approval, Abbey Miller
 - General Fund Budget – A motion was made to approve the proposed budget to be voted on March 14th by Village Residents with a tax rate of .7534 for 2023, .12 cents higher than 2022 by Eli Gabuzda. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.
 - Water Fund Budget – A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the budget as proposed, implementing a 16% increase in all water rates effective February 1, 2023. Seconded by Heather Moore.

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- Wastewater Fund Budget – A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the budget as proposed, implementing a 5.5% increase in all wastewater rates effective February 1, 2023. Seconded by Sandra Ferland.
- Electric Department Budget – A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the budget as proposed, maintaining the current rates to start, but to go for a full rate case as soon as possible with VPPSA. Seconded by Leonard Charron.

9. Manager's Report

- Junk & Garbage Ordinance Update – Village Manager John Dasaro spoke about the enforcement of the Village of Enosburg Falls Junk ordinance and stated that we now have ticket books. John Dasaro also stated that he had reached out to one of the landlords in the Village about getting their property cleaned up and they did clean up. A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to appoint Village John Dasaro as an authorized enforcer of the Junk Ordinance, granting him authority to issue tickets. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.
- Solar Project Update – Leases are signed and now the system impact studies, and other engineering will begin.
- EV Charger and Camera Updates – The EV Charger has been installed and we have had some usage. We also have 2 cameras installed within the Village.

10. Other Business

Director of Finance Abbey Miller brought up the next joint meeting and that it was the Trustees turn to host. A couple of dates were discussed to present to the Town Selectboard to get it scheduled for April.

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

Eli Gabuzda 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. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:22pm.

Eli Gabuzda made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:03pm.

There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

12. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Heather Moore. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on February 14, 2023.