

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 28, 2023

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

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller

Guests – David Tryhorne, Sally Tryhorne, Derek Thuraiayah, Shawna Lovelette, Margo Longway, Tim Smith

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

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no changes.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review/Approve Minutes February 14th, 2023.

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

4. Enosburg Recreation Department/Margo Park Application for Spring Color Run

Margo Longway discussed the route for the run and advised that the event is schedule for April 15th and in the event the weather doesn't cooperate the rain date will be May 15th. Margo stated she would be reaching out to the Lions Clubs and Hannafords to look for volunteers with street crossings. A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the Park Use Application, waiving any fees. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

5. Enosburg Falls High School and Middle School – Park application to host graduation in the park.

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve both the Park Use Application and the Bandstand Permit for the 8th grade and 12th grade graduations to take place in Lincoln Park on June 16th and June 17th, waiving the fee. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

6. Derek Thuraiayah – park application to host a food truck in the park during the week.

Derek Thuraiayah presented his proposal for a food truck on Stebbins Street from May to November. After discussing his plan, the Trustees advised they needed a little more time to make a decision as there were a couple of variables that need to be addressed such as power and leaving the truck parked. The Trustees are going to review the ordinance and will follow up with Derek.

7. EBA – park permit for concerts in the park and the request for a vendor to serve alcohol in a secured area during the concerts.

Shawna Lovelette discussed a plan the EBA would like to implement during the summer concert series, being able to serve alcohol in a designated area with one vendor. The Trustees advised they supported this idea but need to review the ordinance and make some necessary updates to accommodate situations like this. Village Manager John Dasaro is going to work on researching other Municipal ordinances for similar events and reach out to the Village's attorney about making necessary changes.

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8. Review Park Ordinances

Village Manager John Dasaro is going to work on researching other Municipal ordinances for park use and alcohol on Village Property and reach out to the Village's attorney about making necessary changes.

9. Dickinson/Main Street Crosswalk

The final design was presented to the Trustees and they advised that they wanted to proceed with flower pots and bollards for traffic calming around the new crosswalk.

10. Dave Tryhorne – to discuss an electronic sign at the Armory Building

David Tryhorne discussed a plan for an electronic sign in front of what will be the new Town of Enosburgh's office, his vision for this sign is for the Village and Town to both share information about events on this sign. He stated he has approached the Town of Enosburgh about this sign and they are supportive, but did not factor the funds for this in their 2023. Director of Finance Abbey Miller stated that her and Jesse Woods have spoke regarding the sign and are going to work together to see if they can find a grant to cover the cost.

11. Letter of support for 366 Main St/FCIDC

A motion was made to authorize John Dasaro to sign the letter of support for the grant FCIDC is applying for in regard to 366 Main Street. Seconded by Heather Moore. Sandra Ferland was not present for the vote.

12. Review Credit Card Policy

After review of the proposed credit card policy, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the policy as written. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

13. VOEF Investment Policy

After discussion of the Investment Policy and the future plans and purpose for this policy, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the policy as written. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

14. Manager's Report

Nothing to report for this meeting!

15. Other Business

Heather Moore asked that the warning and notice of positions being voted on be posted again. Heather also provided an update on the Youth Center Project. After discussion the updates and further grant opportunities, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda granting Abbey and/or John permission to submit grants on the Village's behalf for this project. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

Sam Vaillancourt stated there have been several requests to have keep the annual report digital and not print as many hard copies as we end up with so many left over every year. Next year we are going to explore digital only and print available upon request.

John Dasaro stated that the Water department was exploring being able to sell water directly and is doing research on what that would look like logistically and financially.

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16. 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 Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:27pm.

Sandra Ferland made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:39pm.

As a result of Executive Session, a motion was made by Eli Gabuzda authorizing John Dasaro to attend the tax sale on March 9th in Enosburg and to make a bid on behalf of the Village not to exceed the agreed upon amount. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

17. 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 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

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