

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 22, 2023

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Sandra Ferland, Leonard Charron, Eli Gabuzda Not Present: Heather Moore

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller

Guests –Will Cribb (NWTV), Judit DeRancourt

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

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

Addition of Harvest Festival Parks Permit after #3.

2. Public Comment

Judith DeRancourt was present to discuss the noise and traffic issues on Depot Street, most of the issues are centered around the Town parking lot. She stated there were fireworks going off all night and the same cars going in and out of the parking lot at all hours of the night. The Trustees advised Judith to notify law enforcement and to also bring her concerns to the Town of Enosburgh as they own the parking lot in question as well as hold the law enforcement contract.

3. Review/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023.

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

3.5 Harvest Festival 2023 Parks Use and Bandstand Permits, September 16th, 2023.

Village Manager John Dasaro advised that the EBCA will be holding their annual Harvest Festival Saturday September 16th, 2023. He stated they are looking at possibly having something at Maple Park as well, but he will continue to work with them regarding that as it will be weather dependent.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the Parks Use Permit and the Bandstand Permit, waiving the fee. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

4. 479 West Berkshire Road Request for curb cut.

A motion was made by Sandra Ferland to approve the request for a curb cut to be put in at 479 West Berkshire Road based upon the approval from Public Works Director Gary Denton. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

5. Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant, aka Vital Village Grant.

John Dasaro advised that the Village did not receive the grant this year for Vital Village. He advised that this isn't a big setback because the timing was already going to be tight with all of the infrastructure work that would need to take place prior to Vital Village being complete.

6. 6-month budget review

Director of Finance Abbey Miller gave an update on all four funds budgets and stated that everyone was on track for the year and trending to stay on track for the 2nd half of the year with no major concerns.

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7. Setting 2023 Tax Rate

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to set the tax rate at the budgeted rate .7533 with a due date of Friday October 27th, 2023. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

8. Manager's Report

- West Berkshire Road Waterline is complete, and the new line is operational.
- Bids are due on 08/29 for the Maple Park project. With a goal of the middle of October completion.
- Dickinson and Main Street crosswalk is underway.

9. Other Business

Eli Gabuzda expressed concern with the crosswalks, he stated that they were very messy and not symmetrical. He stated he would like the Village to go out to bid next year.

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

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. Seconded by Eli Gabuzda. Unanimous.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:10PM.

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 7:50pm.

11. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Leonard Charron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded Eli Gabuzda. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting.