

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 12, 2023

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

Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller, Alan Plouff

Guests –Will Cribb (NWTV), Jesse Woods

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

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda
Addition of Water and Wastewater Allocation request for the Quincy Hotel to #3.5.
2. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
3. Review/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes August 22, 2023.
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
- 3.5 Water and Wastewater Allocation Request, the Quincy Hotel.
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the water and wastewater allocation request from the Quincy Hotel for 2 more allocations of each with the condition that there is no digging in the roadway after October 31st. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
4. Champlain Housing Trust Loan Forgiveness.
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to move forward with the forgiveness of the Champlain Housing Trust Loan for the Main Street Apartments and to authorize John Dasaro to sign off on the discharge paperwork. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
5. Perley Block and Tim Smith would like to discuss timed parking spaces on Main Street.
Tim Smith was present to ask the Trustees to consider putting “1 hour parking” signs in front of the Perley Building. He stated that with visitors coming to the FNESU and NCSS offices, they are hoping to encourage people to not tie up the parking spots in front of the building so customers have better access to the businesses on that side of the street. The trustees advised that they will have Village Manager John Dasaro speak with the business owners and see if everyone was in support of it on that side of the street and to start by putting 3 signs in front of the Perley Building.
Tim also mentioned that the Perley Building is having an open house on October 13th at 3:30pm.
6. Dog Park, Dog control ordinance, possible review of ordinance, last update 1995
Director of Finance Abbey Miller advised that she has been in contact with Cate and Katherine Bennett regarding the dog park that is being planned to go in by the EMS building. In researching what would be required for the dog park, the Villages ordinance came into consideration. While the ordinance has all the pertinent information needed, it is outdated and should be updated. The Trustees gave Abbey Miller permission to do a review and propose an updated ordinance.

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7. Fire Department coin drop request

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda approve the Fire Departments request to hold their annual coin drop on September 16th on Main Street. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

8. Budget/Project discussion for 2024, Digger Truck for Light Department

Director of Finance Abbey Miller and Crew Leader Alan Plouff provided an update on the Electric Department's digger truck. The truck is certainly not usable due to a damaged part that is out for repair. Alan Plouff advised the Trustees that he was notified by Custom One Trucks on digger trucks that are being assembled now and that we put our name on the list for one, with an expected delivery of Quarter 1 2024. The Trustees agreed with this and to move forward with the purchase of a new digger truck, with the details to be discussed further during budget discussions.

Abbey Miller requested that the Trustees start putting together any projects that they would like to see done for any department in 2024 so we can start working on a capital projects list early in the budget process.

9. Manager's Report

- The crosswalk on Main near Dickinson is complete, just in time for School.
- LOT, Local Option Tax – we are pursuing and still researching the LOT. John is preparing an informational guide for the open house.
- Youth Council Update
- Follow up with an estimate for moving Main Street underground as part of revitalization.
- Open House this Saturday the 16th, same day as the Harvest Festival – a lot of excitement in the Village this weekend and the EV charger will be free throughout the weekend.

10. Other Business

Jesse Woods was present to provide the Trustees with an update on what happened with the lister this year and the plan moving forward. He also advised the Trustees that the grand list went up \$1.82 million and that he does not believe that Enosburgh will need reappraisals for 4-5 years.

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 7:37PM.

Eli Gabuzda made a motion to re-enter the Board's Regular Meeting. Seconded by Heather Moore. The Board re-entered their Regular Meeting at 8:18pm.

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12. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Eli Gabuzda made a motion to adjourn. Seconded Heather Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

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