

Village of Enosburg Falls
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Moderator, Pay Hayes, called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

Article 1: To see if the registered voters of the Village of Enosburg Falls approve indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$118,295 to be financed over five years for the purpose of purchasing a new Avant Tractor for the Public Works Department. Paul Hatch made the motion to approve Article 1. Cynthia Weed seconded. This is a sidewalk tractor replacement that also has attachments for plowing and cleaning.

Article 1 passed unanimously.

Article 2: To see if the Village will approve an amount of \$12,500 on the Grand List for the purpose of upgrading sidewalks.

Robert Barnes made the motion to approve Article 2. Cynthia Weed seconded. This money will add to a revolving sidewalk fund that is used for yearly improvements and is used as matching funds for grants.

Article 2 passed unanimously.

Article 3: To see if the Village will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation.

Cynthia Weed made the motion to approve Article 3. Jason Longway seconded.

Article 3 passed unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Village will vote the sum of \$500.00 for holiday lighting in the downtown area.

Paul Hatch made the motion to approve article 3. Jim McKinstry seconded.

Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for patriotic banners in the downtown area.

Robert Barnes made the motion to approve Article 5. Mary Hatch seconded.

Article 5 passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Village will vot to appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 for an equipment replacement fund.

Gary Jacobs made the motion to approve Article 6. Cynthia Weed seconded. This is a savings account that will be used to offset the cost of future equipment.

Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Village will vote a budget on the Grand List to cover the 2023 Village General Fund Budget for operating expenses of \$970,773, of which \$874,558 shall be raised by taxes and \$96,215 by non-tax revenues.

Paul Hatch made the motion to approve Article 7. Cynthia Weed seconded. It was requested that Article 7 be voted on by paper ballot. There were 17 votes to pass Article 7, and thirteen votes against it. The 17% increase in the budget was discussed.

Article 7 passed.

Article 8: To see if the Village will authorize the necessary use of surpluses within departments provided those funds stay with the department of origin.

Robert Barnes made the motion to approve Article 8. Cynthia Weed seconded.

Article 8 passed.

Other Business:

Questions about specific numbers in the budget were asked and answered.

The purchase of the property near the Village Offices and police coverage was discussed.

There being no other business, Rachel Lamoureux made the motion to adjourn. Cynthia Weed seconded. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelee Maddox
minute taker