

DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 27, 2024

Present: Sam Vaillancourt, Sandra Ferland, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron and Eli Gabuzda
Staff – John Dasaro, Abbey Miller
Guest – William Cribb (Northwest Access TV), Phillip Gervais, Shawn Coleman (NRPC)

Meeting was called to order by Sam Vaillancourt at 6:33 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda
Kairos International Park Event Follow up added.
2. Public Comment
There was no one present from the public.
3. Review/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 13th, 2024.
A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.
- 3.5 Kairos International Park Event Update
The Park Permit was updated to now include September 6th from 4pm – 10pm for set up for the September 7th event. The event is still looking to have Missisquoi Street closed at 12:30 on Saturday the 7th. Kairos will send a copy of their event insurance prior to the event. A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve the amendments to the original park permit. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.
4. Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Final Review
Shawn Coleman with NRPC was present to the next steps with finalizing the HMP. He had sent a draft for the Board to review and stated that the next step is a public comment period. The Board decided on a 30-day public comment period and at the September 24th meeting there will be time set aside to review any public comments received. After the public comment period, there will be one more meeting for the Trustees to do a final review and make a motion to adopt. The plan will then go to VT Emergency Management and FEMA for final review.
5. Wastewater Allocation Audit
Our Wastewater Operators conducted a physical audit to review the number of seats that restaurants have in comparison to their allocations. It was determined that some businesses have added outdoor seating, and a decision would need to be made about whether the Village would require those businesses to increase their allocations to accommodate. After some discussion, it was decided that the Village would not pursue having businesses purchase more allocations for outdoor seating because the season is so short. Letters would be sent to businesses that are out of compliance with their indoor seating.
6. Set Tax Rate
Director of Finance Abbey Miller presented the forecasted budget for 2024 and with the increase in the Grand List presented a 3.58% budget increase translating to .7803 for a 2024 tax rate. This is significantly less than the proposed 17.06% increase that was originally budgeted. Contributing factors to the lower rate are Elm Street Sidewalk being pushed to 2025, the Village

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Trustees decided to go with removeable speed bumps versus permanent and other minor changes to the overall budget based upon current expenditures.

A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to approve .7803 as the tax rate for 2024, a 3.58% increase from 2023 and to set the due date to be Friday October 25th. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

7. Manager's Notes

- No Open House planned for 2024, going to a every other year rotation.
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8. Other Business

- Heather Moore asked if the Trustees would sign a letter of support for a grant that the Supervisory Union is working on to build a daycare for Supervisory Union Staff. Heather stated that tax dollars would not go towards this project. A motion was made by Eli Gabuzda to have the Trustees support this project and designate John Dasaro to sign the letter. Seconded by Sandra Ferland. Unanimous.
- Discussion of the number of ATV's that have been driving through the Village, especially in the evening hours.
- Speed Signs – it was determined it is time to move the speed signs. Going to move the Elm Street sign to Lower Pleasant and the Pearl Street sign to School Street.

9. 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 7:26PM.

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 8:14pm.

The Board determined to use the 2023 wastewater allocation guidelines moving forward for allocation requests.

10. 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 was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abbey Miller
Director of Finance

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