VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 23rd, 2026

Present: Eli Gabuzda, Leonard Charron, Jason Longway, David Gervais
Staff: John Dasaro, Caroline Marcy, Brian Ovitt
Public: Eric Lallum, Eric Fitch, John Ovitt, Mark (Representing Purpose Energy), Lorraine Jenny, Jenny McDonald, Sandy Lovelette, Northwest Access Cable , Tyrone – Online

The meeting was called to order by Eli Gabuzda at 6:30 pm

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

Item #5 was modified. The investor decided not to proceed with his project. Item #5 was replaced with a discussion regarding speed bumps.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Review/Approve Minutes for June 9, 2029

A motion was made by David Gervais to approve the minutes for June 9, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous

4. Franklin Foods to discuss current allocations

CEO of Purpose Energy, Eric Fitch, briefly reviewed the history of events regarding Franklin Foods and Purpose Energy's anaerobic pretreatment and resource recovery project (aka digester project). In anticipation of this project, Franklin Foods submitted a request for, and was approved, an additional 121.90 wastewater and 10 water allocations. On behalf of Franklin Foods, Purpose Energy entered into a payment plan with the Village. The final payment was in September 2025 with total payments of $370,334.30 - full allocation amount approved by the Village.

Due to changing circumstances, there is no longer a need for the digester project and, consequently, no need for the extra allocations. Brian Ovitt stated that the allocations have already reverted back to the Village.

Eric Fitch presented a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting a refund, or partial refund, of the money paid for the extra allocations.

The trustees responded that they will discuss the matter further. Eric Lallum, Eric Fitch, John Ovitt, and Mark left the room.

5.~~Investor in the Spavin Cure, to talk with trustees and investment options~~ Discussion regarding speed bumps on Orchard Street

Lorraine Jenny explained that a speed bump installed in front of her home is causing issues. In order to avoid the speed bump, drivers are going around the bump and onto her lawn in addition to other bad behaviors on the part of speeding drivers on Orchard Street. Jenny McDonald confirmed these same issues with a speed bump located close to her home.

A discussion ensued regarding the issues involved in moving the speed bump and identifying the most appropriate location. John Dasaro will confer with the highway crew and arrange for the speed bump to be relocated. Lorraine expressed her gratitude to the Board of Trustees.

6. VGS permit request for 203 Orchard St

John Dasaro noted that a stormwater line is located near 203 Orchard Street and stated that VGS is expected to disturb approximately four feet of sidewalk and ten feet of pavement during the installation. Provided that VGS contacts the Village regarding any unforeseen circumstances, John did not identify any concerns with issuing the permit. David Gervais made a motion to approve the VGS permit request to install a natural gas service within the public right-of-way at 203 Orchard Street. The motion was seconded by Leonard Charron and passed unanimously.

7. Approve to buy a muffin monster with equipment replacement fund, for Wastewater

Brian Ovitt submitted a quote to replace the "Muffin Monster" from JWC Environmental in the amount of $24,532.34. This piece of equipment is used to grind material received at the wastewater plant before it enters the system and clogs pumps and other wastewater processing equipment. Brian stated that this machine is at the end of its' useful life and has been showing signs of failure. It was last replaced 11 years ago in 2015. David Gervais made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement "Muffin Monster" using funds in the Equipment Replacement Fund Savings Account. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

8. Bid approval for hydraulic dump cart and sickle bar mower

The Board of Trustees reviewed the qualifying bids submitted for the hydraulic dump cart and sickle bar mower. The highest qualifying bids were as follows:

- **Sickle bar mower:** $701.00
- **Hydraulic dump cart:** $1,234.56

Jason Longway made a motion to accept the highest qualifying bids received before the June 18, 2026, 3:00 p.m. deadline for both the sickle bar mower and the hydraulic dump cart. The motion was seconded by David Gervais and passed unanimously.

9. Approve an interest rate/bank for already approved bucket truck for the light department

John Dasaro submitted financial proposals from 3 banks to finance the approved purchase of the Electric Department Bucket Truck in the amount of $230,000.00. Jason Longway made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Peoples Trust Company for a seven (7) year loan with a fixed interest rate of 3.65%. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

10. Paving Missisqoui, pave the apron, or pave to where last paving job left off, approx. 80'

At the last board meeting held on June 9th, the board approved amending the Village paving project to include a paving project on Missisquoi Street. John asked for clarification on the extent of the project – should we pave to the apron or pave to where the last paving job left off? Eli Gabzuba commented that it makes sense to pave up to where the last paving job left off since the total cost of the project was below anticipated. Discussion ensued regarding the removal of two trees in the Village right-of-way that may need to be addressed across from the Cold Hollow entrance. The trees are dying and are lifting up the sidewalk.

11. Managers Minutes

- AMI billing system update – The Town and all solar meters have been completed. The special meters for the businesses on the Main Street block are still in process.
- Paving of Main/Elm St project is set to go and is on-time
- Update on Pearl St sidewalk project – The easements have been acquired and the project is progressing
- Jesse Wood, Zoning Administrator has agreed to attend the Board of Trustee meetings
- The dam removal on Reservoir Rd. has been completed and they are now planting trees along the banks.
- The Kendall plant is offline. Fairbanks has assessed the issue and has discovered a lower bearing unit that has failed. Corrective measures would entail a crane lifting the unit out and sending the unit away for repairs at a minimum cost of $100-$150k. John will start investigating the cost for a new unit.
- At the recent VPPSA Board meeting, training was offered regarding purchase power to all interested Board of Trustee members. VPPSA was surveying whether evening or day time training sessions were the most convenient.
- John asked whether the Board would be interested in partnering with the Town of Enosburg and the Town of Richford to participate in a panel discussion with the three candidates for Sheriff. Richford has offered to host this event.

12. Executive Session: For the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations in which Premature Public Knowledge May Compromise the Position of the Municipality.

Jason Longway made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:10 pm. Seconded by David Gervais. Unanimous.

Caroline Marcy left the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Jason Longway made a motion to re-enter the Board's regular meeting at 9:24 pm. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

The Board reviewed and approved updated labor and equipment rates for special services based on current costs. No other actions were taken.

13. Other Business - None

14. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Jason Longway made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Leonard Charron. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Marcy
Director of Finance

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on July 14, 2026.