

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Village Depot Offices/ 7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held its regular meeting for business on January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held by video and telephone conference only via Zoom. This is in accordance with H.681 (section 6.); addendum 01-20/Act 92

The Village Depot was open for in person meeting as well. Trustees Creedy, Mullineaux, and Lowary were present in that space as well. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Mark Boudreau, Chief Ed Harrington and Robert Novak

Trustee Lowary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Trustees Present: Scott Creedy, Tara Lowary, Ray Mullineaux, Matthew Patterson, Treasurer Doug Buggee

Trustee Matthew Patterson attended the meeting via Zoom.

Absent - Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc, Trustee Mary Rogers

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson to approve the December 13, 2022 and January 3, 2023 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees present, Creedy, Lowary, Patterson and Mullineaux.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Scott Creedy, to approve the late December warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Scott Creedy and seconded by Matthew Patterson, to approve the January warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Scott Creedy and seconded by Matthew Patterson to accept the December 2022 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

Citizen Comments: Mark Boudreau was present to discuss several estimates for field work related to Parks & Recreations. The Trustees will look these over and formulate questions for discussion at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Doug Buggee reported the following;

- The following reports were presented to the Trustees prior to the meeting. They are as follows.
- Payroll Warrant - pdf
- Village Warrant - excel - with tab for expense details
- Cash Balances
- The Budget vs Actual Report – will be updated once again and distributed
- Delinquent taxes continue to come in
- Treasurer Buggee summarized the DRAFT Budget reviewing each department and its proposed \$747,031.00 – Total Proposed budget for adoption at the March 21, 2023 Annual Meeting.
- \$ 53,000 – Expected revenue
- At this time Matthew Patterson made a motion to accept the proposed budget of \$741,031.00 as presented. This budget will be placed on the WARNING for the March 21, 2023 Annual Meeting, for voter approval.

Highway Department –There were many rain and snow events in December that kept us on our toes but we managed to get through it with few break downs.

- During the down time we used our time to finish up our oil changes on equipment . During the service to our big dump, we noticed a break on the drag chain. Luckily, we had a spare chain on order, for a just in case scenario. It was promptly retrieved from Viking and repaired.
- We also tried to fill holes on Park Street as warm weather allowed. It continued to rain that week so not much was done. As time allows, we will continue that task. Unfortunately, our road grader is being hauled to dealer for a transmission malfunction. I will let you know how this will play out as soon as they test something.
- We are working with the state to create a signage plan for the Overlea Road culvert job. We will need to have around twenty new street signs created for this project. I would like to have them out to bidders by the end of month.
- As weather allows, we have been working on roadside clearing and will continue if there is no snow.
- There was a request by a local homeowner to replace their street signage on private road (Rich Heights). In the past, all private roads usually pay the village to replace or install. Let me know how you want to deal with this.

Fire Department News – Chief Ed Harrington brought in paperwork regarding the sale of the firetruck. This will take place towards the end of January.

Pagers and mutual aid channels were discussed. Ed Harrington will bring more information and costs to the February meeting.

Fire Warden and Emergency Management Officer, are two titles that Chief Harrington now carries.

New Business – Restaurant owner Nick Disorda is requesting use of a small space of Village property to house a beer garden on the day of Winterfest – February 4, 2023. Zoning Administrator Ron Hachey has investigated this request and finds it to be in compliance.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 7:37 PM to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all trustees present.

Lorine Elwell
Village Clerk
Village of North Bennington