

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held its regular meeting for business on April 11, 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 closed for in person meeting. Trustees Rogers, Creedy, Patterson, and Lowary attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also in attendance via Zoom were Robert Nowak, Alex Miller

Trustee Rogers opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Trustees Present: Tara Lowary, Scott Creedy, Matthew Patterson, Mary Rogers, Ray Mullineaux

A motion was made by Tara Lowary to elect Mary Rogers as Chairperson of the Village of North Bennington Board of Trustees. This was seconded by Scott Creedy and so voted.

A motion was made by Ray Mullineaux to elect Tara Lowary as Vice Chairperson of the Village of North Bennington Board of Trustees. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted.

A motion was made by Mary Rogers to appoint Ed Harrington as Chief of the Village of North Bennington Fire Department. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted.

A motion was made by Mary Rogers to appoint Keith Cross, Jr and Michael Pierce as first and second engineers of the Village of North Bennington Fire Department. This was seconded by Matthew Patterson and so voted.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Mary Rogers to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees present, Lowary, Patterson, Creedy and Rogers. Ray Mullineaux abstained.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson, to approve the late March warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Matt Patterson and seconded by Scott Creedy, to approve the April 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 March 2023 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

Highway Department-

Sewer, Water Line and Paving projects on Pleasant and Prospect Streets were discussed.

The Town of Bennington Sewer Department is repairing and replacing sewer infrastructure on Pleasant and Prospect Streets. The North Bennington Water Department is replacing galvanized water lines on eight (8) properties from the main to the curb stop. Affected residents may elect to

upgrade lines from the curb stop to their homes. The North Bennington Highway Department will grind, shim, and pave Prospect Street from Powers Market, past Lincoln Square and up to College Road. The same will be done for all of Pleasant Street. Paving will commence once the water line work is completed. The work is expected to begin by or before April 10th and be completed by July 1st, 2023.

Norm discussed the Overlea Road Project. The culvert has been dropped off. They have met with Green Mountain Power, Highway Engineers, VTRANS and the BCRC. Signage and temporary lighting have been secured.

MRGP – Stormwater drainage projects discussed. Welling Road will be the next area to be repaired.

Park Street has been graded by the Town of Shaftsbury and The Town of Bennington has graded Welling Road.

Hall Street has many drainage issues that need to be repaired. It also needs to be paved.

Fire Department News – Chief Ed Harrington was not present at this meeting. All concerns/questions will be tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Buggee discussed his meeting with Consolidated Communications and Fidium. More meetings are scheduled to finalize the proposed changes.

- Opioid Settlement to date - \$2,214.73. This money must be used by June 30th. Several ideas were suggested. A decision will be made in May.

Planning Commission- Next Meeting will be Wednesday 4/19/23 at 7:00 PM.

DRB- Next Meeting 4/18/23 at 7:00 PM.

New Business –

- Use of Welling Field requests are coming in. The Lion's Club have requested specific dates. A motion was made by Ray Mullineaux to allow this use seconded by Scott Creedy and so voted.
- Trustees Mullineaux and Lowary, along with Treasurer Buggee, met with the Sherriff's Department. They discussed different options and tasks that the Sheriff's Office could provide for the Village. Rates were discussed. Communications between law enforcement was discussed.

Mr. Patterson discussed the history of Sheriff's work within the village and the costs thereof. A minimum of 10 hours per week at a cost of \$36,400.00 was suggested by the Sheriff's Department.

The following rates were presented to Treasurer Buggee:

0-20 hours \$70 per hour

21-39 hours \$65 per hour

Old Business –

Municipalities must annually review / adopt their Local Emergency Plan (LEMP). The Village of North Bennington Board of Trustees have reviewed this document. There are only a few changes from last year's version. Most significant, Ed Harrington replaces Ed Myers as EMD.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Scott Creedy to adopt the Local Emergency Plan (LEMP).

Scott Creedy and a motion at 8:55 PM to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Matt Patterson and so voted by all trustees present.

Lorine Elwell

Village Clerk

Village of North Bennington