

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Village Depot Offices/ 7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held a continuation meeting for business on August 23, 2022 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. Treasurer Buggee and Trustees, Rogers, Creedy, Mullineaux, and Lowary were present in that space as well. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Chairman Mary Rogers opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc attended the meeting via Zoom.

There was some discussion and explanation regarding the new firetruck purchase. Additional items were deemed to be necessary, resulting in a \$2,571.00 increase.

The following motion from the August 9, 2022 meeting was amended:

Trustee Lowary made a motion to approve the purchase of the “demo fire truck” from Bulldog Enterprises at a cost of \$358,000.00 with financing up to and not exceeding \$228,086.00. This was seconded by Scott Creedy and so voted by all trustees present.

Tara Lowary made a motion seconded by Ray Mullineaux to amend the above motion to read as follows.

It now reads:

Trustee Lowary made a motion to approve the purchase of the “demo fire truck” from Bulldog Enterprises at a cost of \$360,571.00 with financing up to and not exceeding \$228,086.00. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all trustees present.

Tax Rate and amount to be raised by taxes:

An explanation of the proposed FY 2022-2023 tax rate was given. There was much discussion regarding the budget and allocated funds. Highway Superintendent LeBlanc discussed needs that he felt would be necessary for the highway department.

Trustee Lowary made a motion seconded by Trustee Mullineaux to approve the following tax rate which was so voted by all Trustees.

Tax Rate Highway 0.5174/ General 0.2457/ Fire 0.1029 /Total 0.8705/ Local Share 0.0044

This will result in an overall increase of 6.1% to the municipal rate.

Tara Lowary made a motion at 8:15 PM to enter into an executive session for the purpose of personnel. This was seconded by Ray Mullineaux and so voted by all trustees present.

Re-entry into open session occurred at 8:30 PM with no decisions or action taken.

Tara Lowary made a motion at 8:50 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