

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Village Depot Offices/ 7:00 PM - Virtual Meeting/Open Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Village of North Bennington Trustees held its regular meeting for business on February 8, 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 Rogers and Trustees Boudreau, McKenny and Lowary were present in that space as well. All others attended the meeting via Zoom.

Trustees Present: Matthew Patterson, Tara Lowary, Mark Boudreau, Erin McKenny

Absent - Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc

Also Present: Jennie Rozycki; Representative from the McCullough Library, Joe Chirchirello, Doug Buggee

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson to accept the January 11, 2022 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees.

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Mark Boudreau to approve the February warrant and to pay the bills. This was so voted by all trustees.

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Tara Lowary to accept the February 2022 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

Citizen Comments:

- McCullough Library representative, Jennie Rozycki, was present to request an ARPA Funding adjustment. There have been significant increases in HVAC and wiring costs. Treasurer Rogers explained a few changes in the ways that ARPA Funding can be allocated. This will bring the total request to \$151,000. The Trustees would like to look at contracts and numbers for the library project and Ms. Rozycki's request will be placed on hold until a Public Hearing can be held. The WARNING for this meeting will be posted.
- Joe Chircherillo, resident of Honeysuckle Lane, was present to discuss an insurance issue relating to the NBOSS. Lake Paran has always been the fiscal sponsor for the sculpture show but insurance rules have changed and Lake Paran's insurance will no longer be able to cover the

NBOSS. The Village of North Bennington will contact their insurance carriers to see if they are able to take this event under their umbrella.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mary Rogers was present at this meeting.

- 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
- January Cash Balances - pdf
- The Budget vs Actual Report was reviewed.
- Treasurer Mary Rogers introduced Doug Buggee. Doug will be running for the Treasurer's position. Mary has begun to train Doug in the areas related to her current position.
- Treasurer Rogers discussed ARPA Funding and requests that have been received from VAE and VSNB.

Highway Department –

- Norm LeBlanc has reported that the bill from Hulett Trucking is for the delivery of a used dump truck that will be used for the Overlea Road project, among other things.
- Viking has agreed to replace the hydraulic unit, under warranty, on the big dump truck.
- There have been several icy road events. Large quantities of salt have been used.

DRB News — There will be a meeting at 7:00 PM on February 15, 2022 at the Village Depot Offices to discuss concerns regarding a decision made with a landowner on Honeysuckle Lane.

Planning Commission- The Sage City Syndicate has purchased two buildings on Main Street. The Planning Commission will hold a meeting to help answer several questions that the Syndicate has regarding location of the buildings and zoning regulations that pertain to those sites.

Water Board – Hydro flushing continues to take place within the village.

Fire Department News – The firehouse has been experiencing some sewer issues. The proper contacts have been made and repairs are underway.

New Business – None

Old Business –

- Highway Superintendent Leblanc has contacted the company who supplies outdoor dog receptacles. He is waiting to hear back from them.
- Trustee Patterson has secured bike racks for the village. He will speak with Rob Woolmington regarding placement, installation and reimbursement from The Fund.
- Traffic devices and locations were once again discussed. A few clarifications are needed from Mr. Leblanc prior to ordering.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 9:00 PM to enter into an executive session for the purpose of personnel. This was seconded by Tara Lowary and so voted by all trustees. At 9:20, open session resumed and executive session ended.

At 9:30 PM, Matthew Patterson a motion, seconded by Erin McKenny, to appoint Doug Buggee as Assistant Treasurer. He will be paid \$17 per hour for as long as he holds this position, presumably for the remainder of the current fiscal year. This was so voted.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 9:45 PM to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Tara Lowary and so voted by all trustees.

Lorine Elwell
Village Clerk
Village of North Bennington