

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 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 March 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, Highway Superintendent Norm Leblanc, Incoming Treasurer Doug Buggee

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees.

A motion was made by Tara Lowary and seconded by Matthew Patterson to approve the February 17, 2022 minutes. This was so voted by all Trustees.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Patterson and seconded by Mark Boudreau to approve the extended 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 March 2022 Payroll warrants. This was so voted.

Citizen Comments: None

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mary Rogers was present at this meeting. Incoming Treasurer Doug Buggee was present as well.

- 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
- February Cash Balances - pdf
- The Budget vs Actual Report was reviewed.

- Mary continues to train incoming Treasurer Doug Buggee in the areas related to her current position.
- Treasurer Rogers discussed ARPA Funding and requests that have been received from several local entities. She also reviewed expenses that the Village of North Bennington Graded School District incurred during the most recent election. A motion was made by Tara Lowary to pay the NBGSD \$5,007.00 through ARPA Funding to help with these expenses. This was seconded by Erin McKenny and so voted.
- Matthew Patterson made a motion seconded by Erin McKenny, to purchase five rolls of unused stamps in the amount of \$290.00 from the NBGSD. The stamps were purchased by the NBGSD for the purpose of mailings for the most recent election.
- The West Oil contract was discussed.

Highway Department –

- Norm LeBlanc reported on traffic devices and suggestions for locations.
- Viking has agreed to replace the hydraulic unit, under warranty, on the big dump truck. This has been completed.
- There have been several icy road events. Large quantities of salt have been used.

DRB News — Tara Lowary discussed the most recent DRB meeting that was held at 7:00 PM on February 15, 2022 at the Village Depot Offices. The following issues were discussed:

- Zoning Permit Application at 29 Sage Street for a new pellet boiler system 12 inclusive of a 31’ silo. Reference Section 7.1 as it pertains to new buildings 13 within the Industrial District
- Interested Persons Appeal of Zoning Administrators action to require that the 2 businesses operated at 201 Honeysuckle Lane submit a Zoning Permit Application 3 for subsequent review by the DRB as a customary “Home Occupation”. 4 Reference Section 4.1.7 as it pertains to bylaws requirements and processes

Planning Commission- NONE

Water Board - NONE

Fire Department News – None

New Business – None

Old Business –

- Trustee Boudreau discussed possible uses for Welling Field this spring, summer and fall.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 8:00 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 8:20, open session resumed and executive session ended.

At 8:30 PM, Mark Boudreau made a motion, seconded by Erin McKenny, to transition to Paydata and a new bi-weekly payroll system with an allowance for direct deposit for all employees. This was so voted.

Mark Boudreau made a motion, seconded by Erin McKenny, to give the highway department employees a one-time bonus to help ease this transition. The checks will be dated 3/31/22 and the combined amount will not exceed \$850.00. This was so voted.

Matthew Patterson made a motion at 8:45 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