

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
The Village of Hyde Park, Vermont
November 12, 2014**

The duly warned meeting of the Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 12, 2014 at the Lanpher Memorial Library on Main Street.

Trustees Present

Frederika (Riki) French, Chair
John (Jack) Anderson
Charles (Charlie) Aronovici
Tim Yarrow
Peter Gallo

Others Present

Carol Robertson, General Manager
Robert Moore, LCPC, 6:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.
Edward B. French, Jr., Esq., 6:25 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Riki French, who acknowledged that there was no public attendance. The Chair reviewed the agenda and requested discussion and comment on deletions and/or additions to the agenda. Tim Yarrow requested an addition to the agenda in order to discuss a resident's request for a smoking ban within the Village. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to approve the agenda, as presented; with the addition of a discussion of a smoking ban within the village and with the acknowledgement that the order of the agenda would be revised to accommodate others present. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a presentation by Robert Moore, Regional Transportation Planner, Lamoille County Planning Commission, on the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be filed with FEMA. Following discussion, Mr. Moore left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized Edward B. French, Jr., Esq. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Charlie Aronovici to enter an executive session for confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Board. Motion carried unanimously. The executive session commenced at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to end executive session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken. Mr. French left the meeting.

Motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Jack Anderson to approve, as presented, the minutes of the October 8, 2014 regular meeting. Tim Yarrow and Peter Gallo abstained. Motion carried.

There was a report by the Chair. Warrants were authorized and signed. The Board reviewed a detailed current list of delinquent accounts and liens filed for the general, electric water and sewer departments. The Joint Meeting with the select board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 10 was discussed. The committee and board schedule was reviewed and revised. The Planning Commission's schedule for comments on the new zoning regulations was discussed and referred to the Board Policy committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

The Rules, Rates & Compensation committee report was given by Tim Yarrow. No action was taken. The HYDE PARK ARTS committee report was given by Peter Gallo. Current net revenue is \$1,329.14.

Jack Anderson presented a list of potential fund raising projects. Motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Jack Anderson to accept the following dates for 2015 Village events: 4th of July and October 10-11. Motion carried unanimously.

The French Building committee report was given by Riki French. There was a lengthy review of the renovation plans prepared by Greg Paus, architect and owner of Silver Ridge Designs. The plan was designed according to committee directions and provides for public rest rooms and a community room accessible from Main Street; with a compact interior municipal office serving the Village, Hyde Park Electric, Water and Waste Water. A covered veranda will tie the community room to the Elsa French Park and provide interior and interior space for a diversity of public and private events. Renovation and use of the upstairs is not included within this plan. Motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Tim Yarrow to accept the plan, as presented, and authorize Mr. Paus to proceed with plans sufficient in detail for ADA grant funding applications. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to accept and approve authorization of the revised Union Bank Agreement for ACH Origination. Motion carried unanimously.

The General Manager reported on the most recent meeting of the Hyde Park Village Improvement Association, specifically in regard to the association's ownership of property located at the corner of Eden Street and Main Street. This site is owned by HPVIA and lies in front of the home located at 24 Eden Street, which is owned by Peter E. and Bobbi Nelle. The Village piles snow on this site until the Town removes the accumulated snow. The HPVIA discussed many reasons for denying the Village the right to pile snow on this location. In consideration of the great difficulty in solving the problem during this snow season, the HPVIA allowed the Village to continue the practice, subject to: a time limit of May 2015, our commitment to work with the Town in order to limit the size of the snow pile, and our intent to develop alternatives and impacts that will be considered by Trustees and presented to Village voters at the annual meeting. The HPVIA made it clear that action would be taken to end the practice of piling snow on their property at their next meeting which will follow the annual Village meeting in May. Furthermore, the General Manager expressed appreciation to Duncan Tingle, Chair of the HPVIA, and Bobbi Nelle for their cooperative spirit. Trustees voiced their agreement.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to take the following action: Upon motion made and accepted on August 13, 2014 at the Regular Trustees meeting, the Trustees withdraw acceptance of motion and the motion itself: "approve a new plan for the employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Life insurance benefit offered through membership in Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The prior plan with Dearborn National is replaced with a new plan with Lincoln Financial Group and results in annual savings for the Village and increased coverage for employees." The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Charlie Aronovici to take the following action: Upon motion made and accepted on October 8, 2014 at the Regular Trustees meeting, the Trustees withdraw acceptance of motion and the motion itself: "make available the optional Life & AD&D insurance for employees who elect this additional coverage offered by Vermont League of Cities and Towns, contingent on the employee paying 100% of the additional cost of coverage." The motion carried unanimously.

The General Manager provided the Board with financial reports on the General, Electric, Water and Waste Water departments. A report was given for VPPSA, power supply, and notice that the PSB has increased the 2015 Energy Efficiency Charge Rate. The CEDF, Clean Energy Development Fund, grant for

a solar project was discussed. The preliminary grant award remains in consideration and is moving forward. The outstanding grant report was given. Following discussion, no action was taken.

Tim Yarrow informed the board that a resident of the Village asked that he address the topic of smoking within the Village. Following discussion, no action was taken.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Tim Yarrow to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Riki French

Date