

Village of Hyde Park, Board of Trustees

Minutes of April 13, 2016

The duly warned regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on April 13, 2016 in the Lanpher Memorial Library.

Trustees Present

Peter Gallo, Clerk of the Board
Tim Yarrow
Charlie Aronovici
Jack Anderson

Others Present

Carol Robertson, General Manager
Kate Lalley, Sr. Planner, Lamoille County Planning Commission
Barbara Potter, resident
Jim Bradley

Peter Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Charlie Aronovici to approve the agenda as presented. The Chair opened the floor for public comments. Jim Bradley stated that he planned to purchasing property with a lien for unpaid electric service and requested that the Board consider reducing or removing the lien. Following discussion about the lien process and disconnection rules set by the Public Service Board, Mr. Bradley responded that he would pay the lien in full. Mr. Bradley left the meeting. Barbara Potter stated that the plowing of Depot Street sidewalk was working well. Ms. Potter expressed her concern for aging infrastructure and encouraged the Board to keep taxpayers in mind in both timing and methods of repair and replacement. There was a discussion and the Board thanked her for her input.

Kate Lalley, Sr. Planner, Lamoille County Planning Commission, gave a report on the Municipal Planning Grant-15, Village Pedestrian Masterplan. The minutes of the second Community Public Meeting reviewed and following discussion, Ms. Lalley left the meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter of support for the Village application to host Vermont's AARP Community Demonstration Project application. The Board discussed the Engineering Services Agreement with Dufresne Group Consulting engineers and \$46,100 loan award from the Vermont Municipal Bond bank. There was no action taken.

The 2015 Annual Report was presented and revisions made. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Warrants were approved and signed. Delinquent accounts were reviewed in detail. A report was given on total liens collected and the amount that remains outstanding.

The General Manager gave a report on operations of Village, Hyde Park Electric, Water and Wastewater Departments provided financial reports, and gave a report on Waterhouse Solar construction and cost to date.

Motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Jack Anderson to enter executive session at 9:25 p.m. and to include the General Manager in order to discuss contracts because premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Charlie Aronovici and second by Tim Yarrow to end executive session at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken.

There was a continued discussion regarding Waterhouse Solar.

There being no further business, motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Charlie Aronovici to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Peter Gallo

Date

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.