

Annual Village Meeting
VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK, INC.
MAY 3, 2016

The duly warned, Annual Village Meeting of the Village of Hyde Park, Inc. was called to order on May 03, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. for the transaction of the following business:

- Article 1. Charlie Aronovici nominated Christine Hallquist to serve as Village President and moderator for a term of one year. Nomination seconded by Riki French. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to nominate Christine Hallquist as President and moderator. Motion so voted.
- Article 2. Ed French moved to adopt rules of order for the transaction of business. Motion seconded by Nancy Tingle. Edward French made a motion to amend Article 2 to adopt Roberts Rules of Order. Motion seconded by Nancy Tingle. Amended motion so voted.
- Article 3. Paul Trudell moved to adopt the summarization of the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Motion seconded by Edward French. Motion so voted.
- Article 4. Ken Gibbons nominated Edward French for the position of Bliss Library Fund Trustee for a term of three years. Nomination seconded by Fran Aronovici. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to elect Edward French as a Bliss Library Fund Trustee for a term of three years. Motion so voted.
- Article 5. Paul Trudell nominated Timothy Yarrow for the position of Village Trustee for the term of two years seconded by Edward French. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to elect Timothy Yarrow as Village trustee for a term of two years. Motion so voted.
- Article 6. Paul Trudell nominated John Anderson for the position of Village Trustee for the term of three years seconded by Fran Aronovici. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to elect John Anderson as Village Trustee for a term of three years. Motion so voted.
- Article 7. Duncan Tingle moved to accept the report of the Village Officers. Motion seconded simultaneously by 2 Village Voters. Chair Frederika (Riki) French thanked everyone for attending the 121st annual meeting of the Village of Hyde Park and introduced the Board of Trustees. Riki commented that this year's annual meeting is a chance to celebrate the Village and accomplishments of 2015. Riki thanked the entire staff for their hard work and dedication during 2015. Riki also thanked Charlie Aronovici, Jack Anderson, Paul Trudell, Nate Perham and Adam Lory for serving on the new Village Development Review Board. Riki also thanked the Stowe Electric Commissioners, Ellen Burt, General Manager for allowing us to utilize their staff knowledge for assistance with procuring the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS) for the Waterhouse Solar project. Riki reported the General Department Budget, on page 14, indicates with normal operations in 2016 there will be no increase in the property tax rate. In 2015 Outside Service expenses were higher than anticipated due to expenses associated with the implementation of Zoning Regulations and updated ordinances Riki referred attendees to the benefits of the Village Charter, they include the right to development and manage ordinances, zoning bylaws, water systems, wastewater/sewer systems, and electric systems. The Village Charter includes a lien provision to aid in collecting for services provided. It allows borrowing of funds such as the CREBS to better the infrastructure and increase assets of the Village Departments. Riki mentioned a couple of the many items that are covered by the Village tax bill, sidewalk maintenance, street lighting. There was a handout available showing the services that are provided to municipalities by the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC), LCPC assists with grant procurement and management of such grants. John Anderson discussed the current grant being administered by LCPC for development of the Village Master Pedestrian Plan. The 4th public meeting

will be held on Thursday the 5th of May at 6pm at the Community room in the Municipal Office. The public meetings have been well attended; John thanked all participants for attending and bringing ideas and comments to make the Village a more walkable community. Village Trustees are very focused on economic development. During the Zoning Bylaw updating process the parking rules were modified. Charlie Aronovici discussed the importance of Zoning and Economic Development as well as the commitment of the trustees to revitalize the Village. The new zoning bylaws are more business friendly, most places on Main St. are office spaces and there can be more retail type businesses with the new zoning bylaws having better parking flexibility. New form based zoning is more adaptive to the community needs providing growth opportunity. Tim Yarrow discussed the Rules and Rates Committee's purpose. The new Motor Vehicle and Events Ordinances that were adopted in 2015 will have the Village ready for increased development requests. Ordinances assist with preserving the quiet use and enjoyment of property. Peter Gallo, Events & Branding committee is working on potential uses for Moss Woods and the Elsa French Park for public and possible educational purposes. Great ideas for uses of public spaces have been received through the work with LCPC's Kate Lalley, who is working on the Master Pedestrian Plan. Nancy Tingle thanked the Village trustees for their hard work and dedication. Also as a reminder, now is the time to remove the Lilac suckers and they can be donated to your neighbors. Nancy asked for more communication from the trustees for all Village residents' not just residents in the immediate proximity of an area that is being discussed. Orah Moore commented that it seems the HP Village Improvement Association (HPVIA) and Village Trustees should be working in conjunction on items that are overlapping. Motion to accept annual report of the Village Trustees so voted.

- Article 8. Carol Young moved the article to accept the estimated 2016 budget as proposed seconded by Edward French. Motion to amend Article 8 to accept estimated budgets with approximate expenses of \$2,364,859 in Electric, \$62,170 in General, \$63,427 in Wastewater/Sewer and \$87,858 in Water. Motion seconded. Nancy Tingle asked if the budget was balanced. Carol Robertson explained that each entity of the Village must be separate and accounted for individually. If resources are used in water for frozen pipes then less work may be done in Electric. She is comfortable with where the Village is financially and is even seeking outside resources, the Town of HP, Corporate sponsors, grants, for improvements to the sidewalks so the Village residents don't have to bear the entire burden of that cost in their tax bill. Nancy tingle asked if the \$13,000 in the sidewalk fund was for Depot Street or if it could be used for anything. Karen Wescom thought that the funds were not dedicated to Depot St; however it was for capital repairs/replacements. Motion so voted as amended by the added dollar amounts.
- Article 9. Carol Young moved to authorize the Trustees to borrow money on promissory notes of the Village and to defray current expenses of the Village. Motion seconded by Edward French. Motion so voted.
- Article 10. Edward French moved to set a due date of August 31, 2016 for Village Taxes and an interest rate of 1% for the first three months and thereafter, 1 1/2% interest per month and an 8% penalty for delinquent taxes. Motion seconded by Carol Young. Motion so voted.
- Article 11. Edward French moved the article to indemnify and hold all elected and appointed officials harmless from and against all liability claims and suits of any type brought against them as a consequence of their service, except those caused by and arising out of their intentional or willful misconduct, said indemnity to include all damages, costs and attorney fees. Motion seconded by Carol Young. Motion so voted.
- Article 12. Kim Puleio moved the article that the Trustees provide voters with a 2017 Article that offers a tax increase to fund the routine collection and disposal of public trash and recyclables. Motion seconded by Edward French. It was stated that much of the trash is thrown out of vehicles and that can't be controlled by containers. Barb Potter noted that when the wind is blowing and haulers are emptying people's containers the trash blows around and the haulers don't pick it up. Nancy Tingle noted that the HPVIA had trash containers (no recycling

containers) and would donate them and \$700 to the Village; she thought that was previously understood. Janet Stein encouraged residents to pick up trash as a community everyone needs to help. Deirdre Beaupre motioned to add an amendment to the article to recommend earlier adoption by the Trustees than the 2017 Budget. Seconded by Gail Deuso. Amended motion so voted by majority (2 no votes). Original motion so voted.

Article 13. Robert Stein moved to set the time of the next Village meeting for May 2, 2017 at 7pm at the HPES Library. Motion seconded by Ken Gibbons. Motion so voted.

Article 14. Other Business: Denise Greene passed along information about an ANR seminar she recently attended regarding the rapid disappearance of pollinators. It is suspected that open land policies are preventing the natural growth of plants. Denise stated the ANR suggested allowing natural growth and suggested that there could be less mowing done around the reservoir area. Orah Moore stated that small flowering gardens around the Village would be a great addition to the Lilacs and perhaps if there were enough areas there could be blooms all summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

I certify the above minutes are a true and accurate report of the votes taken at the Village of Hyde Park's Annual Village Meeting held Tuesday May 3, 2016.

Karen Wescom, Village Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the following two Village Officials

Christine Hallquist, President and Moderator

Frederika French, Chair