



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Minutes of August 8, 2018

The duly warned regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 8, 2018 in the Lanpher Memorial Library.

Trustees Present

Frederika French, Chair

Jack Anderson

Charlie Aronovici

Tim Yarrow

Peter Gallo

Others Present:

Carol Robertson, General Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order a 7:15 p.m. and opened the floor for public comments. There were none. Charlie Aronovici resigned from the Village Roads Working Group and Better Connections Working Group. The agenda was approved, and minutes tabled. Warrants were approved and signed. Detailed delinquent accounts for all departments were reviewed. The Chair gave a report on a newly developed Swiss wood chip product that could replace salt on icy sidewalks and roads. In the future, Stop Bliss Bio should be available from a projected new plant in Montreal.

Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to appoint Riki French alternative director of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority ("VPPSA"). The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed new legislation to allow water and sewer customers to appeal to the Village Board of Abatement. The General Manager reported guidance received from Vermont League of Cities and Towns ("VLCT") attorneys. Process and procedures will be implemented in accordance with this guidance and Section 225-94, Chapter 225: Village of Hyde Park, Title 24 Appendix: Municipal Charters. No action is required.

The Board accepted Tim Yarrow's resignation and presented him with a token of their appreciation for thirteen years of dedicated service and friendship. The Yarrow family is relocating to Waterford, VT.

There was a discussion regarding the vacancy left by Tim Yarrow, a two-year term, 2018-2020. The Board directed the GM regarding advertising the opening. The Board stated intent to conduct interviews and appoint a Trustee to serve until election at the next Annual Meeting in May, pursuant to Bylaws, Article 3.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Charlie Aronovici to finance the purchase of a John Deer 3046R Compact Utility Tractor, extended warranty, plus rear grooming mower to replace the trade-in, unusable tractor, and to authorize a one-year note with Union Bank in the amount of \$30,768.00, 1.99% interest rate. The motion carried unanimously. The Work Plan and Grants Report were reviewed and discussed.

The General Manager requested an executive session. Motion by Jack Anderson: Because the General Manager has requested evaluation of certain employees and adjustments in compensation, I move to find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Village at substantial disadvantage, because the risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed agreements in public. Second by Charlie Aronovici, following discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Jack Anderson: I move that we enter into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss the evaluation of employees under the provisions of Title 1. Section 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes. Second by Tim Yarrow, the motion carried unanimously. Motion to end executive session and return to regular session at 9:35 p.m. by Tim Yarrow, and second by Charlie Aronovici. The motion carried. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Peter Gallo to approve wage adjustments recommended by the GM. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Peter Gallo to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried.

Riki French, Chair

Date