

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 3,2018

Officials present: Trustees Andy Buchsbaum, Charles Edson, James Warren, and Ron Rabidou as well as Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht and Clerk James Gallen.

Officials absent: Trustee Susan Wright

Residents present: Megan Schwarzkopf and Jill Jones

1. Opening.

Ron Rabidou called the meeting to order at 7:05.

2. Approval of Minutes

Andy moved that the trustees approve the minutes of the June 5,2018 meeting. Jim seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. Reports of Commissioners.

a. Road Commissioner.

i. Sidewalk grant has been submitted to state.

1. State is meeting at end of July or beginning of August, will notify applicants by end of August.

2. Money will be available by October.

3. Work would begin next spring.

ii. Bank Street improvement is being looked into.

1. Andy has spoken with Jim Henderson and looked into grants.

liii. Andy is looking into having someone assess the current condition of the roads within the village and assess future needs.

b. Tree Commissioner.

i. Jim gave permission to Consolidated Communications to trim trees on Catamount Lane in connection with installing fiber optic cable.

c. Police Commissioner

i. Charles provided an update as to Officer Andy's work over the last month.

ii. A letter reviewing Officer Andy's performance was completed by Charles. It rated Officer's Andy's performance as outstanding and recommended a raise.

d. Treasurer

i. Permit fees totaling \$285 came in.

ii. There is one outstanding tax bill.

4. Warrants.

i. Charles moved to approve warrants. Andy seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.

5. Old Business.

a. Ron moved to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss a sensitive matter concerning a former officer of the village. Andy seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.

b. The trustees did not take any actions during the executive session.

6. New Business.

a. Charlie moved to approve Robert's Rules of Order as the method of conducting meetings. Ron seconded the motion.

i. After discussion, the trustees agreed to defer consideration of the motion until the next meeting.

b. Additional discussion about honoring Donna Berry took place.

i. Ron will consult with village residents and local experts.

c. Charlie requested receiving a printed copy of minutes.

7. Adjournment.

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, Jim seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.