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Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018

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

Officials absent:

Residents present: Megan Schwarzkopf, Jill Jones, Richard Poeton

1. Opening.

Ron Rabidou, the presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 7:03.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Revisions to the meeting from the August 7th meeting were proposed. Susan moved to accept the revised minutes. James seconded the motion. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. Citizen Comments.

- a. Richard raised the history of marble sidewalks and addressed setting up a non-profit for the preservation of Old Bennington's marble sidewalks. Richard also presented a related article from the Bennington Banner.
- b. Richard voiced concern about the rerouting of traffic from route 9 through the village during Garlic Festival. Richard suggested contacting the organizers of Garlic Festival.
- c. Megan continues to try to take pictures of the greens in order to assess the tree needs of the village.
- d. Megan has talked to Ron Pembroke about trying to plant a bush in honor of Donna Berry. Susan suggested looking into benches.
- e. James Gallen asked about adding additional hours to the patrolling of Old Bennington. The budget for the year is set in regards to hours that officer Andy can work, and it was suggested that a proposal be placed on the agenda for the next yearly meeting.

4. Old Business

- a. Additional Funding to BCRC for BCIC
 - i. Jim Sullivan, the director of BCRC, presented the Board of Trustees with a briefing on the purpose and role of BCRC.
 - ii. Andy asked for Jim Sullivan's assistance with the road erosion problems on Bank Street.
 - iii. Charlie listed various issues that the BCRC has assisted the village with over the years.
 - iv. A request for \$209 has been made of the village by the BCIC. Charlie moved to approve the payment of the \$209. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. Transfer of records to James Gallen

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i. Ron expressed concern that the Village does not have the complete records and bylaws at the moment. A gap between 1998 and bylaws passed in recent years was the main concern.

ii. Ron proposed taking the 1998 by-laws, and all the available updates since then, and then attempting to pass a new version of the by-laws.

iii. James Gallen will attempt to ask Donna Berry for a copy of the records.

c. Robert's Rules of Order

I. Ron has research Robert's Rules of Order and has found that the Board is in compliance.

5. Reports of commissioners and officers.

a. Road Commissioner.

i. The grant was approved for the sidewalks.

ii. A request for funds for a road erosion study was received by Andy.

iii. Andy received a proposal from Jerome Construction for the salt and plowing.

iv. Andy has not heard back from MSK about the roads assessment.

b. Police Commissioner

i. A truck regularly travelling through the village has been warned by Officer Corey.

c. Treasurer's Report.

i. The village has received the first property tax payment.

ii. There is still an outstanding tax bill from last year.

iii. Signers on the village account at the Credit Union were updated.

i. Ron moved to approve warrants. Susan Wright seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.

6. Warrants.

a. Jim moved to approve warrants. Andy seconded, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.

7. New Business.

a. Discussion about an alternative site for storage of the police car was held.

8. Adjournment.

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06, Susan seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.