

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 2,2018

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

Officials absent: Trustees Andy Buchsbaum and Susan Wright

Residents present: None

Invitee: Officer Andy

1. Opening.

Ron Rabidou, the presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 7:07.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Charles moved to approve minutes of the September meeting as amended. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizens were present.

4. Reports of commissioners and officers.

a. Road Commissioner.

i. No Through Truck signs cost \$50 a piece.

ii. Andy received road drawings from Pat Adam. She said that she might have other documents.

iii. Andy was quoted at \$83 a ton for salt from salt distribution.

iv. Andy signed grant agreement for providing 50% of the cost for the sidewalk repairs.

v. Charlie wished to acknowledge Andy's contribution to the new crosswalk and sidewalk.

b. Tree Commissioner

i. Followed up on tree concern at 9 monument circle.

c. Police Commissioner

i. Officer Andy worked 54 hours. 30 property checks. 8 tickets. Projected fines of 1275.

ii. Charlie is seeking ideas for making the roads and crosswalks safer.

d. Treasurer

i. One resident was due a partial refund of their property tax bill.

ii. Andy Buchsbaum was reimbursed for paying the Notice of Intent fee for the road erosion survey on Bank.

iii. The village has not received any highway fines this month.

5. Warrants

Charlie motions to approve the warrants. Jim seconds the motion, and the motion is passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

a. Enforcement of No Through Trucks Ordinance.

i. Ron asks Officer Andy what he needs in order to enforce the No Through Trucks Ordinance.

ii. Officer Andy wondered to what extent he should enforce the No Through Trucks Ordinance. Sign placement at the borders of the villages was discussed.

iii. The ordinance, in order to be enforced, needs to have signage at every direction of travel.

iv. The genesis of the No Through Trucks Ordinance was discussed.

v. Charlie expressed concern for roads, aside from Monument Avenue, being able to consistently bear the weight of medium to heavy trucks coming through on a consistent basis.

vi. Officer Andy requested a sign be posted on the south island near rt 9. Officer Andy also suggested a no through truck sign to the corner of Elm and Monument, to face trucks coming down the hill and into the village.

vii. Charlie suggested we contact the engineers to see if they would install the sign or signs needed.

viii. The trustees agreed to follow through on Officer Andy's suggestions for signage. Commissioner Andy will work on exact placement of signs.

b. Website annual renewal.

i. Annual renewal for village website domain name is \$19.99, and the cost for hosting is \$9.99 a month.

c. Transfer of records to James Gallen.

i. Ron spoke with Donna about trying to get the records. She's requested more time in order to get the records in order.

d. Update of Village Bylaws and Ordinances.

i. Ron wishes to post the most complete and updated record of the bylaws and ordinances onto the website.

ii. Ron suggested having a working session to update update bylaws and ordinances.

7. New Business.

a. January 2019 monthly meeting date.

i. The normal meeting date would be January 1st, but the monthly meeting will take place on Wed. January 2nd.

b. Charlie suggested having the village manager come and give a report when needed.

8. Adjourn

Jim moved to adjourn at 8:36. Charles seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.