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Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2018

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

Officials absent: Trustees Charles Edson

Residents present: Marianne Peters, Jill Jones, Richard Poeton

1. Opening.

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

2. Approval of Minutes.

Andy moved to approve minutes of the November meeting as amended. Jill seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

a. Richard Poeton addressed several concerns.

i. Richard expressed concerns about the safety of the crosswalks. He proposed increasing the amount of crosswalks and making crosswalks a feature of the road. He also suggested increasing the size of the crosswalks, either by increasing the size of the stripes or the crosswalk area itself. He also suggested on-demand solar powered lights that flash while people are crossing.

ii. Richard suggested placing caution signs or warning signs that this area is not suitable for trucks.

iii. A discussion was had about the pedestrian safety at the intersection of Monument and Bank. There was talk of creating a crosswalk across Bank. A proposal to address the matter at the annual meeting was made. Ron supported putting the idea onto the annual meeting agenda.

4. Reports of commissioners and officers.

a. Road Commissioner.

i. Jerome construction invoices came in. The cost was \$11,561.69 for the month for salting and snow removal.

b. Tree Commissioner

i. Received a message from Dennis McCarthy about a tree on Waloomsac that looks dead and threatening. The Tree Commissioner could not find any tree near the intersection that looks threatening at the moment.

c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner

i. A search for greenery to go over bulbs continues.

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ii. There are three lamps that are out on their posts. Monument Electric is searching for another source for the bulbs.

d. Police Commissioner

i. No report issued.

e. Treasurer

i. PILOT funds came in.

ii. There are four outstanding property tax bills.

5. Warrants

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

6. Old Business

a. Options for limiting truck traffic on village roads.

i. No-Through Truck ordinances are not permitted under state law.

ii. Three options were discussed.

Option 1. We can impose a load limit on any of the village roads based upon load limit.

-Signs would have to be posted at the beginning and end of each road where the limit would apply.

-Concerns about what the load limit would be were raised.

Option 2. We could restrict the roadways by use of a specific type of vehicle.

-We would have to apply to the Secretary of Transportation.

Option 3. Better signage could help trucks not get lost.

- Richard suggested talking to a trucking consultant

b. Transfer and storage of village records.

i. Marianne checked with the Bennington Museum about storing files there. The board felt like storing it in a public facility would be better.

ii. Ron suggested asking the town for space to store the files. The town has agreed to give space.

iii. Ron has spoken with Woolmington about writing a letter to Donna Berry.

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7. New Business.

a. BCRC contribution for FY2020

i. The dues will remain the same, at \$2000.

8. Adjourn

Andy moved to adjourn at 8:40. Susan seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously approved the motion.