Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 2, 20201

Meeting held via telepresence using Zoom.com

Officials present: Trustees Susan Wright, Jim Warren, Ron Rabidou, and Steven Anisman, as well as Clerk James Gallen and Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht
Officials absent: Charles Edson
Residents Present: James Thatch, Margaret Schwarzkopf, Lucy Baldwin

1. Opening. Ron Rabidou called the meeting to order at 7:06.

2. Approval of minutes.
   a. There were no changes to the posted minutes.
   b. Ron moved to approve the posted minutes for the February 2nd Trustees meeting. Steven seconded the motion, and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. Citizen comments.

a. No comments were made.

4. Reports of commissioners and officers.
   a. Road Commissioner.
      i. No new information as presented.
   b. Tree Commissioner.
      i. Steve Shea has a few maples in bad shape. They were approved for removal before, and that approval still remains now.
   c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner.
      i. We received an invoice from Monument Electric for the streetlight repairs. The fabrication process for the lamps seemed to work well.
   d. Police Commissioner.
      i. 87 hours of work from Officer Corey. 8 tickets of $1422 in fines.
   e. Treasurer.
      i. Kathy requested $37 for office supplies necessary in order to communicate with village members.
      ii. Danielle Gallen, the Village Administrator, has billed 20 hours worth of work.
      iii. The snow plowing cost $13,000 for the month.
      iv. The light fixtures cost $1,300 for repairs.

5. Warrants.

a. Ron moved to approve the warrants. Jim seconded the motion and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

6. Annual Meeting Planning

a. There is no in-person annual meeting this year. A special meeting will be held on May 4th to discuss what would normally be discussed at the annual meeting. Sometime after April 2nd, but before April 12th, we need to create a warning. We need to put a notice of the special meeting in the Bennington Banner.
b. At the meeting on April 6th, the budget proposal will have to be finalized.
c. An agenda for the special meeting will have to be set by May 2nd.
d. Ron announced that he would not be running for reelection.
e. Kathy will ask Dale if he is interested in running again.
f. James Gallen will run again if absolutely nobody else is interested in the position of Village Clerk.
g. An annual report will be created by Ron. Officer reports should be sent to Ron by April 16th. The annual report should be distributed by May 1st.
h. A postcard will be sent to all eligible voters and property owners.
i. A list of eligible participants will be posted.

7. Old Business

a. No new business was discussed.

8. New Business

a. Process for payment of zoning permit fees.

i. The old process for permit fees was a violation of our internal controls. A third party needs to be involved in the process. Ron proposed putting Bob Bullington in charge of validating permit fees by creating a list of all permits issued.

b. Placement and removal of trash containers.

i. Some people expressed concern that Casella may have sent a request that

garbage cans should be placed on the sidewalk. Village administrators have spoken with Casella and there is no requirement by Casella to place cans on sidewalks. Sidewalks should remain clear.

c. Regulation of helipads.

i. Helicopter ordinances will be created by the Zoning Board.

9. Adjourn.

a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57.