

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 7,2019

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

Officials absent: Susan Wright

Residents present: Jill Jones, Megan Shwarzkopf, Pat Winburn

1. Opening.

Ron Ravidou, the presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 7:06.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Andy moved to approve minutes of the April minutes as amended Jim seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizens Comments.

- a. Multiple citizens commented of the pleasant appearance of the new sidewalk.
- b. Megan expressed concern about the impact of phase 2 of the sidewalk on the roots of her trees.

4. Reports of commissioners and officers.

- a. Road Commissioner.
 - i. The road assessment survey will be voted on at the meeting as part of the budget.
- b. Tree Commissioner
 - i. Steve Shea reported dead limbs over the street. He also reported one dead tree. Permission to remove trees was granted.
 - ii. The museum did not need a permit to remove their trees. They were working in conjunction with an arborist, which excludes them from needing a permit.
 - iii. The maintenance of trees, both on the right of way, and the village green was discussed.
 - iv. A tree survey, like the road survey, was discussed.
 - v. The continuation of the tree replacement program was debated.
- c. Sidewalk and Park Commissioner
 - i. No report was given.
- d. Police Commissioner
 - i. 102 hours for Officer Cory this month
 - ii. 51 property checks
 - iii. Projected fines of \$2876 dollars
 - iv. Trucks, about two a week, are going up to the monument are turning around
 - v. More pedestrians have been reported in the middle of Monument Avenue.
 - vi. A permit for a parade in June is being approved.

e. Treasurer

i. There are two outstanding tax bills from 2018

5. Warrants

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

6. Annual Meeting.

a. The organization and event sequence of the annual meeting was set in place.

b. The trustees indicated that all are welcome to speak at the meeting, though only village residents may vote.

7. Old Business.

a. None.

8. New Business.

a. None.

9. Adjourn.

a. Andy motions to adjourn. Charlie seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 8:29.