

Village of Old Bennington  
Trustees Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2021

Meeting was held at The Barn

Officials Present: James Gallen, Jim Warren, Steven Anisman, Ed Woods, Susan Wright  
Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht, and Clerk Jan Buonanno

Officials Absent: None

Citizens Present: Officer Andy, Jill Jones

1. Opening. The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

2. Minutes. There were no changes to the posted minutes. Steven Anisman moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Susan Wright seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. Commissioner Reports

A. Police

i. Vehicle

- time to think about replacing 2009 cruiser
- some work recently done at no cost & low cost, but nearing end of usefulness
- Sheriff dept could buy old car; long order lead time for new car
- v6 all-wheel drive with police wiring package is officer recommendation
- ~ \$45,000 in total
- \$47,590 in total for car and equipment available in budget
- Steven moves to authorize up to \$47,590 for cruiser, Ed seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

ii. Body cameras

- Bennington policy: 'officers shall be equipped with body cameras'. Officer Andy should have one to be in compliance.
- It makes sense to try to get on board with Bennington's download/storage system.
- \$600-\$800 for camera equipment
- Steven Anisman moves to purchase body cam equipment, seconded by Ed Woods. Motion passes

iii. Officer Andy

July: 87 hours, 48 property watches, 10 tickets, 1525 in fines

August: 91 hours, 57 property watches, 9 tickets, 1607 fines

B. Treasurer

i. Taxes

- delinquent 2018 taxes delivered
- 2021 taxes starting to come in
- Check came for \$6857.05 in covid relief

ii. Expenses

- \$2000 to BCRC big expense this month
- Reimbursement for PO box & web site fees

C. Road

- Planning ahead for grant due April 2022 (Bank Street)
- Jerome plowing updated proposal: probably same as last year
- Salt price will be set in 3 weeks- Appalachian Salt (from Egypt)

D. Trees

- Two trees taken down by property owners

E. Parks and Sidewalks

- Weeds in swales- glyphosate in May by Pembroke, maybe needs more?  
Commissioner waiting for quote
- Arnold's park bench is falling over- waiting for quote to install marble under it
- Need a maintenance budget for future installations

4. Citizen Comments

- More details on agenda, please
- Event coming up in cemetery with tents on the green by Bennington Performing Arts Center
- Need a new Do Not Enter sign by church- Jim will look into it

5. COVID Grant Funds

- More money is coming-another \$6,000 and possible additional \$26,000 Covid
- Needs to be used for specific projects- lost revenue (speeding tickets), sewer
- Three years to spend it

6. Warrants. Jim Warren moved to approve the warrant list. Steven Anisman seconded. The Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

7. Old Business.

a. none

8. New Business.

a. none

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 Steven Anisman moved, Jim Warren seconded