

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES MINUTES

January 27th, 2020

5:30 PM

Trustees

Chris Hunter
Heather Bollman
Susan Mills
Doug Conly
Sarah Whittemore

Press

Public Officials

Justin Smith
Bill Humphrey

Public

Steve Gray

1. Chris Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda: There were no adjustments to the agenda.
3. Minutes: Heather Bollman made a motion to approve the January 13th, 2020 minutes. Chris Hunter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
4. Sign the Orders: The Board signed the orders.
5. Interlocal Police Agreement: The Board was presented with the 2020 Interlocal Police Agreement. The Village of Lyndonville will reimburse the Town of Lyndon 37% of the cost. The Municipal Administrator noted there was one change to the agreement to recognize the upcoming Union contract. Chris Hunter made the motion to accept and sign the Interlocal Police Agreement. The motion was seconded by Susan Mills, and the motion carried 5-0.
6. General Fund Budget: The Municipal Administrator walked the Board through the first draft of the budget highlighting any significant changes from the 2019 budget whether they were increases or decreases. The board asked if money was placed in the budget to screen the electric box in the park near the gazebo? Justin Smith said no. The Board requested that \$2,500 be placed in the park budget to address this issue. Mr. Smith asked the board how they currently felt about how often the snow piles were getting removed in the downtown as he felt that had been an issue in the past. Mr. Smith indicated that it might be wise to add a small increase to the hired equipment line on class 1 winter. The board agreed to add \$1,000 bringing the line item up to \$6,000.00. At this point Mr. Smith stated he would like to set up a meeting for later in the week to review the budget with some al carte options to plug into the budget. The board agreed to meet a meeting on Thursday January 30th at 3:00 PM to work out the final budget.
7. Water Fund Budget: The Municipal Administrator once again walked the board through the budget highlighting the increases and decreases from the 2019 Budget. Mr. Smith said currently that the board can decide how to appropriate an additional \$ 90,000+ without increasing the budget from last year. Mr. Smith felt there were two significant events that would be impacting rate payers in the future, first the new transmission line going up College Road and secondly the Broad Street road construction project whenever it happens. Mr. Smith felt the additional money should be placed in restricted accounts to help pay for the project upfront or reduce the debt payments on these projects to keep the rates stabilized. Mr. Smith said he would have a proposal on Thursday for the Water Fund budget.
8. Executive Session: Contract Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Heather Bollman, to find that premature general public knowledge of the pending contract with New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) will clearly place the Village of Lyndonville -Town of Lyndon at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Chris Hunter,

seconded by Heather Bollman, to enter executive session at 6:59 PM to discuss the negotiations with New England Police Benevolent Association, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Heather Bollman, to come out of executive session at 7:14 PM. Motion carried 5-0. Upon coming out of executive session, no action was taken.

9. Executive Session: Labor Relations Motion made by Doug Conly, seconded by Sarah Whittmore, to find that premature general public knowledge of the Board's discussion on the action the Village will take in response to the Vermont Labor Board letter regarding the petition by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to become the collective bargaining representative for the Village Public Works Department. Premature knowledge will clearly place the Village of Lyndonville at a disadvantage by disclosing its strategy. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Sarah Whittmore, seconded by Doug Conly, to enter executive session at 7:15 PM to discuss the response to the Vermont Labor Board, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Doug Conly, seconded by Chris Hunter, to come out of executive session at 7:27 PM. Motion carried 5-0. Upon coming out of executive session, Chris Hunter made a motion to consent to an election to the proposed bargaining unit by the 3 members of the Village public works department. Sarah Whittmore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.