

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE

Trustees Meeting of February 2, 2015

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Press</u>	<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Public</u>
Tim Gaskin	Jim Jardine	Justin Smith	
Randy Amadon		Ken Mason	
Ron Aiken			
Heather Bollman			
Ray Durocher			

Tim Gaskin called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Randy Amadon made a motion to approve the January 19, 2015 minutes. Ray Durocher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Approval and Signing of Orders:

The Board approved and signed the orders for weeks 5-6.

3. Budget Work:

Justin Smith presented a final draft of the general fund budget and stated that currently the budget would result in a 1.06 cent increase on the tax rate using last year's grand list. Ray Durocher made a motion to approve the general fund budget. Randy Amadon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Justin Smith explained to the Trustees that the water budget that needs to be raised through user fees for 2015 is \$607,086.00, which is a decrease from last year's figure of \$653,566.00. Mr. Smith stated the remaining decision on the water budget is to decide what to do with the \$180,000 surplus. Mr. Smith recommended considering placing the monies in savings for future projects such as the main lines or well replacements, debt reduction, and engineer design. Ray Durocher made a motion to put \$20,000 into the engineering budget for project design, \$60,000 into debt reduction, and \$100,000 into project savings. Randy Amadon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Randy Amadon made a motion to approve the water budget with the above changes. Ron Aiken seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

4. Water Rates:

Justin Smith stated that the water usage in the Village had dropped, which was a sign that the water rate restructuring was having the intended consequence of conservation. Due to the drop in usage, an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of water dropped to 39,500

gallons. Based on the decreased water budget for 2015 and a slight shift in the fixed versus variable costs, the base rate for water is \$228.00 annually per ERU or \$57.00 per quarter, per ERU. The rate per 1,000 gallons of water increased from \$1.61 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.79. Mr. Smith explained that most users will see a drop in their bills, with the exception of single family residential users who use large amounts of water. In the past, single family residential users were charged 1 ERU regardless of how much water they used. In 2015, single family residential properties will be charged additional ERUs for each 40,000 gallons they use just like other types of users. Randy Amadon made a motion to approve the water rates as presented. Ron Aiken seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Bandstand Park Request:

Rural Edge requested the use of Bandstand Park on the night of March 6th through the morning of March 7th, 2015 for their homeless awareness campaign. The overnight vigil includes the use of burn barrels. Two conditions were added to the request. The burn barrels need to be placed on blocks to avoid damage to the park. Secondly, any damage associated with the event will be fixed in the spring. Randy Amadon made the motion to approve the request. Ray Durocher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District is requesting the use of Bandstand Park on Saturday May 2, 2015 from 8:30 AM-11:00 AM for their annual plant sale. Randy Amadon made a motion to approve the request. Ray Durocher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

6. Overhead Banners:

Justin Smith briefly discussed with the Trustees that the number of Banner requests that the Fire Dept. was now receiving was becoming a burden. Chief Hopkins was having trouble finding fire fighters willing to erect the banners for all the occasions that they are now being requested. In addition, Mr. Hopkins pointed out that the ladder truck itself costs about \$50.00 an hour to operate and the payroll for the volunteers was not covered by the \$25.00 donation currently. Mr. Smith stated that he would continue to have discussions with the Selectboard and determine if this was a service that they wanted to continue to offer as a community service or if this was a service that requires the organizations to cover all of the costs.

6. Other:

There was no other business.

The meeting was turned over to LED at 6:45PM.

Minutes taken by Justin Smith.