

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 18, 2020  
5:30 PM

Trustees: Doug Conly, Susan Mills, Sarah Whittemore, Heather Bollman

Press: Amy Nixon – The Caledonian Record

Public: Justin Smith, Dawn Dwyer, Bill Humphrey

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

- ❖ Paving Projects

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Sarah Whittemore, seconded by Susan Mills, to accept the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4 to 0.

3. Approval and signing of orders:

Motion made by Susan Mills, seconded by Doug Conly to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks 19-20 with approval for the Treasurer to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Water Connection Application:

Motion made by Susan Mills, seconded by Sarah Whittemore, to approve the Application For Water Connection for Jacob Simpson dba Kingdom Campground at 972 Lynburke Road. The campground has 100 sites with a pool, deli/store and shower/bathroom facility. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Bandstand Park Request:

The Farmer's Market would like to open starting June 5, 2020 from 3 – 5 PM, using the guidelines as outlined by the Governor. Motion made by Heather Bollman, seconded by Sarah Whittemore, to approve the Farmer's Market to use Bandstand Park from June 5<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>, using the guidelines as outlined by the Governor's orders. Motion carried 4-0. (Guidelines attached to hard copy of minutes.)

6. Depot Street Planters:

Mary Waldron has inquired again about the planters. She is at the point of purchasing flowers if the Trustees still want them done. Joe Dauphin, Public Works Supervisor, informed Justin that it takes about two weeks to prep the planters which includes repainting them. It requires one hour a day to water all the planters. Joe donates his personal time on Friday through Saturday to water them. The Board unanimously agreed that during these trying times, the planters and flowers in Bandstand Park will be uplifting.

Cathleen Paris, owner of Mosaic Restaurant, asked if the Village would take over the planters in their parking lot. Vermont Original (Bag Balm) established the planters when they owned the building. As part of the Paris' change of use permit, they must either maintain the planters as a barrier to Memorial Drive or put in curbing. The Board of Trustees denied the request to take over the planters as part of the Downtown Beautification siting they sit on private property.

7. Lyndon Institute (LI) Graduation Request:

Robert Heath, Assistant Head for Campus Life at Lyndon Institute (LI), is requesting permission to have a Graduation Parade to honor Seniors on Sunday, June 27, 2020 starting at 11:00 AM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a formal graduation is not possible. The parade route would start at Northern Vermont University (NVU)'s parking lot, down College Road, onto Center Street to Park Avenue, south

on Main Street, to Broad Street back to Center Street to LI where they would accept their diplomas, in their car, from the Head of School, Twila Perry. Mr. Heath has been in conversation with Chief Jack Harris who has requested traffic control at some of the major intersections, which LI has provided for. Chief Harris has also offered to lead the parade. Motion made by Heather Bollman, seconded by Sarah Whittemore, to approve the Graduation Parade on June 27, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Village Improvement Society (VIS) Coin Drop Request:

Sarah Lafferty, President of Power's Park is asking if they could forgo their May coin drop and either reschedule it for November or double up during May through October with another organization. Justin will reach out to the other organizations and work out the schedule.

9. Paving Projects:

There was a discussion regarding the skim coat project on portions of Williams Street, High Street, and all South Street. The \$35,602 project was budgeted for in the 2020 Budget. The Board agreed to proceed with bidding of the project.

10. Other:

- a. The Board was updated by Dawn Dwyer, of the decision received from the Vermont Property Hearing Officer, on the Robert Bosch appeal. The conclusion by the Hearing Officer is that "I find that the owner did not offer evidence sufficient to overcome the presumption that the BCA's valuation is correct". Therefore, the value of \$1,765,400 shall be the value set in Lyndon for the grand list years 2019, 2020, and 2021 unless the parcel is materially altered, changed, damaged, or the Town of Lyndon undergoes a complete revelation of all taxable real estate. The Appellant has the right to appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision (May 7, 2020).

The meeting was turned over to Bill Humphrey, General Manager of Lyndonville Electric at 6:22 PM.

Minutes taken by Dawn R. Dwyer

Approved by Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_