

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES MINUTES

August 28, 2017
6:00 PM

Trustees

Ron Aiken, Chair
Chris Hunter
Susan Mills
Doug Conly

Press

Public

Steve Gray
Bill Humphrey

1. Ron Aiken called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Minutes: Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5th, 2017. Susan Mills seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.
3. Orders: The Board signed the orders for weeks 24-35.
4. Quarterly Report: Justin Smith went over the Quarterly Report and noted that everything was in good shape with the budget back at the end of the second quarter. Mr. Smith said the summer projects are moving ahead we have completed a number of park and sidewalk projects. The garage budget was brought up due to the amount of money spent on labor. Mr. Smith said that was a result of the move from the old garage to the new joint facility.
5. Appraisal Report: Mr. Smith noted that the Appraisal Report was finished for the old garage facility on East Street. The value came in at \$134,000. Mr. Conly asked what was next action? Mr. Smith said he wanted to give the Board time to review the report and then the Trustees would need to make a decision on whether to keep the building and property or sell it. Mr. Smith said if the Board chose to sell he would probably approach the neighbors first and then he would ask the Trustees for direction on how they wished to market the property if there was no interest from the neighbors. Everyone agreed that a discussion on how to proceed should take place in the near future after a thorough review of the appraisal has been completed.
6. Hydraulic Analysis-Long Range Plan 90%: Mr. Smith went over the 90% completed long range plan – hydraulic analysis which Aldrich & Elliott had been working on in conjunction with the Public Works Supervisor and him. One of the large issues that was discovered was that a hydrant replacement schedule needed to be revised and upgraded. The Village is currently not replacing hydrants at a fast enough rate to match their predicted useful life. Aldrich and Elliott recognizes that there are budgetary constraints, but if we do not increase our hydrant replacement plan with a plan to replace 5 hydrants per year instead of two, we cannot replace the hydrants during their predicted useful life which is 40 years. We currently have several hydrants which are estimated to be 106 years old. Mr. Smith stated that the average cost to replace a hydrant is around \$4,000.00. Mr. Smith also noted that several waterline project upgrades were identified. After careful analysis of the system it was determined that the first project that needed to be tackled was the water main to the pump station on Snowflake Lane and subsequently the line from there to the Heath Road reservoir. Both Aldrich and Elliott and the Public Works Supervisor see some opportunities to shorten the length of the water main to the reservoir by going through the Speedwell development which is in need of waterline upgrades as well. Once the hydraulic analysis and long range plan are finalized we will begin looking at funding for the first project.
7. Property Exchange Discussion: Mr. Smith presented the Trustees with a proposal from Bill Walker who owns property which adjoins the Pudding Hill Sub Station. Two years ago he approached the Board about a land swap or the possibility of purchasing some land to the south of his parcel which is owned by the Village. At this time he is ready to once again gauge the interest of the Board in exchanging

some land so that he can control his view to the south. This time he is proposing to grant some of his property which is in close proximity to the transmission line leaving the substation which would allow LED to better protect its infrastructure. Bill Humphrey noted that the piece of land being offered was of value to LED as it offered an opportunity to protect the Utility's investment. The land being traded was not of particular value to LED. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Walker would be responsible for all costs related to this transferring of property. Mr. Humphrey said that Mr. Walker is looking for the green light to proceed with flagging the proposed property involved in the exchange. Mr. Walker understands that the Village can still back out, but he did not want to proceed with the costs of a surveyor if the answer was absolutely no. Mr. Humphrey thought it was worth having the property flagged as it was not costing the Village any money to consider the proposal. The Board had no objections to having the property flagged to get a better understanding of the proposed land exchange. Doug Conly made a motion to inform Mr. Walker to proceed with having the land flagged. Susan Mills seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

8. Other:

- a. Mr. Smith noted that each member had been given a copy of the audit report for 2016. There were no significant issues with the accounting practices for the Village. He noted that Dawn Dwyer does an excellent job of keeping the books for the Village as can be seen in the Auditor's report.
- b. Concerns were noted regarding two of coin drops from this summer. It was noted that Powers Park had their coin drop extended around the corner north on Main Street to the crosswalk that goes from the White Market to Bandstand Park. Secondly, the coin drop recently done by the Darling Inn Senior Meals site extended onto Main Street to include the crosswalk from the Library to the House of Pizza. Mr. Steve Gray and Mr. Smith noted that the letter clearly states that the coin drop is confined to Depot Street.

Having no other business the meeting was turned over to LED at 6:35 PM.

Approved by the Lyndonville Trustees: September 11, 2017