

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES MEETING

September 26, 2016
6:00 PM

Trustees

Ray Durocher, Chair
Doug Conly
Ron Aiken
Heather Bollman
Chris Hunter

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Justin Smith
Ken Mason
Clay Bailey
Steve Gray

1. Ray Durocher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Minutes: Heather Bollman made a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes. Ron Aiken seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Chris Hunter abstaining.
3. Water Bill Abatement Request: Justin Smith asked the Board brought the Board a request from Keith Day to reduce the water bill at the Happy Days Farm, which is currently being charged for 10 equivalent residential units (ERUs). Mr. Smith explained that the Days are not currently operating a dairy farm and therefore they are currently only using the well water. Budgets are set annually using the water usage from the previous year to determine the fixed rate for each customer. The Board understood the customer's request, but it would set a precedent for similar requests in the future, which would not allow the Village the ability to establish a budget. Mr. Smith stated that he would look at the property at the next budget and determine if the water usage was still down and make an adjustment for the next budget year. Mr. Smith noted that this system works both ways, if the Day Family does decide to have a herd again there will be a year when their usage reflects only 1 ERU despite the possibility that they may be using 10 ERUs.
4. Bandstand Park Requests:
Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the request from Lyndon Institute to use Bandstand Park on Friday, October 21, 2016 for their annual Pep Rally and Parade. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Chris Hunter made a motion to allow the Lyndonville Chamber of Commerce to have their annual Trunk or Treat event in Bandstand Park on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 4PM-8PM. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Other: The Public Works Supervisor Joe Dauphin has identified a couple of sidewalk projects to complete this fall instead of doing the Depot Street sidewalk which came in over budget. One of his suggestions is to make the sidewalk on the east side of Park Avenue ADA compliant. This can be done by either shortening the sidewalk to a location where a crosswalk can be added at a location with the proper inclines; or it can be extended about 100' to another location where there are proper inclines to have a crosswalk go to the sidewalk on the west side of Park Avenue. The Trustees thought the best approach was to shorten the sidewalk. Justin Smith mentioned that the village crew will also be doing sidewalk construction on Church Street and Main Street.

6. LED: Ken Mason the LED portion of the meeting at 6:20PM. The LED portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:23PM.

7. Executive Session: Water Contract

Motion made by Heather Bollman, seconded by Doug Conly, to enter executive session at 6:24 PM with the Municipal Administrator to discuss the water contract discussing the contract in open session would clearly place the Village of Lyndonville at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. The motion carried 5-0.

Heather Bollman made a motion, seconded by Doug Conly to enter executive session with the Municipal Administrator to discuss the water contract pursuant to Title 1, section 313 (a) (2) of the Vermont Statutes. The motion carried 5-0.

Ron Aiken made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:43 PM. Chris Hunter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken.

The Trustees reviewed the offer sheet for the new LED General Manager and agreed the wording that the Municipal Administrator had put together was correct. The Municipal Administrator will provide it to Bill Humphrey for his signature.

Ron Aiken made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Doug Conly seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.