

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES MEETING

October 26, 2015
5:30 PM

Trustees

Ray Durocher, Chair
Chris Hunter
Heather Bollman
Ron Aiken

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Justin Smith, Steve Gray
Joe Dauphin, Kaela Gray
Jack Harris, Michael Murphy
Tim Gaskin, Elijah Buss
Melissa Aiken, Wendy Milazzo
Lyndol Chester, Margaret Jareman
Horace Reider, & Ken Mason

1. Approval of Minutes:

Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2015. Ron Aiken seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

2. Approval and signing of orders:

The board approved and signed the Accounts Payable orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks 43-44.

3. Bandstand Park Parking Area:

Several Village residents appeared before the Board of Trustees to discuss the Parking area along the western boundary of the park. Michael Murphy briefly recapped his points from the October 12th meeting and then turned the discussion over to others in attendance. His main points were he felt that the homeowners were never given a process to voice their opinion on the parking area and there was an on-going list of vehicles/users that were not appropriately using the parking spaces in his opinion. He finds that the parking area detracts from the value of his home and if it continues to exist he would like to receive a tax break. Wendy Milazzo moved into the home at 157 Park Avenue one year ago. She stated one of the draws of the property was the park. She stated that an 18 wheeler parked in the parking area overnight and a homeless man had spent a stretch of time staying in the park and in both instances no one cared enough to do anything about it. Mr. Durocher pointed out that both issues were not related to the parking area itself. He noted there is signage prohibiting overnight parking therefore someone should have called dispatch to have the 18 wheeler removed. The second issue was addressed by Chief Harris who took offense to the idea that "no one cared". He stated that you cannot discriminate against someone who chooses to be homeless who is doing nothing wrong, it would be discrimination.

Margaret Jareman and Melissa Aiken separately noted that drug deals and drug use occur in the parking area. It was again noted that areas throughout the Village are changing and a number of neighborhoods have become less desirable this is not a problem that is unique to Bandstand Park.

Mrs. Jareman also noted that water drainage was an issue.

Tim Gaskin, a former Trustee pointed out that when this parking area was added it was to address an issue with parking that already existed at that location. Mr. Gaskin noted that people have been parking in the location of the parking area for years. The Village was spending \$3,000.00 or more every year

fixing ruts, seeding, mulching the area that is now stay mat. Due to the increase in use of the park more people were parking in that area and it was becoming a mess that was not easy to mow or could not be mowed because there were vehicles on it. By changing the surface the Village has saved a lot of money on maintenance. Mr. Gaskin also pointed out that the parking area was installed partially through a grant which the farmer's market obtained.

At this point, with both sides having an understanding of the history and the concerns, the topic switched to potential solutions.

There were three options discussed.

1. Leave the parking area as is with some attention to the water drainage issue and some changes to the signage. A two hour parking limit was suggested.
2. Return the parking area to grass, it would still be allowed to be parked on, but it might not invite as many vehicles. Along with returning the area back to grass, a request to price some landscaping was also suggested.
3. Curb the remaining three sides of the park.

Mr. Smith was asked to obtain prices to return the park to grass and also the cost of curbing the three open sides with granite.

It was noted that the right of way of Park Avenue was 70' if curbing were to be installed 35' off the center line a significant amount of the park would be lost. It was also noted that curbing the park would be cost prohibitive.

There was no time frame stated for revisiting the issue. Mr. Smith noted that it was certainly not in this year's budget.

4. Issuing Official:

Ron Aiken made a motion to add the Public Works Supervisor as an Issuing Official under Section 12 B. of the Village Ordinances. Chris Hunter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

5. Pool Bid:

Chris Hunter made a motion to accept the Pool resurfacing bid from Patenaude Pool Plasterers, Inc. Ron Aiken seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The bid was in the amount of \$84,647.00.

6. Money Purchase Pension Plan Trustee:

Ron Aiken made a motion to replace Dan Hill with Justin Smith as one of the two Money Purchase Pension Plan Trustees. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. (Ken Mason is the other Trustee, it was noted that the Trustees will have to appoint someone as Trustee for Ken's spot next June).

7. Other:

A. Bandstand Park Request:

The Lyndonville Chamber of Commerce requested the use of Bandstand Park for their trunk or treat event in Bandstand Park to be held on Saturday night, October 31, 2015. Heather Bollman made a motion to allow the Trunk or Treat Event on October 31, 2015. Chris Hunter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

B. Robert Bosch Appeal Decision:

Mr. Smith noted that the appeal of the Robert Bosch Appraisal done by the Listers was decided in favor of the Town. The property will be assessed at the 2014 appraisal figure for tax year's 2014-2016.

C. Drug and Alcohol Policy for CMV Operators:

Mr. Smith provided the Trustees with a copy of the policy to review and suggest any changes. Mr. Smith said he was prepared to have it on the agenda at the next meeting for final approval.

The meeting was turned over to LED at 7:30 PM.