

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE  
TRUSTEES MINUTES

November 2, 2020

5:30 PM

Trustees

Susan Mills  
Heather Bollman (by Phone)  
Doug Conly  
Sarah Whittemore  
Chris Hunter

Press

Todd Wellington

Public Officials

Justin Smith  
Joe Dauphin

Public

Steve Gray  
Ken Thorpe

1. Doug Conly called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda: 1. Sno-cruisers trail request.
3. Approval of the Minutes:

Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from September 21st, 2020 with one minor edit. The vote to adjourn at the end of the second page should read 5-0, not 5-3. Sarah Whittemore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

4. Sign the Orders:

A. Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the orders for weeks 39-44 with Dawn Dwyer to sign. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Access Permit: Alice Kinney is requesting an access permit on an unmaintained portion of Leonard street which sits behind a fence to prohibit access. Mr. Smith felt it was important to discuss the idea of removing fence and allowing access beyond that point before a discussion on what the conditions would potentially be if an access were to be granted. Among the concerns mentioned were: does this open the area up as a nuisance location for the police to patrol, how much access is needed in the winter as we plow the snow to the fence and stack it there eliminating any potential to go through on the road, and what would the cost of a fence further up the unmaintained portion of the road be. After these questions are answered it was determined there would need to be significantly more information regarding the access itself and how erosion, water runoff, and a level access for a minimum of 15 feet at the bottom could be created.
6. Vail Drive Transmission Main Improvements: Justin Smith presented the board with the Total Project Cost Summary (TPCS) for the Vail Transmission Line project. Since the project came in significantly under budget the Village Public Works Supervisor, Joe Dauphin came up with a project that could legitimately be tied to this project to extend it. Mr. Dauphin explained that there was an AC line that ran from Speedwell Drive cross country under a house and through a wetland and came out along the east side of Vail Drive. The Village Crew has had to make several fixes to this line, and it is a problem location and line. Perhaps the biggest concern is the line goes under a house and the corps to shut the water off to the house is in the floor of the basement. If the line were to break it would fill the house and there is no way to shut off just the house other than the basement. Mr. Dauphin is requesting that the Trustees consider a project that would run approximately 1,000 feet of waterline down the west side of Vail Drive from the new line which crosses at Heath Road until a valve cluster is reached near Couture Flat. Mr. Smith provided the Board with Aldrich and Elliott's cost projections for engineering and construction which would total an addition \$249,032.20, leaving the total project cost at \$2,011,976.10 well below the bonded amount of \$2,750,000.00. Mr. Smith said he was looking for a motion to allow

Aldrich and Elliott to further discuss the project with the State to see if the extension would qualify for using the funds which remain. Additionally, Aldrich and Elliott would do the preliminary design engineering work and request a bid from Courtland Construction to do the work if the State is on board with the funds being used for this project extension. Chris Hunter stated that from a liability standpoint this project proposal seemed logical to get this line more suitably located. Chris Hunter made the motion to pursue the project for the spring of 2021. Doug Conly seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

7. Bandstand Park Power Pedestal: Doug Conly requested that the Board re-visit the discussion on the power pedestal next to the gazebo in Bandstand Park. Mr. Smith said he felt it was left at a standstill with either the option of enclosing it or the option of painting the board and the metal cabinet white. Bill Humphrey offered what he felt was a reasonably priced alternative to consider which would be to relocate the panel out near the electric pole where the power originates. The Board felt this would be a good option and asked the Municipal Administrator to get a quote for the work.
8. VAST (Lyndon Sno-Cruisers) Trail Request: Ken Thorpe from Lyndon Sno-Cruisers was present to request the ability of the Lyndon Sno-Cruisers to relocate a trail near the Exit 24 interchange which would need permission to go over the Village waterline that feeds out toward Mathewson Hill Road. The Village Public Works Supervisor expressed his desire to help out the club, but was concerned that in fixing the line three times in recent years he had found the line to be as little as 1 foot deep up to 3 feet deep below the ground. He was very concerned about the traffic over the line pushing the frost down into the ground and freezing the line. Mr. Thorpe offered to not run the groomer over the line to add additional insulation to protect the line as they did not want to cause any hardship to the water users either. The parties decided that the Public Works supervisor would meet with the sno-cruisers to identify the location of the waterline and they would hand dig to determine the depth of the line at that point next steps would be determined to see if the line could be insulated or if a different alternative would need to be sought out.
9. Other: The Public Works Supervisor noted that the snowmen which the crew have been placing around the trees on the sidewalks during the winter season were worn out. He requested making new barriers out of wood to protect the trees and offered to make one demo to review before moving forward with the rest of them. The Trustee felt providing one of the finished products beforehand was a great idea. The Village Crew will begin working on one to view.

Having no other business, the meeting was turned over to LED at 6:41 PM.