

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT**

MARCH 26, 2019

Number in attendance – 13

The meeting was called to order by Moderator VanGuilder. He requested to the audience to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance led by the Municipal Manager. The Moderator also asked for a moment of silence as respect for our veterans and military personnel. Also he stated we lost a member of the planning commission, Norman Vanasse. We also lost a special young man who served our community for many years as a select man, fire department, cemetery commissioner and electric light department, Howard Barton Jr. and he requested a moment of silence for them. The moderator wanted to point out from the Village Report that Bill Davis took third place in the backhoe challenge. Manager Scott Murphy stated that the highway men went up to Barre to participate in this contest.

ARTICLE 1. To elect Village Officers for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot.
See attached results.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Voters of the Village of Ludlow vote to exempt the property owned by the Trustees of the Gill Odd Fellows Home of Vermont (Nursing Home) from property taxes for a period of three (3) years; commencing with the 2019 tax year?
See attached results.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow act on the reports of the Village Officers for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
Motion made by Mary Barton to adopt the article. Second by Terry Thayne. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow fix the salaries of the elected Village Officers for the ensuing year?
Motion made by Julie Nicoll to fix the salaries the same as last year. Second by Bob Brandt. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow authorize the Board of Trustees to borrow money in anticipation of taxes or other income to meet the expenses of the Village and any part of its indebtedness?
Motion made by Howard Barton to adopt the article. Second by Terry Thayne. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Village of Ludlow collect taxes on Real Property in installments, taxes to be paid to the Treasurer on August 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, February 15, 2020 and May 15, 2020?

Motion made by Howard Barton to adopt the article. Second by Terry Thayne. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow vote a specific amount in lieu of a rate on a dollar on the Grand List as set forth in the Board of Trustees' budget? Then the Trustees shall set the tax rate necessary to raise this amount after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the office of the Village Clerk. **The amount to be raised by taxes is \$320,347.98.**

Motion made by Terry Thayne to adopt the article. Second by Howard Barton. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow authorize the Village Board of Trustees to appoint the Village Clerk/Treasurer pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2651e?

Motion made by Terry Thayne to adopt the article. Second by Bob Brandt. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article was adopted.

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.

Earl Washburn stated that at a meeting of the Electric Light Commissioners in November, the commissioners unanimously voted to rename the Grahamsville substation after Howard R. Barton Jr. There will be a plaque there and there will be a dedication in Howard's memory sometime this spring.

There was no further business.

Motion to adjourn made by Terry Thayne, second by Julie Nicoll. The meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ulla P. Cook, Assistant Village Clerk

Herbert VanGuilder, Moderator