

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

March 22, 2022

Total Voters Present – 11

The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Trustees David Rose at 7:00PM as a moderator was not elected at the previous Village Meeting. He then entertained nominations for a moderator. Earl Washburn nominated Newton Rose, second by Robert Brandt. There were no other nominations. It was voted to have Newton Rose be moderator for this meeting.

Moderator Rose opened the meeting by having the pledge of allegiance recited. He then introduced the head table Earl Washburn, Robert Brandt, David Rose, Trustees, Village Manager Scott Murphy and Village Clerk, Ulla Cook.

Moderator Rose then asked if there were any other non-residents of the Village other than Scott Murphy. Theresa Southworth introduced herself as the administrator at the Gill Home.

Moderator Rose then proceeded to the articles:

Article 1: To elect Village Officers for the ensuing year.

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 five (5) years; commencing with the 2022 tax year?

Motion made to adopt the article by Logan Nicoll, second by Sharon Bixby. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article passed.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow fix the salaries of the Village Trustees, Water Commissioners and Village Clerk the same as last year, Village Trustees \$1,000.00, Water Commissioners \$1,000.00, Village Clerk \$1,000.00?

Motion made to adopt the article made by Sharon Bixby, second by Logan Nicoll. Sharon Bixby asked how long has it been since this was increased. Scott Murphy stated at least since 1994, the water commissioners were increased by \$500 to \$1,000 in 2010. He did the calculations for inflation and the \$1000 in 2004 would be equal to \$1,500 today. No further discussion. The motion was voted and the article passed.

Article 4: 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 to adopt the article made by Andrea Goldman, second by Michelle Brandt. Scott Murphy stated that next year we do not have to vote on this question as the League has stated that the board already has the legal authority to borrow money for a period of one year. No further discussion. The motion was voted and the article passed.

Article 5: Shall the Village of Ludlow collect taxes on Real Property in installments, taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer on August 15, 2022, November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023 and May 15, 2023 and must be delivered to the Town Treasurer and postmarked on or before the due date?

Motion made to adopt the article made by Sharon Bixby, second by Logan Nicoll. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article passed.

Article 6: 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 \$346,048.00?

Motion made to adopt the article by Logan Nicoll, second by Michelle Brandt. There was no discussion. The motion was voted and the article passed.

Article 7: To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.

Moderator Rose stated nothing binding can be done with this article.

Sharon Bixby wanted to compliment all the departments for the great job done with all the projects and kept the roads safe. Mr. Murphy agreed with Ms. Bixby that all departments worked really hard with limited resources but also experienced an unusual year. The Trustees completed several projects such as wastewater treatment plant and the High Street project.

No further discussion. Motion to adjourn by Sharon Bixby (in place of Mr. Kirkbride), second by Logan Nicoll.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ulla Cook, Clerk

Moderator

BCA Member

OFFICIAL RESULTS
VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VT
March 22, 2022

Number of voters on checklist	656
Absentee votes cast	4
 Total Votes Cast	 <u>40</u>

ARTICLE 1:

FOR MODERATOR

For 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE

NEWTON J. ROSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	38
_____ Write In	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Blank

FOR TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE

ROBERT BRANDT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	39
_____ Write In	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Blank

FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER

For 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE

ROBERT BRANDT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	38
_____ Write In	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Blank

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER

For 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE

GEORGE ABRAHAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29
_____ Write In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Brandt 8 Gerald Sheehan 1 Blank 2

Judith Pulliam
Thomas Yonah Cantor *Neil C.*