

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING
HOWARD BARTON JR. CONFERENCE ROOM**

Tuesday, January 04, 2022

6:00PM

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Earl Washburn, Vice Chairman Bob Brandt

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

David Rose, Chairman

STAFF:

Scott Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrea Goldman Meredith Milliken Patrick Cody (Okemo Valley-TV)

1. Call To Order

- A. Earl Washburn called the regular meeting of the Village Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. David Rose absent.

2. Consideration of any Changes, Additions or Removal to the Agenda

- A. Scott Murphy said that no changes are needed.

3. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

- A. Earl Washburn advised the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of December 7, 2021.
- B. **MOTION by Bob Brandt and seconded by Earl Washburn to approve minutes from the regular meeting of December 7, 2021 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Comments from Citizens

- A. There were none.

5. Sewer Allocation Request and Refund

- A. Jewell Brook LLC -1 Parker Avenue – Delay of Payment
 - i. Scott Murphy advised that the applicant has requested that the board extend the date for

payment of their \$43,600 allocation. They were given 90 days to make payment. However, the DRB did not close their hearing until December 22, 2021 and have not made their decision yet. They would like to delay their payment until after the DRB makes its decision. He said that he has spoken to David Rose about this and David Rose suggested that payment be tied into the DRB decision.

- ii. **MOTION by Bob Brandt and seconded by Earl Washburn to delay the payment of \$43,600 until the DRB decision is made. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. 57 Daybreak Drive - Refund

- i. Scott Murphy explained that the house was built and allocation granted for 1 to 3 bedrooms. The owner paid the bills. At some point, a clerical error in our office was made and we started charging them for 5 bedrooms. They continued to pay their bills. The property is being sold and the error was found. We owe the refund.
- ii. Consensus of board members to pay the refund.

6. **Review and Sign CWRLF and DWRLF Load/Subsidy Documents for Lower High Street/Pleasant Street Extension Project**

- A. Scott Murphy said that the board has previously approved the application for the services of A&E for the planning of this project. We applied for the grant. The board only needs to sign the documents. The Drinking Water side is \$11,350 and the Clean Water is \$9,550. We may receive a 50% subsidy and if not, payment will be at 0% interest over 5 years. He said that he will let David Rose know and if possible he will be able to come in. He said the Water Commission did not meet tonight, but the Trustees supersedes the Water Commission and may sign all of the documents for them. We just have to inform them that you have signed the papers.

7. **FY 2023 Village Budget Discussion**

- A. Earl Washburn said that he was not able to review the draft budget and would like to schedule a separate meeting just to discuss the budget. He wants a change to review it.
- B. Budget discussion was scheduled January 11, 2022.

8. **Other Business**

A. **Mask Mandate**

- i. Earl Washburn said that the Village is a separate political entity from the Town and we don't approve the mask mandate. He said that he feels that it violates his personal freedom.
- ii. Scott Murphy said that the Select Board extended their mandate for 30 days.
- iii. Earl Washburn said that if they are not going to enforce it, it is illogical.
- iv. Scott Murphy said that the Select Board felt that it gave businesses "teeth" in requiring masks.

9. **Municipal Manager Updates**

A. Cannabis Opt In

- i. Scott Murphy said that David Rose had asked him to find out more about the Village and Town opt in for cannabis. He wanted to know if the Village has to follow the town. Scott Murphy said that he spoke with VLTC and this only pertains if someone wants to open a retail business in the Village. He said the Trustees can make the decision to hold its own vote to opt in.

10. **Set Date for Next Meeting**

- A. Special Budget meeting on January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Next regular meeting will be on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

11. **Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- A. FY 2023 Budget

12. **Sign Warrant Orders**

- A. Earl Washburn said the warrants have been signed.

13. **Possible Executive Session/Personnel/Contracts/Legal Issues**

- A. Scott Murphy said that an Executive Session is not needed.

14. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by Bob Brandt and seconded by Earl Washburn to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisha Klaiber

David Rose, Chairman of Trustees

Earl Washburn, Vice Chair

Bob Brandt, Clerk