

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES**

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**VILLAGE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022**

**Zoom Electronic Meeting:**

Village of Ludlow Public Informational Meeting March 21st @ 6:00 pm  
Time: Mar 21, 2022 at 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

David Rose, Chairman

Bob Brandt

Earl Washburn

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Earl Washburn

**STAFF:**

Scott Murphy

Ulla Cook

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

George Abraham

Jared Houk

Patrick Cody - OVTV

Eric Alden

Meredith Milliken

Lisha Klaiber, Recording Sec.

Andi Goldman

1. **Call To Order**

- A. David Rose called the Public Informational Meeting for the Village of Ludlow to order at 6:00 p.m. He advised that guidelines for electronic meetings are being followed.
- B. Scott Murphy said this Public Informational meeting of the Village of Ludlow Board of Trustees and the guidelines allow people to call in and interact with board members: asking questions and getting answers. Minutes will be prepared and posted.

2. **Consideration of any Changes, Additions or Removal to the Agenda**
  - A. Scott Murphy advised that no changes are needed.
  
3. **Review & Discuss Article 1:** *To elect Village Officers for the ensuing year.*
  - A. David Rose advised the elections for Village Officers will be held tomorrow, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by Australian ballot.
  - B. David Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.
  
4. **Review & Discuss 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 the taxes for a period of five (5) years; commencing with the 2022 tax year?*
  - A. David Rose advised that the vote for this article will be off the floor at Village Meeting tomorrow. He said that the home has been exempted for several years and they are renewing it this year.
  - B. David Rose noted that there were no other questions or comments.
  
5. **Review & Discuss Article 3:** *Shall the voters of the Village of Ludlow fix the salaries of the Village Trustees, Water Commission and Village Clerk the same as last year, Village Trustees \$1,000.00; Water Commission \$1,000.00, Village Clerk \$1,000.00?*
  - A. David Rose advised that the vote is to fix the following salaries, which are the same as last year. He added that the salaries have not changed for several years. He said that he has been on the board for 20 years and it has not changed.  
Village Trustees - \$1,000.00  
Water Commissioners - \$1,000.00  
Village Clerk - \$1,000.00
  - B. Scott Murphy said that he did some research, going back to 2004 and, other than the Water Commissioners whose stipend went from \$500 to \$1,000 in 2010, the other salaries have remained the same.
  - C. David Rose said that this will also be voted on from the floor tomorrow night.
  - D. David Rose noted that there were no other questions or comments.
  
6. **Review & Discuss 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?*
  - A. David Rose noted that this is only done when needed.
  - B. Andi Goldman asked what the norm is for this, what they have done in the past and what was the amount.
  - C. David Rose said he does not recall having had to borrow before. It would be for operational expenses.

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- D. Scott Murphy said this gives the board the authority to borrow if needed. He used as an example – if there were a cash flow crisis.
- E. David Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.
7. **Review & Discuss 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 16, 2023, and must be delivered to the Town Treasurer and postmarked on or before the due date?*
- A. David Rose said this is self-explanatory.
- B. Andi Goldman asked if this is any different from other years and done every year.
- C. David Rose said it is basically boiler plate and allows the board to collect taxes.
- D. Ulla Cook said that the collection due dates coincide with the town due dates.
- E. David Rose noted that there were no questions or comments.
8. **Review & Discuss 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?*
- A. David Rose advised that this allows the Trustees to set the tax rate.
- B. Andi Goldman asked if this is about voting on an increase in taxes or how it's done.
- C. David Rose said this will be a vote, from the floor, for passing budget. The \$346, 048.00 is the amount to be raised in taxes.
- D. Scott Murphy said this is the operational revenue – the amount needed to be raised to meet expenses. This budget expenses are up about 1% (\$4,582.00) and the increase in amount to be raised in taxes is up 4.7%. He said this is due to a decrease in revenue.
- E. Andi Goldman asked if this is just a vote on the budget.
- F. Scott Murphy said the board will set the rate after the Grand List is set. The Trustees will vote in June or July to set the tax rate.
- G. Ulla Cook said that it is hard to set the tax rate because we don't know what the Grand List will be.
- H. There were no questions or comments
9. **Review & Discuss Article 7:** *To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.*
- A. David Rose said that this is the portion of the meeting when people discuss things not on the agenda. These cannot be voted on. It is for discussion only. He gave as an example – if someone wanted to discuss roads. He said the board would take it and pass it on to the correct department.
- B. Scott Murphy said that once an article has been discussed and voted on, you may not go back to it and re-address it.
- C. David Rose noted that there no other questions or comments.
10. **Adjourn**

- A. David Rose advised that they have gone through all of the Articles and asked for further comments. He said that the polls are open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that Village meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow.
- B. There were no further comments
- C. **MOTION to adjourn by Bob Brandt and seconded by David Rose. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

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David Rose, Chairman of Trustees

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Ulla Cook, Village Clerk

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Bob Brandt, Clerk

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Earl Washburn, Vice Chair

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Justice of the Peace