

MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

Tuesday December 3, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Gilmore, Chairman

Richard Harrison

David Rose

STAFF:

Frank Heald

Rose Goings

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Gwynn – LPCTV

1. **Call to Order**

A. Bob Gilmore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All present.

2. **Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

- A. Bob Gilmore advised the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of November 5, 2013.
- B. David Rose noted that under Item 2 – Review of Previous Minutes, the Special Meeting of October 28, 2013 was inadvertently omitted from the record. The minutes from October 28, 2013 were reviewed and approved as presented.
- C. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Richard Harrison to approve minutes from the meeting of November 5, 2013 as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Comments From Citizens**

A. There were none.

4. **Radar Speed Signs - Update**

- A. Frank Heald advised that the monthly report was included in the packets.
- B. David Rose noted that the speeds for the location on Route 100 South by Dorsey Park were not bad, mostly in the 20 mph area.
- C. Frank Heald advised that there is no speed limit sign on Andover in the stretch from Main Street to the trestle. They will get one. He added that with this piece of equipment, a picture will be taken of any vehicle going over a predetermined speed and will show up on his computer.
- D. Bob Gilmore noted that at the last meeting, a citizen had said that the speed limit of 25 MPH is too low for that area and has to ride his brakes all the way. Bob Gilmore said that, for his edification, he had tried gone down that stretch to check it out and did not have to ride his brakes once.

5. **FY2015 Budget Workshop**

- A. Frank Heald advised that the draft they have is a first cut, mostly done by staff. He has not gone over the numbers. He said that he had just received the Property Casualty and Workmen's Comp numbers yesterday. He advised that the Health Insurance numbers are good. He noted that there is an error in the Waste Water numbers that he needs to look at. He will have a new draft out to board members within a week or two for review at their January meeting.

- B. Bob Gilmore inquired about an order signed in October for a \$7,000 balance for the auditors and thought that it seemed high as they had already paid \$6,000.
- C. Frank Heald said he would check into that.
- D. Bob Gilmore said the bill was on the auditor's letterhead.
- E. Richard Harrison said the Trustees are working well with the Select Board.
- F. Bob Gilmore asked if they would do sidewalks next year.
- G. Frank Heald said they will evaluate the results from the FY2014 budget this summer. There is money in this budget to do sidewalks. We try to do them every other year.
- H. Frank Heald advised that with the new Act 148, the solid waste dynamics will be changing. By 2015, there will be mandatory recycling. Costs for covering Solid Waste in taxes will go away. ANR is favoring PAY TO THROW. For village residents, the Village pays for the truck and the town pays for the disposal. On January 1, 2016, there will also be composting of food wastes, either in backyards or at the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station must start its recertification process by September or October 2014. We must submit a 5-year plan and affidavit type assertions. We will need to start thinking about this.
- I. David Rose asked, with curbside pick-up in the Village, how they would handle PAY TO THROW.
- J. Frank Heald said that they may have to do away with the contract or if the town subsidizes, they will need an integrated Town/Village plan.
- K. David Rose said this would be more complicated and cost more.
- L. Frank Heald agreed.
- M. Bob Gilmore said that a lot of communities have curbside pickup.
- N. Frank Heald said that Rutland City does. He said that some people opt to take their trash to the transfer station.
- O. Richard Harrison said that he takes his trash to the transfer station and separates it before he goes up there. He said that he does not put anything out for pickup.
- P. Bob Gilmore asked if the PAY TO THROW was for garbage.
- Q. Frank Heald said the recyclables are free, but the hauler cans upcharge for trash because the recyclables are free.
- R. David Rose asked who the hauler works for.
- S. Frank Heald said that these are things they will need to discuss. The town will have to take MSW out of the budget.
- T. David Rose asked when the curbside pickup contract expires.
- U. Frank Heald said another year.
- V. Bob Gilmore said they will continue budget discussions at the next meeting.
- W. Frank Heald said yes and if needed, an interim meeting in January.

6. **Other Business**

A. **Village Annual Report**

- i. Frank Heald advised that the Select Board has decided not to include the full financial reports in the annual report, but would have a compact report in it, with full financials on the website and available at town hall. He said that most people do not read them and it would save money. He added that this board also needs to decide the size of the report, 8 ½ x 11 or 6 x 9. He said that the Select Board has opted for the larger size.
- ii. David Rose asked what the savings would be.
- iii. Frank Heald said in 2013, we spent \$1,800 and have budgeted \$800 for this year.
- iv. Richard Harrison said he likes the full reports.
- v. David Rose said he likes the full reports for transparency.
- vi. They will decide at the next meeting.

B. **Don Stryhas**

- i. Bob Gilmore sadly noted that longtime resident, Don Stryhas had passed away. Bob Gilmore extended condolences to his family and noted that Don will be greatly missed. He for years attended many meetings and played Devil's Advocate at some.
- ii. Frank Heald asked if they would like to arrange something from the Village.
- iii. Bob Gilmore said that funeral arrangements would be in the spring.

7. **Set Date for Next Meeting**

- A. Next regular meeting set for Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

8. **Sign Warrant Orders**

A. Warrant orders were signed.

9. **Possible Executive Session/Personnel/Contracts**

A. Frank Heald advised that an Executive Session would not be needed.

10. **Adjourn**

A. **MOTION to adjourn by Richard Harrison and seconded by David Rose. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

Robert Gilmore, Chairman

David Rose

Richard Harrison