



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 11, 2022

The duly warned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Monday, May 11, 2022 in the Community Room.

Trustees: Chair Riki French; Peter Gallo, Dan Young, Adam Lory and Sue Trainor
Staff: Carol Robertson, General Manager and Karen Wescom, Clerk/Treasurer

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no public comments. Trustees welcomed Sue Trainor to her first meeting. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. The minutes of the April 27, 2022 Public Information Hearing were reviewed.

Motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022. The motion carried with Sue Trainor abstaining since this is her first meeting. Warrants were reviewed, approved and signed.

The Chair requested nominations to elect the Chair. Motion by Peter Gallo to nominate Frederika (Riki) French as Chair of the Board of Trustees and second by Adam Lory. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair requested nominations to elect the Clerk of the Board. There was a requested review of the responsibilities of the position. The GM responded that the charter requires an appointment of this position, and that historically the Clerk of the Board is prepared to preside in the absence of the Chair. Motion by Adam Lory and second by Dan Young to nominate Peter Gallo as Clerk of the Board. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Trustees expressed appreciation to the Chair and the Clerk of the Board for their service and willingness to continue these responsibilities.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Riki French to appoint Karen Wescom as Clerk/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Trustees expressed appreciation for her continued dedicated service. The Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the process for by check payments. By policy, payments are approved by the GM, checks are signed by the Clerk/Treasurer together with one Trustee. With Jack Anderson's retirement from the Board, his name will be removed as a signatory with Union Bank and new check signatories are requested. The time consuming responsibility was detailed by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Adam Lory to have the

Clerk/Treasurer take actions required by Union Bank so that check signatories are Riki French, Dan Young and Sue Trainor. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dan Young and second by Peter Gallo to appoint Tom Weeks to the position that he currently holds on the Village Development Review Board, the three-year term expiring June 1, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

The GM gave a review of utility operations and improvements to include ISO Fire Protection Rating (PPC) results. Before the water improvements financed by the water bond, there was no fire flow protection within the defined pressure zone: Church Street, Fitch Hill Road, Eden Street to Main Street, turning right on Main Street down West Main to Parish Hall. On April 19, ISO performed tests on five hydrants, four connected to the water mains within the pressure zone defined by state regulators for compliance and one located at the Fire Station on Centerville Road. There were sixteen hydrants connected to water mains within the defined pressure zone that were prohibited from use. According to the ISO representative, the April 19 PPC results lead to less fire department requirements/expenditures versus requirements/expenditures under the previous PPC rating. ISO names this divergence, meaning that the lower the PPC rating, the greater the requirements/expenditures for the fire department, costs related to many things like equipment and personnel. The April 19 PPC rating leads to lower property owner's insurance cost compared to insurance cost related to a lower PPC rating. The new rating will be established by ISO, published and available to more than 120 insurance companies who subscribe to the service.

The GM reviewed regulatory issues to include Rate Increase Process / 30 V.S.A. §218(n) / Standard Filing, 2022 Integrated Resource Plan, next DPS meeting on May 13, Case No. 21-1939-PET; Case No. 21-1940-PET; Case No. 21-1941-PET, Docket 7307, Cybersecurity Annual Report to DPS, May 19.

The GM discussed the need for an executive session for the purpose of discussion of confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Dan Young to enter executive session at 7:45 p.m. with the GM and Clerk/Treasurer attending. The motion carried. Motion by Dan Young and second by Adam Lory to end executive session and return to regular session at 8:55 p.m. The motion carried. No action was taken.

There being no further business, motion by Peter Gallo and second by Dan Young to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. The motion carried.

Riki French, Chair

Date