



Village of Hyde Park
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting September 7, 2023

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Regular Meeting:

The duly warned special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday September 7, 2023 at the Lanpher Memorial Library 141 Main St.

Trustees: Riki French; Peter Gallo; Adam Lory; Sue Trainor
Staff: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Interim GM; Karen Wescom, Clerk/Treasurer
Others: Paul Lambert, VEIC; Tara Walsh

Riki French called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

Public Comments: Tara Walsh, Resident, stated that her property is near the Elementary School and that Casella is emptying the dumpsters around 3:30 am, this creates a major sleep disturbance. She has tried to contact Casella, has reached out to the Elementary School and the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's office would need to review the ordinance to see if it was enforceable. The Elementary School and Casella were of no assistance. Brian, Interim GM, discussed reaching out to Casella's. He will also reach out to the Sheriff's office to see if there was something that would be recommended for the ordinance that would provide clarity for enforcement.

1. Additions/Revisions to the agenda – None
2. Chair report – Riki reported that she had recently attended the Northeast Public Power Association's (NEPPA) annual conference and a report would be available at a future meeting.
ITEM 4 a iv --With Paul Lambert from VEIC in attendance Riki moved to item 4 a iv (VEIC – Discussion with Paul Lambert) – Brian, Interim GM, provided an overview of his discussions with Paul over the last few months regarding data exchange. Paul Lambert of VEIC explained his role is for Efficiency Vermont and to assist consumers with energy efficiency improvements to meet the goals set by the State. Recently there has been a focus on utilities partnering with Efficiency Vermont. Sue asked what was being invested back into Hyde Park from the money paid by ratepayers. Paul stated they didn't have a way to know dollar for dollar. They take a county approach. Paul's report indicates the number of customers assisted in Hyde Park, those numbers are derived from customer data and not by utility and no dollar value is attached.
3.
 - a Past Due accounts were reviewed
 - b. Motion by Sue Trainor to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting with the spelling error (fling) corrected. Second by Adam Lory. Motion carried. Riki abstained.
 - c. Motion by Peter Gallo to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2023 Special Meeting.

Second by Sue Trainor. Motion carried Adam Lory abstained.

d. Warrants were signed.

- 4 a. i. Town Highway request- no Town highway personnel present for discussion
- ii. Brian, Interim GM reported that the MERP application previously submitted for assessments were awarded. The Village Shop was awarded a level 2 energy resilience assessment while the French House and Opera house were awarded a Level 1 assessment, which is less intensive.
- iii. The Retreat will be September 22 place to be determined.
- iv. Topic discussed earlier.
- v. Brian reported that all items on the State water inspection report had been corrected. The reservoir and Spring buildings need to be addressed by 2025.
- b. No new discussion
- c. i. 1. Brian presented an updated resolution for the rate increase as was requested by the Department of Public Service. Motion by Adam Lory to adopt the updated rate resolution as presented for the 2% rate increase. Seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion carried.
2. Brian reported Vermont TRANSCO was offering a round of equity to all utilities, it would require borrowing money and does provide a rate of return, the details are not finalized due to the Public Utility Commission process. The resolution does not obligate the Village but allows forward motion to meet requirements for borrowing, public hearing and or vote noticing and purchase deadlines. Motion by Adam Lory to accept resolution for the TRANSCO Equity offering. Seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Peter Gallo and second by Sue Trainor to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Peter Gallo, Clerk of the Board

Date