



Village of Hyde Park

Thursday October 23, 2025

Village Conference Room, Municipal Building
167 Main Street, Hyde Park

BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMERGENCY MEETING Minutes

Trustee Members: Frederika French, Chair; Peter Gallo, Clerk; Sue Trainor; Amy O'Toole

Staff: Karen Wescom (left at 5:05 PM)

Present: Ron Shems and Sarah Buxton of Tarrant, Gillies and Shems (Electric Department legal counsel)

Public (all attending virtually): Bob Stein, Heather Mack, Laurie Burnham, Ted & Kim Lambert, Dana Tourangeau, John Stoll, David Whitesell, Dave Couch, plus 2 others (unnamed virtual participants)

Chair French called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Public: There were questions asked regarding the timing of the announcement: why notice didn't come earlier, amount of the debt, and how were items going to be paid? The Trustees responded by talking about the activities needed to address the situation through discussions with the DPS, VPPSA, auditors, and legal counsel and shared that more information would be forthcoming.
2. Sue Trainor made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters with counsel relating to financial difficulties, the premature disclosure of which would place the Board and Village at a substantial disadvantage. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board went into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.
3. Sue Trainor made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Peter Gallo. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board came out of Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.
4. Sue Trainor made a motion to authorize the Chair to work with the legal counsel of the Village and the Electric Department to take further actions in response to financial problems. Peter Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Peter Gallo made a motion to authorize the Chair to approve and sign the revised contract with legal counsel. Sue Trainor seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. No action was taken and the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Trainor
Trustee