



Village of Hyde Park

Thursday February 6, 2025

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes

Trustee Members: Present: Frederika French, Chair; Amy O'Toole, Sue Trainor
Staff Present: Karen Wescom, Village Clerk; Brian Evans-Mongeon, Village Manager
Other: Elizabeth Fenn

Chair French called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There were no citizens requesting time to present.

1. Additions or changes to the Agenda: The Village Manager indicated that the request for approval to establish a revised Net-Metering Tariff was being still being deferred as the information for the Board to act upon was not complete. The Village Manager suggested the Board advance the Home Day/Anniversary discussion up in order to accommodate guests present for the discussion. The Board consented. As a part of the recognition for 2025, the Village Manager shared a couple of Village logo updates that can be used in our celebration efforts. The Board liked the designs. Elizabeth Fenn talked about the initial efforts for Home Day including moving the event to later in the day because of the desire to match up with anniversary celebration of a street dance and fireworks. Additional fundraising and planning people are needed to help organize and pull of the events.
2. The Chair indicated that she did not have a report.
3. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Trustees' January 2, 2026 meeting noting that her name was missing from the attendance list. Amy O'Toole seconded the amended motion, passed unanimously, without abstention.
4. Warrants were distributed and signed.
5. Financial Allocation Methods: The Village Manager presented the proposed Tax Anticipation Notice (TAN) with the Union Bank. The note is a one-year note that will be payable in February 2026. The note pays off the February 2024 TAN and provides additional funding that the Village will use to pay toward the 2025 Solar Bond payment. Current operating revenues have not been sufficient to meet the bond payments and other expenses and thus increasing the note become the means to address the shortfall. Amy O'Toole made the motion to approve the TAN and to use the funds to address the bond shortfall. Sue Trainor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, without abstention. The Trustees pressed management to continue its financial work to see what can be done to reduce future borrowing.
6. Fleet Coverage: The Village Manager reported that the Village received a report that the current pickup truck will not pass another annual inspection which is due in May. Secondly, as a result of an internal review of other vehicles in the fleet, the dump truck is not providing the anticipated value in the work needing to be done and that costs are likely increase. The Village Manager shared that the Village should sell the dump truck, and seek bids over the course of

the next months on two pick up trucks. One would be heavy-duty and would be able to handle the plow front and the second bid would be a light to medium duty pickup, which would be more suited to current day workloads. The Board consented to having the Village post the dump truck for sale and to gain bids for the smaller pick up.

7. Water System Phase II project: The Village Manager reported that efforts on the next phase of the water project continue to move forward.
8. Sue Trainor made a motion to approve the applications for water allocations at 503 East Main Street. The applications are for water allocations (360 gpd) to each of the 3 residential parcels (Lots 1, 2, & 3) located at the subdivision. Amy O'Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, without abstention.
9. Sue Trainor made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters for 2025. Amy O'Toole seconded and the motion passed unanimously, without abstention at 7:12 PM.
10. Sue Trainor made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:34 PM. Amy O'Toole seconded and the motion passed unanimously, without abstention.
11. Roundtable items:
 - a. The Village Manager shared that Governor Scott recently named Kerrick Johnson as the new DPS Commissioner and wondered if the Trustees would like to invite him to the next Trustees meeting. They do and asked the Village Manager to extend the invitation.
 - b. The Village Manager provided some perspective on the recently announced Federal Government initiative on sales tariffs and the retaliatory efforts by Canada on energy sales to the USA. The contract has terms and conditions that raise several questions on potential nature of how the energy flows and dollars will be impacted the parties are reviewing them. Nothing to report at this time other than its has potential to add costs to our power supply costs.
 - c. Riki French shared some thoughts she had on how to increase community engagement and communication.
 - d. Sue Trainor was concerned and frustrated about recent communications between the Town and Village Administration on highway projects and discussions that overlap between the two. She encouraged the leadership to further engage town leadership on matters of shared interest.
 - e. It was noted that the next meeting day is Thursday March 6, 2025 and that date would conflict with other activities of the Trustees. A quick assessment showed a quorum would not be possible, so the Trustees agreed to move the next meetings to Monday, March 10, 2025, starting at 5 PM.
12. Motion to Adjourn by Amy O'Toole seconded by Rki French, motion passed unanimously without abstention. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.