

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Village of Lyndonville was held at the Municipal Office Building Conference Room Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Village Moderator, Al Toborg, gavelled the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly of 19 Village voters and 11 others in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was given as tribute to those serving in the military and those residents who have passed in the previous year. The reading of the Warning was dispensed with. Non-residents Dan Hill, Ken Mason, Ken Burchesky, Chris Thompson, Sam Hubbard, Lorraine Matteis, Jerry Prevost, Ellen Hinman, Cindy Cady and Cindy Karasinski were given permission to speak during the meeting.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator and a Clerk.

Motion made by Oralie Lefavre, seconded by Paula Gaskin, to nominate Al Toborg for the position of Moderator. There being no other nominations, Al Toborg was elected as Moderator by voice vote.

Motion made by Steve Gray, seconded by Chris Hunter, to nominate Dawn Dwyer for the position of Clerk. There being no other nominations, Dawn Dwyer was elected as Clerk by voice vote.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Village of Lyndonville authorize the Trustees to transfer the Restricted Funds identified as Miscellaneous (approximately \$33,700) to the General Fund for the purpose of reducing the deficit from 2013?

Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Linda Toborg, to adopt Article 2. Dan Hill explained that in researching the fund, he could not find where it was to be used for any specific purpose. The money from this fund would be used to offset the tax increase. There being no further discussion, Article 2 was adopted by voice vote.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Village of Lyndonville vote to adopt the proposed General Fund budget for the ensuing year?

Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Linda Toborg, to adopt Article 3 in the amount of \$708,221. Dan Hill pointed out that the budget did not provide for any big projects, only to maintain what we already have. There is money to replace the sidewalk on Main Street north to the bridge and on Maple Street if any money is left over from the Main Street project. The electrical panel in Band Stand Park needs to be replaced. Health Insurance costs are down due to Jim Eldridge retiring in July. We are fortunate that our health insurance is tied to Lyndonville Electric Department (LED) and due to that union contract, costs have remained the same this year. There is no money going into the equipment savings this year. We did buy a new John Deere tractor to plow and mow. The old tractor wasn't big enough so it was traded toward the new tractor while it still had a good trade in value. An additional \$10,000 was added to the salt budget, due to the type of winters we've been having. Edson Birchard commended the Village Crew for the outstanding job they have done this winter. There being no further discussion, Article 3 was adopted by voice vote.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Village of Lyndonville vote that taxpayers pay Village real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before 4:30 PM on Friday, November 7, 2014, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month for the first three (3) months, where after interest rates will be one and one-half percent per month, and an eight (8) percent late penalty charged against them from the due date of November 7, 2014, at 4:30 PM?

Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Paula Gaskin, to adopt Article 4. There being no discussion, Article 4 was adopted by voice vote.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Village of Lyndonville vote to authorize the Trustees to borrow money for the Electric Department not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in anticipation of revenues and to execute and deliver the note or notes therefore?

Motion made by Linda Toborg, seconded by Chris Hunter, to adopt Article 5. Ken Burchesky asked Ken Mason, Manager of LED, if Vail Station was on line. Mr. Mason explained that an assessment was done and he is currently waiting for the request for proposal (RFP) with no guarantees the work will be completed. Mr. Mason has asked the contractors' to come and look at the station before submitting their proposals. The weather hasn't permitted the contractor visits. Once the RFP's are received, Mr. Mason will look at cost vs payback. Mr. Mason also told the voters that LED hasn't had to borrow in anticipation of revenues (RAN) in the last 15-20 years. With that said, this may be the year the RAN may need to be used. Purchase power spiked in January 2014 but wasn't as high in February. Overall, Mr. Mason felt they would stay within budget by December 2014. There being no further discussion, Article 5 was adopted by voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Village of Lyndonville vote to authorize the Trustees to borrow money for the Water Department's normal expenses, not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in anticipation of revenues and to execute and deliver the note or notes therefore?

Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Paula Gaskin, to adopt Article 6. There being no discussion, Article 6 was adopted by voice vote.

Article 6A: To elect the following officers as required: Treasurer; Trustee for remaining Four (4) years of a Five (5) year term; Trustee for Five (5) Years; Delinquent Tax Collector; and Village Agent.

Treasurer: Motion made by Linda Toborg, seconded by Chris Hunter, to nominate Dawn Dwyer for the position of Treasurer. There being no other nominations, Dawn Dwyer was elected as Treasurer by voice vote.

Trustee (4 Years of a 5 year term): Motion made by Paula Gaskin, seconded by Chris Hunter, to nominate Ron Aiken Jr. for the position of Trustee for Four (4) years of a Five (5) year term. There being no other nominations, the motion was amended to direct Trustee Oralie Lefavre to cast one ballot for the assembly. Motion, as amended, carried by voice vote, and Ron Aiken Jr. was elected as Trustee for Four (4) years of a Five (5) year term by paper ballot.

Trustee (5 Years): Motion made by Steve Gray, seconded by Chris Hunter, to nominate Oralie Lefavre for the position of Trustee. There being no other nominations, the motion was amended to direct Trustee Tim Gaskin to cast one ballot for the assembly. Motion, as amended, carried by voice vote, and Oralie Lefavre was elected as Trustee for five years by paper ballot.

Delinquent Tax Collector: Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Ron Smith, to nominate Linda Lee for the position of Delinquent Tax Collector. There being no other nominations, Linda Lee was elected as Delinquent Tax Collector by voice vote.

Village Agent: Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Paula Gaskin, to nominate Peter Morrissette for the position of Village Agent. There being no other nominations, Peter Morrissette was elected as Village Agent by voice vote.

Article 7: Do the voters of the Village of Lyndonville desire to transact any other proper business?

Linda Toborg inquired how long Oralie Lefavre & Tim Gaskin have been Trustees. Oralie answered "Thirteen (13) years; not as long as Randy Amadon". Tim thought he has been on the board Twenty (20) plus years. Tim Gaskin feels very fortunate to have Dan Hill working for the Village and thanked him. Tim also thanked Justin

Smith, Zoning Administrator, and Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer, for handling issues in Dan's absence. Tim also recognized the Village Highway Department's quick efforts to clear the roads during and after storms and the Police Department which has been very busy.

Edson Birchard offered that he has lived in 9 of the 14 Counties in Vermont. He has observed the type of Government Lyndonville has and feels it's an acceptable system. He commended all departments for keeping apprised of issues.

Ken Burchesky asked the assembly to think about the following concept: there has been a lot of flooding, most recently in December 2013 where the ice backed up against the Sanborn Bridge. During that time, the flood plain was full but the Miller's Run River was not, and the water was flowing backwards. He suggested removing some of the soil that has accumulated over the years, expanding the flood plain. This would also help with LED's hydro production. He's contacted the Army Corp of Engineers and they are interested in this idea.

Oralie Lefavre thanked Ken Mason and his crew for their work. There have been fewer outages in the past year. Ken Mason attributes it to the new VELCO substation on Hill Street. Paula Gaskin asked if the coin drops were held 2 per month. Dan Hill advised her that one per month was held from May through October.

The following individuals spoke and answered questions on behalf of organizations seeking one of the six available coin drop slots; Ellen Hinman for Caledonia County Special Olympics, Cindy Karasinski for Cobleigh Public Library and Stars & Stripes Festival, Lorraine Matteis for Darling Inn Senior Meal Site, Sam Hubbard for H.O.P.E.(Helping Other People Everyday), Jerry Prevost for Lyndon Area Food Shelf, Cindy Cady for Lyndon Dog Pound, and Chris Thompson for Village Improvement Society (VIS).

There being no further business, motion made by Paula Gaskin, seconded by Chris Hunter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

RESULTS OF THE COIN DROP BALLOT

Organizations granted a coin drop:

H.O.P.E.	15
Village Improvement Society	14
Lyndon Dog Pound	13
Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	12
Cobleigh Public Library	11
Caledonia County Special Olympics	9

Organizations not granted a coin drop:

Lyndon Area Food Shelf	8
Lyndonville Fire Department	8 (no representation at Annual Meeting)
Lyndon Outing Club	4 (no representation at Annual Meeting)
Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball	4 (no representation at Annual Meeting)
Stars & Stripes Festival	4

ATTEST: A True Copy:

Oralie Lefavre, Trustee Chair

Al Toborg, Moderator

Dawn R. Dwyer, Village Clerk