

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
September 9, 2019 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Cathy Swain, Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin, Kate Kran, Patsy Tompkins, Chantal Jesmer, Gail Robitaille, Catherine McMaster

Call to Order: Called to order by NS at 6:03 p.m.

- A. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. None
- B. Meeting Minutes August 26, 2019 Minutes
 - a. JBC motioned to approve August 26, 2019 with amendment to Office/Facilities (see below), CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - i. Correction: NS shared a resident complaint of residents burning garbage. Trustees discussed and recommended that the ANR flyer on burn barrels be sent out in a utility bill.
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Catherine McMasters raised the concern of water quality:
 - i. Water smells and taste bad
 - ii. Other residents (Patsy Tompkins, Chantal Jesmer, Gail Robitaille) concurred
 - iii. Discussion of the seasonal change causes changes in water column in May Pond which often turns up tannins and other compounds from the pond bottom that contributes to the bad taste/smell.
 - iv. Discussion that perhaps additional filtering may assist with smell/taste but that would not be an immediate fix and would need to be budgeted in next year's budget
 - v. Discussion that water supply contractor and BVI staff were cleaning one of the water tanks and that this may offer some immediate relief once finalized.
- D. Old Business
 - a. Water / Sewer Account Collection Policy
 - i. JBC motioned to table, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Tax Rate Revisions
 - i. CS motioned to revise the Tax Rates per the Treasurer's letter, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - 1. General Fund – 0.1535
 - 2. Highway Fund – 0.7674
 - 3. Water Capital Debt – 0.1244
 - 4. Wastewater Capital Debt – 0.1128
 - 5. Total Tax Rate – 1.1581

- E. New Business
 - a. Budget Change Request Highway – Consider approval of Bidding Culverts, Ditching & Shouldering Berm Removal
 - i. JBC motioned to authorize Andy Sicard to select best bidder(s) for Project 1 (up to \$12,000) and/or Project 2 (up to \$8,000), CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - 1. Project 1: Ditching & Culverts
 - 2. Project 2: Pageant Park Road Culvert Grant Project
 - b. Consider VPPSA Transco Equity Purchase
 - i. JBC motioned to authorize Kate to answer that “Member [Barton Village Inc.] will assign the Equity Offer to VPPSA, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
- F. Other
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed.
 - i. JBC motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - ii. Review of August Budget vs Actual
 - iii. TAN for Highway Department
 - 1. CS motioned to approve and execute the Tax/Revenue Anticipation Note for \$45,000, the Non-Arbitrage & Use of Proceeds Certificate, and the Resolution to borrow, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Trustee Mail
 - i. None
 - c. Office / Facilities / Winter Plowing
 - i. NS provided an update on the status of discussions related to town and state plowing.
- G. Executive Session:
 - a. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:59 pm with Kate Kran to discuss contract issues whereas the premature disclosure thereof would put the Village at significant disadvantage, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. CS motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:31p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
- H. Adjourn: JBC motioned to adjourn at 8:32 p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: September 23, 2019

Submitted by Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin | Board Clerk

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk