

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
October 8, 2018 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Cathy Swain, Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin, Evan Riordan, Ed Barber (Newport Daily Express), Paul Sicard, John Morley III (Orleans Village), Bob Ferlazo, Lenny Zenonos (Barton Town), Jay Ruffe (Orleans Fire Department), Rick Sicard, TJ Poor

- A. Call to Order: Called to order by NS at 6:00 p.m.
- B. INFORMATION SESSION – VILLAGE RESIDENT DISCUSSION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES AND LONG TERM PLANS
 - a. NS presented an overview of the current Fire Department Buildings
 - i. Two buildings—the original structure and a newer structure
 - ii. Original structure has significant capital improvement needs
 - iii. With Orleans Village operating both fire departments, there isn't a need for two buildings
 - iv. Options include sell original building, repurpose the building for another community use, remove the building
 - b. Discussion of History of Fire Department and Barton Firefighter Association
 - i. Some residents present discussed that some of the funding for assets (building and equipment) was secured by the Barton Firefighters Association
 - ii. Discussion of whether Barton Firefighters Association was still active or organized (the Secretary of State has deemed them inactive for a number of years)
 - c. Discussion of the Joint Operations of the Fire Department by Orleans Village
 - i. Discussion that the lack of volunteerism was negatively affecting all emergency services, including volunteer fire departments
 - ii. Collaboration with Orleans Village has been successful with exception of the Fourth of July fireworks
 - iii. Discussion of tension between Orleans firefighters and previous Barton firefighters that has affected ongoing participation
 - 1. Some comments reflected that this was a reflection of more community wide tension between the communities
 - 2. Some comments reflected that the Barton Firefighters felt disrespected in the process
 - iv. Discussion that if the Barton Village location were completely closed down or even just had minimal equipment would negatively affect response times
 - 1. Concern expressed about having only one pumper in Orleans
 - v. Discussion of ISO rating for Barton Village affected by collaboration
 - 1. John Morley shared that the collaboration most likely would maintain the ISO rating or possibly improve it.

- vi. Discussion of need for Barton to maintain an Assistant Fire Chief
 - 1. Some comments reflected wanting to maintain an Barton Assistant Fire Chief so that the interests of Barton Village were better taken into account
 - 2. Some comments expressed reservations about this as all members of the fire department would still need to report to the Orleans Fire Chief under the current arrangement
 - vii. Discussion of how Parades or events like the Turkey Trot would be handled
 - 1. Orleans Fire Department does not support these activities in a manner similar to how Barton Fire Department did
 - 2. Discussion that this really needs to fall on community organizers and/or contracts with EMS or other service providers
 - viii. Discussion that overall comments from community members seemed positive under the collaboration
 - d. Discussion of property and assets
 - i. Tanker is not high value equipment and should be disposed of
 - ii. Original building should be disposed of or repurposed as there is not a need for it for firefighting purposes
 - iii. Persons present indicated that it's really a Trustee decision as they see fit
 - iv. Trustee comments reflected a desire to have a recommendation on equipment and property needs from Orleans Fire Chief
 - v. Discussion that the pool table could possibly be offered to the legion
- C. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. JBC motioned to add 3-4-50 update, fluoridation update, and Property Adjacent to EM Brown, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
- D. Meeting Minutes September 24, 2018
 - a. JBC motioned to approve September 24th, 2018 minutes, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
- E. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. None
- F. Old Business
 - a. Consider camping ordinance on Village Property
 - i. JBC motioned to table discussion until next meeting, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Red Cross Van Storage Agreement from Previous Meeting Approval
 - i. CS motioned to authorize NS to execute Revocable License with \$1 exchange, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - c. 3-4-50 Update
 - i. JBC shared that Orleans Village, Barton Graded School, Orleans Elementary School, and St Paul's School would all participate in the 3-4-50 grant.
 - ii. Funds earmarked in the proposal for Barton Village included securing four radar speed limit signs and signage for updated speed limits/school zones.

- d. Fluoridation Update
 - i. JBC shared that he met with Jefferson Tolman to discuss fluoridation. Jefferson would like to meet with operators from Orleans and Newport (municipalities that currently fluoridate) before asking the Vermont Department of Health to come with an onsite assessment.
 - ii. NS asked that Jefferson learn about possible corrosion in the system due to fluoridation and impacts on water quality with a focus on lead and cooper.
- G. New Business
 - a. Department Updates
 - i. Electric
 - 1. TJ Poor presented to the Trustees data and projections for the variance related to purchase power agreements and demands
 - a. Discussion included the major drivers of the variance
 - 2. Discussion of how to mitigate the risk related to this variance
 - a. Strategies included more sensitivity analysis based on varying assumptions and/orVPPSA may increase the Contingency line item to help absorb additional costs
 - b. No action taken
 - ii. DPW (see Facilities)
 - b. Property Adjacent to EM Brown
 - i. CS shared with Trustees that she had received notice of an erosion problem adjacent to a parking lot adjacent to EM Brown
 - 1. It's not entirely clear who the property owner is
 - 2. NS shared that the Village had previously fixed drainage issues at this location that were a result of run off from the street.
 - 3. CS shared that EM Brown would like Village assistance with this issue as a sink hole as opened up related to ongoing erosion issues
 - 4. Trustees took no action
- H. 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.
 - b. Authorize Alternate Trustee to sign Payroll in Tin's Absence
 - i. JBC motioned to authorize CS to sign Payroll the week of October 15, 2018 as he would be away on vacation, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - c. Trustee Mail
 - i. Turkey Trot
 - 1. Discussion that this fell under the facility use policy and referred the issue to staff
 - d. Office / Facilities
 - i. Consider Contractor for Test Well Pumping with Hydrogeologist
 - 1. Bids were requested from all local vendors

2. Trustees consider the bids submitted:
 - a. Monosh presented no bid
 - b. Tri-State presented a bid of \$6,500
 - c. Gosselin Water Wells presented a bid of \$7,000 with additional fees for running pump and generator
3. JBC motioned to engage Tri-State for test well testing, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.

I. Executive Session:

- a. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss personnel, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.
- b. CS motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:24 p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
- c. JBC motioned to lay off Highway Equipment Operator effective November 5th 2018 to April 29th, 2019, CS seconded. Unanimous approval.

- J. Adjourn: CS motioned to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: October 22nd, 2018

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

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk