

Barton Village, Inc.
Regular Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023
6:00 pm
Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair), Ellis Merchant, Marilyn Prue, Crystal Currier (VPPSA) Dave Billado, Andy Sicard (Village DPW Forman), Paul Sicard, Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk)

Agenda

- A. Call to Order: Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 6.02PM
- B. Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions - None
- C. Privilege of the Floor - Paul Sicard; in regards to the High Street parcel and the soil testing. Concerned about testing taking place and not being informed of any updates. Crystal advised that the Village has not received any updated testing results to date in 2023. Mr. Sicard hired his own firm to do his own research and those findings have warranted him to request his entire property be dug and dirt removed to an undisclosed depth to see what exactly is under ground. Crystal stated she would have VHB come in with a presentation on what has taken place on the High Street parcel and discuss next steps.
- Mr. Sicard then moved on to discuss Sunrise Ave and the topic of Mr. Hayden coming to the 6/12/2023 meeting. Mr. Sicard noted that there would be no activity on Sunrise Avenue and also noted that the Village has roads that the Village is maintaining that are not on the Village tax map. Forty road & a section of Redfield road was brought up. Mr. Andy Sicard agreed and stated he has been in discussions with the State over the years regarding those roads. Mr. Paul Sicard requested to go into Executive session to discuss his concerns about Sunrise Avenue but since this topic was not warned he was advised that he could not be part of the 6/26 Executive Session but could be added to the 7/10/2023 trustee meeting and he declined to wait until the next Trustee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- D. Minutes from Regular Board of Trustees Meeting June 12, 2023 - Amendment to the minutes to reflect SUNRISE AVENUE and not Sunset Lane as previously noted in the 6/12 minutes.
- E. Financial Reports for period ending May 31, 2023 - Gina made a motion to review the financial reports. Marilyn 2nd the motion. After review, Marilyn made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Ellis 2nd the motion.

- F. **East Engineering PLC** --Tyler Billingsley will be the engineer for the Salt/Sand Shed project. He has been working with USDA to determine what has been done and what remains.
- Both East Engineering and USDA require all parties enter into an agreement for engineering services. That agreement was reviewed and a motion to accept and approve the agreement for engineering services with East Engineering Services and USDA was made by Gina and 2nd by Ellis.
- G. **Salt/Sand Shed Cost Overrun/Funding** - Due to the delay in the project, the construction costs are significantly higher than originally projected in 2020 with total estimated costs in 2023 of \$218k vs the estimated cost in 2020 of \$124K.
- This results in a considerable funding deficiency (additional \$94K) that would result in a higher cost share to the Village. The prior cost share was estimated at approximately \$31K and this would increase that cost to approximately \$125K. USDA has indicated that the Village can file a new application for the cost overrun but that will likely delay the project until spring of 2024. The Board agreed to reapply to USDA for additional funding with construction anticipated in CY 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- H. **Barton Memorial Building Furnace** - discussion about grants available to replace the furnace. Fred's Heating and Plumbing is coming in on July 10th to do an estimate to replace the steam furnace that is no longer in service. A concern is timing of delivery and installation before the cold weather hits.
- I. **Rt 5 & Rt 16 State take over / Street paving priority listing** -The Board has received a response from the Governor's office regarding a letter from the prior Board dated March 13, 2023 requesting the State take over Rt 5 & Rt 16. Discussion around informing the Village Voters that the state rejected the request to take over Rt 5 & Rt 16. Also the urgency to reach out to the VTRANS to keep the State plows down for winter 2023/2024. The discussion moved to a list of Village roads, and the condition of the roads in order to determine a priority of the roads that need paving. Plans for 2023 paving have been scrapped until 2024. In addition discussion again to the roads that are not technically on the Village map. Forty Road and a section of Redfield Road.
- J. **Results of Smoke Testing/Sewer Ordinance Violations** -at the end of May/early June, Tim Dagesse (Village WasteWater Manager) and other Village personnel conducted the smoke testing on the wastewater collection and treatment system. The testing identified

several areas of maintenance that will need to be addressed as well as several areas whereby property owners are in violation of the village's sewer ordinance.

On Monday, June 26th a letter was sent to approximately 15 property owners notifying them that they are in violation of the village's ordinance and a deadline for resolution to the violation. If you receive a letter, it is highly recommended you reach out to Tim Dagesse via the phone number indicated on the letter.

K. Management/Staff Report - Reviewed

OTHER ITEMS:

L. Other Business - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

M. and N.

Ellis made a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the Village's discussions and / or negotiations with IBEW personnel would place the Village in a position to suffer a substantial disadvantage because it would expose proposed terms of the contract negotiations. Marilyn 2nd the motion and the motion was approved.

Ellis motioned to go into Executive Session @ 8:52 PM for the purpose of discussing the IBEW Contract negotiations and personnel matters. as allowed under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 () (3) and Section 313 (A)(1)(B) of the Vermont Statutes.

Marilyn 2nd the motion and the motion was approved.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:00 pm. Ellis Merchant made a motion to accept the IBEW contract covering the period 2023-2025 as presented. The motion was seconded by Regina Lyon and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm

Date of Next Regular Board Meeting: July 10, 2023

Submitted by Regina (Gina) Lyon, Board Chair

Attested by Shelia Martin, Village Clerk