

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
January 6, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Hampshire was called to order by Village President Michael J. Reid, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Hampshire Village Board Room, 234 S. State Street, on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Roll Call by Village Clerk Vasquez:

Present: Heather Fodor, Aaron Kelly, Toby Koth, Lionel Mott, Laura Pollastrini, and Erik Robinson.

A quorum was established.

In addition, present in-person were Village Manager Jay Hedges, Finance Director Lori Lyons, Village Manager Assistant Josh Wray, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, and Police Chief Brian Thompson. Also, present electronically: Tim Paulson – EEI

President Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca Penkaty, employee of Minerallac – Ms. Penkaty mentioned that when the tornado sirens go off we could not hear it in the warehouse with all our noise. Perhaps move them closer to them. The sirens are for people who are outside. Maybe Minerallac could look into a PA system. Ms. Penkaty is also our New Hampshire Township Tax Assessor. Congratulations!

MINUTES

Corrections:

- Trustee Koth noted on page 9 third paragraph President Reid misspelled “wish”.

Trustee Fodor moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021, with the changes as stated.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Kelly, Fodor

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Discussion Regarding an Increase in the Registration Fees for Video Gaming Terminals effective for the Calendar Year 2023 Licensing Period.

The State Recently passed HB 3136, a law modifying the video gaming regulations. Village of Hampshire now can raise the price up to \$250 per terminal instead of \$25.00 for non-home rule communities. Trustee Kelly would like to see what the BDC thinks about raising it up. A few trustees thought it was too high. Staff will draft an ordinance with the amount of \$250 and we can always adjust the fee.

Discussion of Code Enforcement Challenges:

Gravel Parking – Residential

Mr. Hedges explained we noticed quite a few homes that have gravel driveways and alleys that do not comply with our code. Do we want the homeowners pave it some driveways are extremely big would be a burden on some of them, or when the house goes for sale the buyer would need to have it paved? Trustee Kelly mentioned on the other hand, we could just grandfather in the ones that were here before the codes were established in 1985. Some homes have gravel on the side of their house for campers or boats. After much discussion about Grandfather in not grandfather in, sale of the house or not. The ones not grandfathered in would be ok but enforce the others after 1985 but be lenient. Staff draft up an ordinance let properties grandfathered in to the zoning requirements also grandfather them into the parking regulations.

Gravel Parking- Industrial

Mr. Hedges explained the problem the dust when trucks are driving in it. Trustee Koth mentioned over by Brier Hill they should fence and gravel it, have the trucks go at a slower speed so they do not kick up the dust. Therefore, for any new business who wants to come in and have gravel instead of it-paved parking lot would need to fill out a special use and go the Zoning and Planning Committee. Staff will draft up a special use for gravel used for parking in heavier Industrial areas specifically M2 and M3 industrial districts

Shipping Containers and COVID Testing Sites

Mr. Hedges explained the Village has a few in town, the trustees mentioned the one at Hampshire Commons it is an eye sore and they are not open. Robin Burklow from Remax Realtor explained her husband Bruce has left messages for them to come and pick it up. The Village cannot do anything about it since it is on private property. Maybe have them fill out a business registration so we know how to contact them.

Chicken Regulations

Mr. Hedges explained that a resident asked the board about a chicken coop in her yard to help teach her son about taking care of them. The Village would only allow so many coops in the beginning as a test run by issuing permits. The coop would be a certain size, no selling, no slaughtering, no roosters, and so far from the side yard. Trustee Fodor has been around chickens and they do carry disease, smell and attract other animals.

Trustee Kelly thanked Mr. Hedges and Mr. Wray for looking into having chickens in town. Trustee Fodor would like to setup to make sure the chickens are ok and no homeowner decides to get rid of them in someone's field.

Village President Reid would like Staff to draft an ordinance for a pilot program with restrictions, as stated.

Presentation of the FY 2023 Budget Calendar

Ms. Lyons stated this is self-explanatory, the Budget Committee will be meeting February 23 and March 9, 2022 all are invited.

MONTHLY REPORTS

November Financial Report

Ms. Lyon explained this report is for seven months ending in November 30, 2021. Water/Sewer fund looks fine; sewer training is high due to additional certified staff. Admin. Equipment is the deposit on memorial sign replacement (French & 72) unbudgeted. Trustee Kelly inquired about the Police Pension Fund Ms. Lyons said this coming budget will be \$600,000.00 towards this fund it is a big chunk.

December Building Report

Mr. Wray noted Lennar has applied for 11 new home permits, also total new home permits were a bit down in 2021 at 49 versus 62 in 2020. The average plan review time for 2021 is 2.1 days, which is very well compared to the former average with B&F of over 7 days,

December Streets Report

Trustee Koth presented the report mentioning the plows are working; they are changing the blades out. Other than that, they are doing a great job.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A Motion to approve the January 6, 2022 Regular Accounts Payable

Trustee Koth moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the sum of \$336,310.40 paid on or before January 12, 2022.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Pollastrini, Robinson, Koth, Mott
Nays: None
Absent: None

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION REPORTS

- a) Business Development Commission – Trustee Kelly reported a meeting be held on Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Trustee Kelly congratulated Iron Wok, they are doing a great job and I wish them the best of luck.
- b) Public Relations – No report
- c) Public Works – Report was done earlier
- d) Budget Committee – Trustee Pollastrini reported the first budget committee be held on February 12 and then March 9. Think about spending more or less in other areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Robinson would like to revisit sidewalks and shoveling them in the winter. Disable /seniors cannot shovel, kids walking to school or bus stop have to go into the streets same as walking your pets. For the seniors check if there is a community service program and check if any of them are a success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Koth wanted this in the minutes the newsletter article that went out seems Rose Garden as omitted, didn't mentioned Ana opened her restaurant on her own time, she didn't make any sales. In addition, no mentioned of Nicole who was reading stories to the kids.

Trustee Robinson wanted to say thank you Ana for opening her restaurant and to Trustee Koth for his service to this community it is fantastic.

Village President Reid congratulated Mr. Hedges for the appointment in the ILM Revenue & Taxation policy.

Village President Reid wanted to send out condolences to Trustee Mott and his family on the passing of his brother.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Robinson moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Pollastrini, Robinson, Koth, Mott

Nays: None

Absent: None


Linda Vasquez, Village Clerk