

The unofficial minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on August 23rd, 2021. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, Sept. 13th, 2021.

In attendance: Mayor - G. Ostrander, DPW Superintendent – J. Bechy, Treasurer/Clerk - G. Barnes, Village Attorney – W. Getman, CEO – K. English, Trustees: A. Briggs, B. Bogan, G. Mortelette, and J. Younes

Not in attendance: Fire Chief – W. Beach

Public in attendance: Patty Louise, Ashley Olin, Kari Thomson

- 7:00 PM Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve the minutes of the Aug. 9th, 2021 Board meeting
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – J. Younes Carried
- Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts GEN ABS, TA ABS, H0 ABS dated 8-23-21
Motion – A. Briggs 2nd – G. Mortelette Carried
- Kari Thomson from 4 Corners Food Co-op made a presentation to the Board to explain why the Co-op was formed and what they hope to accomplish. Ms. Thomson explained that 4 Corners hopes to be a full grocery store and will be owned by members of the Co-op who must pay a one-time lifetime membership fee. Members will have voting rights in how the Co-op will be run and will receive discounts on certain items. You will not need to be a member to shop at the Co-op. The Co-op will try to source most of their goods from local farmers and producers, but some items like bananas would have to be outsourced. There will be a membership drive on Sept. 25 from 11am – 4pm at Scenic View in West Winfield. They hope to reach their goal of 300 memberships for them to move to the next phase of completing the Co-op. Once they have the memberships, a feasibility study will be performed to determine where the best location will be for the store. They would like the physical store to be somewhere between Waterville and West Winfield. They also have a GoFundMe set up for local alums who may not want to be a member but still want to donate to the community. Membership fees are \$100 for a single, \$75 for seniors and military, and \$150 for a family.
- Public Participation
 - Ashley Olin asked for any update on the Big Creek issue. DPW Bechy stated that the planning is still going on but Joanne Humphrey from Trout Unlimited has been away, so he didn't have anything new to report on the plan to move the creek. He did have a call with the DEC. The DEC says that the Village will be able to obtain the special permits needed to get into the creek after Sept. 30. Kristin Campbell from Oneida County said the Village's 75/25 grant from the County received the first of several necessary approvals. The County grant money will not be available until some time next year. Assemblyman John Salka obtained a second \$50,000 non-matching grant to help with the flooding issues on Big Creek. That money also will not be available until next spring.
- Department Head's Reports
 - DPW J. Bechy
 - The garbage truck is still out of service. The ETA for the new DEF sensor is Sept. 3rd. The Village is still using the Village of Hamilton's spare garbage truck. DPW Bechy stated that the Village may want to consider ordering a new garbage truck this year. All vendors are stating that garbage truck orders are approximately 2 years out. DPW Bechy will be gathering cost information for new garbage trucks to present to the Board.
 - WWTP will be back online the week after Labor Day. The project contractor has been having problems getting parts. ETA on project completion is July 2022

- CEO K. English
 - There have not been any new permits issued. CEO English has completed a few multi-residential building inspections and has spoken to the manager for Schoolhouse Apartments regarding the temporary drive-way. CEO English also discussed the shed on W. Bacon St. that received a Notice of Violation from Mayor Ostrander because the shed is not within the setback requirements set by the Village's Zoning Ordinance. CEO English believes that the ordinance does not apply to accessory structures and therefore not subject to the setback requirements. VA Getman believes the wording in the ordinance does apply to accessory structures, but he will review the wording again. VA Getman says the Notice of Violation still stands until the owner applies for a variance request to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- Treasurer/Clerk G. Barnes
 - Received a facility use request from AYSO to use the Village field near the well house. AYSO will be using the field on Saturdays from 9/11 – 10/31 and on Sunday 9/19 due to Cruise-In for the 2021 Fall AYSO season.
 - Motion to approve request – B. Bogan 2nd – J. Younes Carried**

- Village Attorney William Getman
 - The deed documents are almost completed for the recently purchased Berrill Ave. property that Michael Simpson purchased from the Village.
 - Trustee Bogan made a motion to have VA Getman draft a document allowing Village of Waterville non-profits, such as Waterville First and the Waterville Historical Society, to use the image of the recently painted mural.
 - M – B. Bogan 2nd – G. Mortelette Carried**

- Trustee's Reports/Old Business
 - Brian Bogan
 - Summer Rec Director Madden Barnes submitted an end-of-year report regarding this year's Summer Rec Program. This year's program received very good feedback.
 - Amanda Briggs
 - Trustee Briggs asked whether the Village had any new information regarding local dog wardens. Mayor Ostrander has a call into the Dog Warden for the Town of Brookfield but has not had a call back. He will follow up with him.

- Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Ostrander made a motion for the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.
 - M – G. Ostrander 2nd – G. Mortelette Carried**
 - Board went into Executive Session at 8:49pm
 - Motion to exit Executive Session – B. Bogan 2nd – J. Younes Carried**
 - Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00pm

- Adjournment, next meeting Sept. 13th, 2021 at 7pm.
 - **Motion to adjourn – B. Bogan 2nd – J. Younes Carried**
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

Treasurer/Clerk Signature

Date