

**VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK  
ANNUAL MEETING 2016  
MARCH 15, 2016  
MINUTES**

The meeting opened with comments by Trustee Chair Candace Coburn honoring Mary Riley, Lynn Beach and outgoing Trustee Chris Miller.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 P.M. by Moderator Greg Camp. Mr. Camp read the Warning.

The Moderator read Article I and turned the meeting over to Trustee Chair Candace Coburn for the election of the Moderator.

**ARTICLE I: To elect Village officers for the ensuing year as required by law:**

**Moderator- 1 year term**

Jane Soule nominated Greg Camp. The nomination was seconded by Joby Thompson. There being no other nominations, Greg Camp was elected to another term as Moderator.

**Clerk- 1 year term**

Chris Miller nominated Don Wheeler as Village Clerk. The nomination was seconded by Jeffrey Kahn and Mr. Wheeler was elected for another term as Village Clerk.

**Trustee- 3 year term**

Cary Agin was elected to the three (3) year term by Australian Ballot.

**Trustee- 2 year term**

Jeffrey Kahn was elected to the two (2) year term by Australian Ballot.

**Treasurer- 1 year term**

Sally Miller nominated Ann Marie Boyd. The nomination was seconded by Corwin Sharp. There being no other nominations, the Clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Boyd and she was duly elected to serve the Village as Treasurer for the coming year.

**Trustee of Public Funds- 1 year term**

Ann Marie Boyd made a motion, seconded by Chris Miller to nominate Alison Clarkson as Trustee of Public Funds for the coming year. Mrs. Clarkson was duly elected to serve as Trustee of Public Funds for the coming year.

**Auditors (2)- 1 year term**

Jeffrey Kahn nominated Charles Kimbell, seconded by Chris Miller. The clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Kimbell and he was duly elected as Auditor.  
Candace Coburn nominated Corwin Sharp, seconded by Ann Marie Boyd. Mr. Sharp was duly elected as Auditor.

**Fire Wardens (3)- 1 year term**

Emo Chynoweth, Edmund Paige and Joel Carey were nominated by Chris Miller. The motion was seconded by Ward Goodenough. Mr. Chynoweth, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Carey were duly elected to serve as Fire Wardens for the coming year.

**ARTICLE II:** To receive and act upon the reports of the Village officers.

Jeffrey Kahn made a motion to receive and act upon the reports of the Village Officers. The motion was seconded by Emo Chynoweth. The Article passed.

**ARTICLE III:** To fix the annual compensation for the elected Village officers.  
Moderator 50.00 per meeting  
Treasurer 1500.00 per year  
Clerk 400.00 per year  
Trustees 750.00 per year

On a motion by Joby Thompson seconded by John Audsley, the Article passed as written by voice vote.

**ARTICLE IV:** To see if the Village will vote to collect the Village General taxes on real estate and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA, Chapter 133 and fix the date of payment as November 4, 2016 and May 5, 2017.

John Audsley made a motion to accept the Article as written. The motion was seconded by Corwin Sharp. The Article passed as written.

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to borrow money if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for FY 2016-2017 to defray current expenses and debt of the Village.

On a motion by Sally Miller, seconded by Jane Soule, the Article passed as written.

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$1,515,070.00) and raise by taxation the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars and raise by taxation the sum of (\$633,170.00) to pay the current expenses and debt of the Village.

General Government	\$131,080.00
Planning & Zoning	109,850.00
Village Highways Total	455,700.00
Village Police	751,940.00
Insurance	62,000.00
Contingency	3,000.00
Capital Outlay	<u>1,500.00</u>

**Total** **\$ 1,515,070.00**

Chris Miller made a motion to put the Article on the floor. The motion was seconded by Candace Coburn.

Trustees discussed each Section of the budget.

Jeffrey Kahn (General Government)-Budget is slightly higher because of legal fees for defense of a zoning ordinance. There is a \$13,000 increase in insurance because of being in an insurance pool where claims were higher.

Chris Miller (Village Highway)-Increase due to crosswalks being painted twice annually. Trash expense up due to two barrels at each location.

Construction/Paving: Question by Gary Thulander on which areas the paving money will be directed. Mr. Swanson explained it will go to the worst condition areas. John Audsley raised the question: Are we following the Ordinance established several years ago to properly fill holes and areas dug for repair. Mr. Swanson explained policy and intent. He will look into cost of repairing holes per Ordinance.

Highway Superintendent, Ken Vandenburg explained problem and proper repair solution. Expenses for proper repair could be brought before a Special Village Meeting. The topic of the Village Green fence was raised. It will be repaired following a truck accident last year and new molds will be retained by the Village for future repairs. There is money set aside in Capital Reserve for a plan to build Archways at each end of the Green which would resemble those there in the past.

Emo Chynoweth (Village Police)-Candace Coburn announced that Emo Chynoweth has recently been named Assistant Fire Chief.

Emo explained the proposed bike patrol and how it will make the police more accessible to the entire Village.

Ward Goodenough (Boards and Agencies)-Ward explained the Snow Dump expenditures are deferred.

The Budget, as written, passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Village will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the care and planting of trees.

On a motion by Jeffrey Kahn seconded by Emo Chynoweth, the Article passed as written.

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Village will vote to raise and appropriate from taxes the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of Village beautification projects and seasonal decorations. This money to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Village Trustees.

Candace Coburn made a motion to pass the Article as written. The Article was seconded by Gary Thulander. The Article passed, as written with no discussion.

**ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of paying the Trustee of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve such expenditure from income of the trust funds.

Candace Coburn made a motion to accept the Article as written. The motion was seconded by Emo Chynoweth.

Discussion followed concerning investment income from trust funds is not enough to cover expenditures.

An amendment was proposed by Charles Kimbell seconded by John Audsley to modify the Article to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 instead of \$1,000.00.

The Article passed.

**ARTICLE X:** To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of auditing the Public Trust Funds, and approve such expenditure from income of the trust fund.

The Article was moved on a motion by Jeffrey Kahn, seconded by Chris Miller.

An amendment was proposed by Charles Kimbell, seconded by Jane Soule to change the Article to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 instead of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of auditing the Public Trust Funds.

Following a short discussion, the Article passed.

**ARTICLE XI:** To see if the Village will vote to exempt the Norman Williams Public Library from paying taxes on their parking lot. Specifically, through either or both of the exemptions listed below for the Parking Lot of the Norman Williams Public Library for a period of five years.

- A. Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
- B. Exemption from the education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

On a motion by Candace Coburn seconded by Jeffrey Kahn the Article was moved. A short discussion indicated the Article had already passed at Town Meeting.

The Article passed as written.

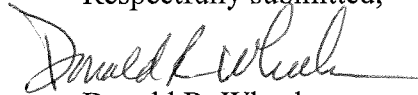
**ARTICLE XII:** To act on any other business that may legally come before the Village Meeting.

Sally Miller noted that a survey on energy is available through Sustainable Woodstock website. She would like as many residents as possible to complete the survey.

Sally Garmon raised the question about additional Welcome signs at each entrance to the Village. The Trustees will add that item to their next agenda for discussion.

John Audsley made a motion to adjourn the Village Meeting at 8:35PM. The motion was seconded by Chris Miller and the meeting adjourned at that time.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald R. Wheeler  
Village Clerk