

**Village of Woodstock
Board of Trustees
March 14, 2023
6:30 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Seton McIlroy, Jeffrey Kahn, Brenda Blakeman, Bill Corson, Gabe DeLeon, Eric Duffy, Nikki Nourse, Cynthia Stevens, Tess Hunter, Beth Finlayson, Jill Davies, Police Chief Robbie Blish

A. Call to order

1. Chair McIlroy called the Trustees Meeting of March 14, 2023, to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Citizen comments

1. Mr. Corson mentioned a resident wanting a dog park in town.
 - a. Mr. Duffy has spoken with the resident.

C. Additions to and deletions from posted agenda

1. Deleted – Planning Commission & Zoning for Housing Presentation

D. Manager's report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Duffy stated that there is a vacancy of the Finance Committee. Chief Blish will be retiring. His last day is July 16th.

2. Financial report

- a. The financial report was discussed. The short term rentals are low. They are high on administration.

E. Police Chief's report

1. Chief Blish stated that Officer Murphy is doing very well. Harold Eaton will be receiving the golden meter for 20 years of service. Meter revenue was \$10,407.77 for February.

F. New business

1. ARPA survey results discussion

- a. Received 180 proposals. The most popular choice was to use the money for sidewalks. 70 people voted that. They have \$164,000. This will be discussed more next meeting.

2. Communication plan

- a. Mr. Duffy stated he wants to create a plan on how they will communicate internally and externally.

3. Agenda planning

- a. Mr. Duffy would like to create a plan for agendas for a year, so people know what will be discussed when. This will help with communication to the public.

4. Municipal Manager's goals & objectives

- a. Mr. Duffy wanted to state that he has reviewed these, and he will work on achieving them.

5. Feedback requested for State Hazard Mitigation Plan update

- a. Many of these questions were answered after Irene happened. We have this information.

6. Village Meeting Day

- a. Australian voting will be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm to elect Trustees. All other articles will be done on the floor at the Annual Village Meeting at 7:30 pm.

7. Village Meeting Info Session

- a. The Warning was gone through. Each Trustee will pick something they would like to discuss at the meeting and tell Chair McIlroy ahead of time.

8. ~~Planning Commission & Zoning for Housing Presentation~~ – deleted

9. Banner request – Woodstock Garden Club Plant Sale

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the banner request for the Woodstock Garden Club Plant Sale to be hung up May 22nd.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

10. Discussion of summer & foliage season food options

- a. Food is scarce on Sundays & Mondays. The Trustees are wondering if they should look for vendors again for the summer and foliage. This will be discussed again in April.

G. Other business – none.

H. Executive session to discuss contacts

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to enter executive session to discuss contracts at 8:04 pm.

Seconded: by Chair McIlroy.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

The Village Trustees exited executive session at 9:00 pm and resumed the public meeting.

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to hire JW Leadership Consulting to help with the hiring of a new Police Chief.

Seconded: by Mr. Kahn.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

I. Minutes

1. 2/14/23 joint minutes

- a. B1b – sided - sighted

2. 2/14/23 minutes

- a. G1a – him – he, Planning Commission – TRORC
- b. H5a – person - park

3. 2/16/23 minutes

4. 2/23/23 minutes

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to approve the joint minutes of 2/14/23, and the minutes of 2/14/23, 2/16/23, and 2/23/23 with the above corrections.

Seconded: by Mr. Kahn.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

J. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Corson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. DeLeon.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*