

**Village of Woodstock
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 13, 2024
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 Levakis, Lauren Dorsey, Jill Davies, Lisa Lawlor, Police Chief Joe Swanson, Frank Horneck, Jane Warren, Tom List

A. Call to order

1. Chair McIlroy called the Village Trustees meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Citizen comments

1. Ms. Lawlor introduced
2. herself as a candidate for the position of Village Trustees, highlighting her residency and community involvement.
3. Mr. Horneck, another candidate for Village Trustee, introduced himself, sharing his passion for the outdoors and environment.

C. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

1. Addition – Village Meeting.

D. Manager's report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Duffy discussed the office renovations and the mailing of sewer bills. He encouraged early bill payment to avoid potential late fees due to mail delivery issues.
- b. The Town voted to have Town Meeting voting by Australian ballot and scheduled an informational session on February 24th.

2. Financial report

- a. Trustees reviewed the revenue figures for the period, including updates on police revenue and potential adjustments.
- b. The discussion focused on understanding the sources of revenue, any significant changes compared to previous periods, and projections for future income.

E. Police Chief's report

1. Chief Swanson stated that the 1st of their two new cruisers were picked up on Friday. The graphics will be put on next Wednesday the 21st. They started working on the radios today.
2. The 2nd vehicle should be in next week. The graphics will go on the 27th.
3. The total meter revenue for January was \$9552. It is up a little bit from last year. Last January was \$9,515.

F. Permits

1. Use of the Green permits

a. Puppies and Pooches on Parade – Friends of NWPL

- i. Concerns regarding dog supervision at the event were addressed, with emphasis on responsible ownership and adherence to guidelines.

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the use of the Green permit for Puppies and Pooches on Parade from the information shed to the west end of the Green, on the condition that a COI be submitted.

Seconded: by Chair McIlroy.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

b. WUHS Graduation – WUHS

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the use of the Green permit for WUHS Graduation as submitted by WUHS.

Seconded: by Mr. DeLeon.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

c. Pride of Woodstock – Made with Pride Arts & Crafts Fair – Pride of Woodstock c/o Pentangle Arts

Motion: by Ms. Blakeman to approve the use of the Green permit for Pride of Woodstock – Made with Pride Arts & Crafts Fair as submitted by Pride of Woodstock.

Seconded: by Mr. Corson.

Vote: 3-0-2, passed. (Mr. Kahn for, Ms. Blakeman for, Mr. Corson for, Chair McIlroy abstained, Mr. DeLeon abstained).

d. Dogs in the Park – Woodstock Alumni Association – tabled.

e. Woodstock Alumni Day – Woodstock Alumni Association – tabled.

2. Banner permit – March for Meals – The Thompson Center

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the banner permit for March for Meals for February 26th to March 1st.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

3. East End permit – Pride of Woodstock c/o Pentangle

- a. The event intends to commemorate LGBTQ+ Pride Month, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance within the community.

Motion: by Ms. Blakeman to approve the East End permit for Pride of Woodstock.

Seconded: by Mr. Corson.

Vote: 3-0-2, passed. (Mr. Kahn for, Ms. Blakeman for, Mr. Corson for, Chair McIlroy abstained, Mr. DeLeon abstained).

4. Parade permit – Annual Alumni Parade – Woodstock Alumni Association – tabled.

G. Votes

1. Village Warning

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to approve the Village Warning.

Seconded: by Mr. Kahn.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

2. Benson Place street name change request

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to change the name of Benson Place to Frost Mills Place with the understanding that the owner will be responsible for sign costs.

Seconded: by Mr. Kahn.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

H. Discussions

1. 911 house numbering

- a. Concerns were raised about the potential confusion caused by changing street names and numbering, highlighting the importance of ensuring accurate and reliable addressing for emergency responders.

- b. Mr. Kahn stated that he does not think they should do this without a Village Meeting.
- c. Ms. Davies stated that she does not understand how if Google can tell you where she lives, why the Police Department or the Fire Department cannot find her house.
- d. Chair McIlroy stated that it is standardized, and everybody can access it. Police officers do not always have access to Google.
- e. Ms. Davies thinks the system is confusing.
- f. Chair McIlroy stated that Fire Chief David Green would have the answers. The Town has already done this. This is a health and safety issue. They need to listen to experts. Her concern is for the entire community. She wants emergency responders to be able to get to everyone. Vanity should not come before health and safety. It is their job as elected officials to put the health and safety of people first.
- g. Mr. Corson stated that the guys who work in the Village know where to go. The chances of needing mutual aid are relatively low.
- h. Chair McIlroy stated that this is something the State requires.
- i. Mr. Corson stated that he can find virtually anything with Google Maps.
- j. Mr. Kahn stated that the Village people said no previously. He could not remember if it was an official vote. He asked if mutual aid while on their way could call in and ask where to go.
- k. Chief Swanson stated that would tie up the radio with dispatchers that are busy dealing with the emergency. The number is systematical and its mathematical, so you do not need to know where the house is. You just need to know where the road is. If the house is 500 you go half a mile down the road. Not everywhere has service so it is not always possible to use GPS. This is simpler and more efficient.
- l. Mr. Kahn stated from a business point of view it is a tremendous amount of work if it is changed.
- m. This will be discussed at a future meeting with Chief Green.

2. Central Street banners

- a. Deliberation on the use of Central Street banners for events and community activities.

3. Review of the Green ordinance

- a. Evaluation of proposed changes to the Green ordinance, focusing on even frequency, usage limitations, and balancing community needs and rights.

4. Investment Advisory report

- a. Review of the Rockefeller endowment fund and its intended purposes, with recommendations for its allocation.

5. Short term rental update from P&Z

- a. Tabled – still being discussed with Planning Commission.

6. Parking

- a. Discussion on proposed changes to parking regulations, including adjustments to fines and permit allocation.
- b. Emphasis on ensuring fairness and effectiveness in regulating parking.

I. Other business

1. Village Meeting

- a. Discussion on Trustee involvement in budget presentations considering past practices and preferences.
- b. Agreement reached on a collaborative approach involving Trustees and relevant officials.

J. Minutes

1. 1/9/24 minutes

2. 1/25/24 minutes

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the minutes for 1/9/24 and 1/25/24 as submitted.

Seconded: by Chair McIlroy.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

K. Adjournment

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. DeLeon.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.


*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Levakis*

C. Seton L. McIlroy


Jeffrey Smith (Mar 20, 2024 17:44 EDT)

Brenda Blakeman
Brenda Blakeman (Mar 21, 2024 07:17 EDT)

William C Corson
William C Corson (Mar 21, 2024 15:52 EDT)


Gabe DeLeon (Mar 21, 2024 21:46 EDT)












2.13.24 Trustees Minutes

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