

JOHNSON VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

Present:

Trustees: Steve Hatfield, Lynda Hill (via Zoom), Diane Lehouiller (via Zoom), Ken Tourangeau,
Others: Rosemary Audibert, BJ Putvain (via Zoom), Kyle Nuse, Jackie Stanton, Shayne Spence,
Mike Dunham, Scott Meyer, Kelly Locke (via Zoom), Will Jennison (via Zoom). Brian
Monaghan, Kristen Shamis

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. Review of Agenda and Any Adjustments, Changes, Additions

No changes to the agenda were suggested.

3. Decision about Holding a Special Village Meeting

Ken moved to cancel the special village meeting that had been scheduled, due to having only one candidate submit a consent form to be on the ballot, Lynda seconded and the motion was passed.

4. Possible Appointment to Board of Trustees

Ken moved and Lynda seconded to appoint BJ Putvain to the open seat on the trustee board.

Kyle Nuse said she would like to throw her name in for appointment.

Ken said he feels the board should appoint BJ because he was the only one of the three candidates who signed a consent form showing that he wanted to continue the process. Diane said we have another candidate who is willing and very able and would also be very viable.

Mike Dunham asked if there was a deadline on this election. Steve said there was. Mike said if it is beyond the deadline and the person who just said she wanted to put her name in had already withdrawn, he thinks the board should go with the motion that is already on the floor.

Scott Meyer said he is confused. The deadline has passed. If Kyle wanted to be part of the running she should have put her name in to be on the ballot and we would have gone with the original plan and had an election.

Jackie Stanton said the board just canceled an election but now has come full circle to an appointment process. There are two candidates willing to be appointed.

Ken read a communication from Will Senning, Director of Elections and Campaign Finance for the Secretary of State's office. Will Senning said there is nothing that says that the board must have the election after having signed the warning. He said if the board chooses not to hold the election, they should appoint someone to fill the vacant position and he suggested

that as a practical matter the board would want to appoint the person who signed the consent form.

The motion was passed.

5. **Executive Sessions Regarding Potential Contract and Pending or Probable Civil Litigation**
Ken moved to find that premature general public knowledge of a potential contract would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, to enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) to consider a contract and confidential attorney-client communications and to invite Rosemary and town attorneys Brian Monaghan and Kristen Shamus into the executive session. The motion was seconded. Rosemary swore in BJ so he could vote as a trustee and participate in the executive session. **The motion was passed.**

Ken moved to find that premature general public knowledge of a pending or probably civil litigation would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, to enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) to consider pending or probably civil litigation and confidential attorney-client communications and to invite Rosemary and town attorneys Brian Monaghan and Kristen Shamus into the executive session. Diane seconded, the motion was passed and the board entered executive session at 6:12. The board came out of executive session at 6:45.

Ken moved to hire Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to recruit a village manager at a rate of \$95 per hour and to authorize MRI to spend up to \$500 for advertising, BJ seconded and the motion was passed.

6. **Adjourn**

Ken moved and BJ seconded to adjourn at 6:47 and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths