



Village of Wells River  
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Trustee Meeting 3/3/2022

Present: Jason & Kelsey Winchester, Jean Welch, June Griswold, Brian Emerson, Don Waterman; Andy Barter & Mary Schilke  
Via Zoom AJ from Journal opinion and Richard Roderick

Meeting called to order 5:05PM

\* Review/Approve Minutes for February 3 Meeting – Minutes were read and accepted by June Griswold Seconded by Jean Welch with additions.

**\*Agenda Review** – Changes to Agenda:

Additions were made as shown below:

- \*Executive session added to Discuss Personnel
- \*Village Report
- \*Jason Winchester's - Water Bill

**\* Public Comments –**

\*June questioned the taxes being paid by Little Rivers, Andy B. thought they were going to pay an additional fee at a future date. Brian suggested Mary Collins and myself along with Andy Barter review the taxes. I will send Andy a copy of the 2021 bill as he says they are going to do something.

\* Little Rivers Report - \*Andy Barter – Showed schematic of the vent being built for the new dental. Andy will email me the schematics and I will put up on website. Construction will be completed within 2 years. A workforce development grant is being worked on to train people to be Dental Hygienists etc. Schematics left in office for Public review also will be posted to website.

\* Report from Budget Committee – Discussed Highway going to Subcontracted Position. Highway was Audited by Jeff Morin, Rebecca Cassidy coming in Friday to do last 2 books. Next Budget meeting is next week March 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 and if no Info is given Highway Budget will remain the same.

\* **Financials** – I have contracted to be a provider with V Hap .... I have also Contacted Shauna Clifford and she has sent Grant Information for Highway Grants available. It has been forwarded to all the trustees and John.

\* **Water Report** – Jason Winchester – Current meter reading is less than the previous as meter has not been read in a year. If ever over last few years. He feels he has been overcharged.



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Concerns over meter not being read and base rate should have been charged for that time. Mary has been asked to have John go over the bill and determine the credit.

\*Question by R.Roderick as to who is supposed to clear the fire Hydrants. A discussion will be had with Fire Dept to understand who clears the Hydrants.

\* John Paye Not present

\* **Highway Report** – John Paye not present - Brian mentioned numerous complaints about lapses between plowing. He discussed the municipal audit and they strongly suggested we move to a subcontracted Highway Position. Idling of the Truck was brought up and it was asked the headlights not be left on.

Richard Roderick stated that he didn't see the need for a full- time employee as there were not enough work for a 40 hour a week position.

Village Report – Annual Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 7PM in person. Book needs to be done by April 1. Jean is writing the trustee report. Chip Conquest will start the meeting as a moderator. John needs to write a written report re water and Highway.

Ask Mary Collins for per household voter count. Ad to be made for the Bridge and posters on colored paper around town.

Brian says he wants the constituency to know we are going to lower taxes and do our best to make sure we have a fair rate.

\*Adjourn Public Meeting 5:30 PM

Jean Moved June Seconded

Executive Session Called to order 5:40 – No actions were taken

Meeting Adjourned 5:50pm

Submitted,

Mary Schilke  
Wells River Village Clerk



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## **Trustee meeting March 17, 2022**

**Agenda: Meeting called to order 4:01pm**

**Present Board, Richard Roderick, Jason Winchester, Kelsey Winchester, Don Waterman, Cheryl Chandler and John Paye**

**\* Review Agenda Items – Motion made and accepted with addition of signing auditors contract.**

**\* Review and Approve Minutes from March 3 Meeting Motion made and accepted with addition of signing auditors' contract.**

**\* Correspondence – Dennis Waldner letter requesting no interest or penalties on his tax bill due to Covid. If he tries to get VHAP we will hold the interest and Penalties.**

**\* Cheryl Chandler NVRH – update on 302 Cares – Drug Free Community grant is going to be funded in Wells River. Police Saturation Patrols, Substance abuse signs etc. Working with the school etc. April 30<sup>th</sup> Drug take back day**

**\* Arpa Grant Discussion Planning of Village Wide Meal and Info. Gathering – Second Meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to be held in Church Basement WRCC. Don Waterman will head this committee.**

**\* Budget/Financial – Sign Sullivan and Powers Contract. Trustees are approving the signing of the contract Truck Loan has been paid in full as of 3/17/2022**

**\* Annual Report – Ad to be placed in Bridge Weekly April 19 7pm Richard Roderick would like to see a listing of the salaries to elected official's employees and contractors. Board said a recap will be presented within cash flow for last year.**



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**\* Highway Report – all is well Brian discussed roads not being clear. John will meet with Brian**

**\* Water Report – Water Program is malfunctioning New Meters and styles need to be purchased. Est was approx. 55,000 not including install. John contacted Styles but they have none. Brian thinks Water should pay for some and Arpa.**

**Brian has reached out to Rob Clark at Otter Creek he showed several samples. Contract must be built separately.**

**Water Sanitation survey is Friday.**

**\* Public Comment –**

**Richard questioned the audit and was told it was ongoing.**

**The Board congratulated the BMU Boys for winning the Championship**

**Peter Koopman from Tennessee has purchased the Happy Hour**

**Cover of the report should be the BMU Boys**

**\* Adjourn Meeting 5:30**