

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: April 24, 2023

TIME: 4pm

PLACE: North Room -Eason Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denny Lutes, Mayor; Josh Freifeld, Judy Einach, Blake Marris, Johanna Kelley

STAFF PRESENT: Becki Paternosh, Rob Genthner, Andrew Thompson, Corbin Meleen, Vince Luce

OTHERS: Steve Rudnicki

Mayor Denny Lutes called the meeting to order at 4pm sharp after the pledge of allegiance.

1. Electric Department: National Grid Invoice for Finley Road Switch upgrades.

DPW Director Andrew Thompson explained the project and the cost estimate to the Board noting that although it is higher than originally expected, he has consulted with others, and they recommended paying it up front so the project isn't delayed. from the MEUA and others to ensure an overall fair deal for the Village's component of the work that needs to be completed. Advisory Board member Steve Rudnicki suggested that oversight during the project be provided to match material, time and labor to the Village's share.

The board approved the National Grid invoice in the amount of \$109,300 for the above stated project on a motion by Blake, seconded by Josh and carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Denny notified the Village Board that he has appointed Alternate Planning Board member Britt Mead to fill the unexpired term of Darlene Golibersuch. Noting that any term is automatically vacated when a member moves out of the Village. This information was provided by NYCOM's Wade Beltramo upon inquiry and the Mayor referenced the email response he received from Wade and noted it is available for anyone that requests it.

3. On a motion by Judy seconded by Josh, the Board entered executive session at approximately 4:22pm to discuss Personnel matters in the Police Department.

On a motion by Josh seconded by Blake and carried unanimously, the Board exited Executive session at approximately 4:53pm.

As a result of the executive session, the following action was taken:

On a motion by Judy seconded by Johanna and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Rob Genthner to serve as Deputy Village Clerk effective 4/28/23 at 3pm and as set forth in the Police and Public Safety Succession Plan provided to all board members.

On a motion by Judy seconded by Josh and unanimously carried, the Board provisionally appointed Corbin Meleen as Acting Chief of Police effective April 28, 2023 at 3pm.

On a motion by Judy seconded by Blake and unanimously carried, the Board provisionally appointed Aaron Riforgiato as acting Sergeant effective April 28, 2023 at 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:06pm Josh/Judy.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Vincent E. Luce
Village Clerk

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