

Village of Evans Mills

Village Board of Trustees – Held at the Municipal Building

January 16th, 2024 – 6:00pm

Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Robert Boucher – Mayor, Taylor Scheer – Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Dobbins – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Greg Smith – Trustee, JoAnna Malone – Trustee, Edward O'Brien – Trustee, Virginia Wendt – Trustee, Michael Doxtater – Code Enforcement Officer

Approval of Minutes from December 14th, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee O'Brien and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the Village Board of Trustees minutes of December 14th, 2023, board meeting.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion Passed.

Report from Michael Doxtater, Code Enforcement

Mr. Doxtater will be finishing his New York State code enforcement courses in February. Mr. Doxtater has been trying to contact the old code enforcement officer to get current cases organized although Mr. Bridge has not returned his phone calls. Ms. Scheer stated Mr. Bridge has not returned his key to the Village Office yet.

Report from Dave Edwards, Superintendent

Superintendent Edwards was absent for the meeting although the mayor relayed information to the board on behalf of Mr. Edwards. The Village needs updated parking ticket violation books, the clerk-treasurer has been looking into ordering new ones. The Village Municipal Building needs the generator serviced.

The Village has received complaints about the sidewalk in front of the municipal building, that the sidewalk is icy and/or covered in snow specifically at nighttime. The village public works maintains the sidewalk during the hours they are working, and times can vary in the winter. Unfortunately, the Village Public Works will not be coming into the village outside regular hours to shovel the sidewalk for the library. The Village has provided salt and shovels to the library for instances like this. The Village Board agreed that if the Evans Mills Public Library needs the Village Public Works to come out during unscheduled hours, then the Evans Mills Public Library will need to pay employees for overtime.

Report from Taylor Scheer, Clerk-Treasurer

The Clerk-Treasurers office received notice from National Grid involving an incident on North Main Street. The Department of Public Works was adding a new water line and found a unmarked natural gas line. National Grid is trying to process a claim towards the Village

Insurance, and it was ruled by the Village Insurance that it was no fault of the Village that employees punctured a unmarked gas line.

Tug Hill Conference is May 2nd, 2024, at Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY. It is undecided yet if the Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be attending.

Audited Vouchers:

GENERAL FUND: Abstract 7, vouchers **\$10,932.32**

WATER FUND: Abstract 7 vouchers **\$5,950.21**

SEWER FUND: Abstract 7, vouchers **\$2,450.13**

LIBRARY FUND: Abstract 7, totaling **\$514.18.**

A motion was approved by Trustee Wendt and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the audited vouchers for Abstract 7, the General, Water, Sewer, and Library Fund.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTION #1 OF 2024
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EVANS MILLS**

WHEREAS, Trustee O'Brien and Trustee Wendt has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 1 of 2024 entitled "A Local Law Providing for the Collection of Village Real Property Taxes on a One-Payment Basis" (the "Local Law"); and

WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed Local Law is to eliminate the current practice of the Village of Evans Mills (the "Village") of collecting Village real property taxes in installment payments and instead change to a one-payment basis to better promote the efficient administration of Village taxes. This Local Law is intended to strike and replace all inconsistent prior local laws of the Village; and

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") desires to comply with the requirements of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at NYCRR Part 617 with respect to the proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on February 13th, 2024, at 6 p.m. to hear all person's interest in the above-referenced Local Law and to consider the adoption of such Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board has considered the provisions of SEQRA and the regulations adopted thereunder at 6 NYCRR § 617 and finds the proposed Local Law to be a Type II Action by reason of constituting a "local legislative decision" within the ambit of 6 NYCRR § 617(c)(33). Therefore, no further review is required under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer shall cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the official Village newspaper in accordance with all legal requirements.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by motion Wendt seconded by Malone and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Robert E. Boucher	Voting	Aye
Virginia Wendt	Voting	Aye
Grogory Smith	Voting	Aye
JoAnna Malone	Voting	Aye
Edward O'Brien	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: January 16, 2024

Taylor Scheer, Village Clerk/Treasurer
(Village Seal)

Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Motion Passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Wendt and Seconded by Trustee O'Brien to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 6:21pm.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Motion Passed.

Submitted By:
Taylor Scheer
Clerk-Treasurer

Melissa Dobbins
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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