New York Village Law

Sec. 4-412

The Board of Trustees

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General powers of the board of trustees.

- In addition to any other powers conferred upon villages, the board of trustees of a village shall have management of village property and finances, may take all measures and do all acts, by local law, not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution, and not inconsistent with a general law except as authorized by the municipal home rule law, which shall be deemed expedient or desirable for the good government of the village, its management and business, the protection of its property, the safety, health, comfort, and general welfare of its inhabitants, the protection of their property, the preservation of peace and good order, the suppression of vice, the benefit of trade, and the preservation and protection of public works. The board of trustees may create or abolish by resolution offices, boards, agencies and commissions and delegate to said offices, boards, agencies and commissions so much of its powers, duties and functions as it shall deem necessary for effectuating or administering the board of trustees duties and functions.
- Whenever the constitutionality of any local law, ordinance, rule or regulation of a village is brought into issue upon a trial or hearing of any civil cause of action or proceeding in any court, and the village is not a party to such action or proceeding, notice shall be served upon the village in accordance with section one thousand twelve of the civil practice law and rules.
- Procedure for meetings. The mayor of the village shall preside at the meetings of the board of trustees as provided in section 4-400 of this article. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn and compel the attendance of absent members. Whenever required by a member of the board, the vote upon any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, and the names of the members present and their votes shall be entered in the minutes. The board may determine the rules of its procedure, and may compel the attendance of absent members by the entry of a resolution in the minutes, directing any peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer residing within the village to arrest such absent member and take him before the board of trustees to answer for his neglect. A copy of the resolution, certified by the clerk of the village, shall be sufficient authority to such officer residing in the village to arrest such absent member and bring him before the board.