

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle CJ Thompson, Mike Baraw, Kevin Chickering, Lee Curtis, Ernest Choquette, Dave Ghelli, Bob Best, Barry Sahagian, Jason Willis, Wendy Matthews, Woodman Page, Nick Anzalone

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Jerry called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and introduced those present. Steve read the ground rules for the meeting.

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/1 meeting, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Barry had questions regarding the payables for July. Bob Best had concerns with a car being parked on the corner of Vance hill and Route 105, the former day care building. Rick will contact the sheriff department about this.

Jason Willis was here to give an update on the fire department. He stated that the fire department acquired about 25,000 to 30,000 dollars of equipment at no cost from an organization in Long Island. The only out of pocket cost to our department was the gas to go down and get this equipment. Jason stated that there are serious issues with dispatching services in this area. He wanted to make the board aware that he is keeping track of these issues and will keep the board updated on this issue.

Water/Sewer/Solar Panel Report – Mike stated that one of our sewer fields needs to be pumped out – he received two prices for this one from Taplin's for .21cents per gallon and Juddy's at .25 cents per gallon. The board left this decision up to Mike. Mike stated that the post office parking lot issue is not the land lord's issue but it is up to the postal service. So far no one from management at the postal service has approached Mike or the board about this. Mike stated that water line repair on Lawson Road and a portion of Route 105 has been completed. HSA#1 well replacement/repair is moving slowly. The well drillers are very busy and their prices are very high. Aldrich and Elliott are still waiting on the state for direction on this issue. They will let us know as soon as they hear from them, but their recommendation is to wait a bit until the well drillers prices are more realistic. Ernest stated he had a stone in one of his toilets and showers at his Route 105 apartment building.

VASA club members were here regarding opening a portion of Route 105 by Audio Carve. Kevin stated he talked to the state highway department regarding this. VASA would like the town's approval prior to presenting this to the state. The Board feels this should be approved by the state as this is a state highway not a town maintained highway.

NEK Broadband update – Nick gave an update on the progress of NEK broadband so far.

Road Commissioner report – Mike stated that his sand is all put up for this year and they have been busy with road work. Mike stated that the paving grant for \$200,000.00 has

been finalized. Steve made a motion to have Mike or Denise sign the paper work for this, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Mike stated that regarding the Farrar Road culvert project there are two land owners that we need to get an easement from to complete this. Mike wanted to make the board aware that this may be a problem as the land owners might want to be compensated for this easement.

Lake Road Cemetery work – one bid was received for this from Dan Pepin Excavating. Jerry made a motion to accept the bid from Dan Pepin in the amount of \$15650.00 for this project seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Lister position – no one has expressed an interest in this position yet. Steve made a motion to appoint Oscar Roberts as temporary zoning administrator, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to set the 2021 tax rate as follows: Residential tax rate - \$2.0245
Non-residential tax rate - \$2.0320, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

The board signed orders, reviewed and approved the bank statement and journal entries signed Armstrong, Miller, Lantagne cemetery deeds.

Unfinished/new business – Barry stated that the audio is not good on the zoom meetings. Jerry stated that the board will look into this.

Voted to adjourn at 6:45PM.