

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY MAY 5, 2022 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Mike Baraw, Bob Best, Ernest Choquette, Jason Willis, Matthew Wilson, Mark Gray, Norman Patenaude

Below is the link if you would like to watch the meeting video:

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

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/7 and 4/18 meetings, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Jason Willis stated that the fire department was approached by Sheryl Brown to do a four wheeler/side by side ride in/cook out as a fund raiser for the fire department. This event will be held at the fire station in Newport Center. Jason asked if the town would waive the sticker requirement for this one day, July 30th. The board stated they will be willing to do this. Rick asked that the department be mindful of the parking so as not to obstruct vehicle traffic on Cross Road.

Rural edge was not present – they will be at the June 2nd meeting.

Road Commissioner Report – 2022 paving bids were opened: Grays paving \$92.00 per ton for a total of \$81420.00 Gray's did not quote the shoulders or the Vance Hill portion of the project. Hutchins \$90.00 per ton for a total of \$79650.00 graveling of shoulders \$7000.00 and Vance Hill total bid of \$8250.00 Pike industries \$98.45 per ton for a total of \$87128.25 graveling of shoulders \$2500.00 and Vance Hill total bid of \$7150.00. Steve made a motion to award the bid to Pike Industries, upon Mike's recommendation, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Denise approached the board with regard to a new road name. This driveway now has three residences on this which, according to 911, has to have its own name. This is a privately maintained road. Denise did send out letters to these three owners and two of the agreed on the name Hunters Trace. Denise stated that she reached out to 911 and this name was acceptable to them. Rick made a motion to accept Hunters Trace as the road name, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Water/Sewer/Solar panel report – Mike stated he is still waiting on Manosh to do the pump tests. He stated the sewer inspection has been completed. There are some concerns which will be further discussed once we receive the report. Jerry stated the solar panels seem to be working properly.

Dispatching contract with Newport City Police Department – Rick stated that he and Jason Willis met with the chief – he answered all of the concerns the board had. Steve made a motion to sign this contract, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to sign the annual appointment form for representatives to NEK broadband, Dave Ghelli, CJ Thompson, Wendy Matthews, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

The sheriff's report was discussed. Rick has been tracking these on a monthly basis and gave a report on this. Steve asked Rick if, in his opinion, they were doing a good job. Rick stated the he thought they were. Rick stated that they are visible in town.

Steve made a motion to sign orders, review and approve journal entries and bank statement, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

The board signed Fletcher and Laplume cemetery deeds.

Jerry made a motion to sign the re-appointment of fire warden to Mike Beaumier, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished/new business – Denise stated that Border Line Ridge Riders submitted to the town a request and reasons why to open a small section of Niles Road, Cross Road and Searles Road to VASA trail. Denise stated that letters have been sent to all property owners on these sections of roads and this will be further discussed at the June 2nd meeting.

Voted to adjourn at 6:25PM.