

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Bob Best, Chris Roy, Steve Edgerley, Matt Wilson, Mike Baraw, Ty Camber, Ernest Choquette, Jennifer Harlow

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30PM Rick read the ground rules for the meeting.

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/5, 1/17, 1/26 meetings, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Steve Edgerley asked if the dam removal was still on track to happen. The board stated that yes this was still on track to happen as far as they knew. He also wondered about the dry hydrant by the former store/day care building and the water source for the fire department. The board stated that the fire department is working on this and has some ideas for this.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that the International had a radiator replaced at an approximate cost of \$7,000.00. Mike stated that truck prices are up about 30% more than in the past. Mike stated that over all everything is going well in the roads department. Wages will be discussed in executive session.

Jennifer Harlow was here to discuss the monthly sheriff's report and questions/concerns the board had. Jennifer answered questions/concerns from the board and citizens.

Water/sewer/solar panel/recycling report – Mike stated that the monitoring tubes in HSA 6 & 7 have been installed. Jeff Hoffer will do the monitoring of these wells. We are having minor issues with our top wells, which Mike is taking care of. All is OK at the sewer plant. Jerry stated that all appears to be working fine at the solar panel site.

The board signed the tax map contract. Steve made a motion to approve the orders, bank statement, and journal entries, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished/new business – Barry Sahagian sent an email to Denise asking a question of the board – the question was related to the board's decision to eliminate virtual meetings -: How does action fit in with the better good of the people "to aid in the conduct of the people"? The board stated that they have read information on this from higher governing bodies and they are following the science. Steve Edgerley stated that when he went to recycling a couple weeks ago there was trash left outside the door at the center. He found a name and address on the garbage and brought it to Denise. Denise stated that she gave this information to the sheriff's department and they would follow up with a visit to this person.

Steve made a motion to go into executive session for personnel issue at 6:10PM and invited Mike, Ty, and Denise into executive session, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Steve made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:32PM, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote. Steve made a motion to give all full time and part time employees a 7% pay increase providing the budget passes at the 2023 town meeting, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Voted to adjourn at 6:35PM.