

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Chris Roy, Bob Best, Jim Daigle, Joanne Guyette-Worth, Jennifer Hopkins, Robert Tetreault, Matt Wilson, Ernest Choquette, Mike Baraw, Denise Daigle

Steve called the meeting to order and introduced those present. Jerry read the ground rules for the meeting.

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/1 meeting, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – none

Boat Launch greeter update – Jennifer Hopkins was here to give the board an update on the greeter program and the machine for the Strawberry Acres Boat launch. She answered questions the board had with regard to this program. The board signed the agreement for this.

ARPA committee – The board opened bids for the recycling center and the town garage addition as follows: Recycling Center Jim Daigle Construction \$94,850.00 Tetreault Lumber \$129,000.00 Charland Builders \$118,277.00 Town Garage Addition Charland Builders \$226,978.00 Tetreault Lumber \$178,000.00 Jim Daigle Construction \$199,865.00. Some discussion followed. Joanne Guyette-Worth asked that the board table their decision until the ARPA committee has had a chance to review these bids carefully as the people that bid put a great deal of effort and time in these bids. The board tabled their decision until the ARPA committee has had a chance to review these and come to the board with their recommendation. The board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30AM to make a decision.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that all was going well. Bob Best stated that the speed sign by the school is not working well. Mike stated that he was aware of this and that the state has contacted Mike about some things that need to be addressed relative to these signs.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Reports – Mike stated that we have received our annual sewer inspection report from Aldrich & Elliott and the inspection went well. Mike stated that our water usage is going well and he will call again about the transducers. Jerry stated we have a solar panel that appears to not be working properly. Steve will call on this. Jerry also stated that the trees seem to be growing up causing the panels to be more shaded. Mike will look into if the trees are on the Town land or if they belong to the railroad.

Rick reviewed the sheriff's report. Rick stated that he is becoming frustrated with the hours that the department is patrolling in the town each month.

The board reviewed the annual update to the Local Emergency Management Plan. Rick made a motion to adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

The board discussed placing a porta potty by the ball field on Vance Hill. Jerry stated that the one that was there was recently removed. Jerry stated that there are many people that stop there to use this including many bicyclists. The board asked Denise to get prices from both Juddy's and Taplin's for this to be placed there until November.

The board discussed the tax rate for 2023. Steve made a motion to set the 2023 tax rate as follows: Residential \$2.0232 Non-Residential \$2.1052, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

The board signed Mead and Sisco cemetery deeds.

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

Unfinished/new business – Steve stated that a citizen at 877 Kittredge road called Steve and stated that they are having issues with cattle belonging to someone else destroying their property. Jerry received the same call. Both Steve and Jerry informed this person that the town had no control over this and that they should contact the department of agriculture. The citizen stated that they wanted to make the board aware of this.

Voted to adjourn at 6:55PM.