

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Chris Roy, Bob Best, Joanne Guyette-Worth, Sandy Ladds, Steve Edgerley, Mike Baraw, Ellen Fox

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

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/3 meeting, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – there were none.

ARPA Committee – Ellen Fox spoke about the two potential locations for the fire pond. The state prefers the site closer to Vance Hill. Steve made a motion to construct the fire pond at the state's preferred site, which is closer to Vance Hill, seconded by Rick. Further discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. The ARPA committee asked the board to approve an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 for parking area/road repair/upgrade for the new recycling center. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 for parking area/road repair/upgrade for the new recycling center, seconded by Jerry. This passed on a voice vote. Bob Best and Steve discussed updates to solar panels the town has. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$38,016.00 to upgrade our solar panels, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. Mike Baraw discussed heating costs for the addition to the town garage. The ARPA committee contacted a number of heating companies and only one provided them with a quote. Rick made a motion to accept the estimate from Nadeau's for an amount not to exceed \$50,445.00 for this project, seconded by Steve. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. The ARPA committee asked the board to approve an amount not to exceed \$3500.00 for a gas powered driver for the road crew. This is used to install sign posts. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for a gas powered driver, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote. The ARPA committee asked the board to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,075.00 for the paving of the town clerk's office yard and handicap parking area. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,075.00 for the paving of the town clerk's office yard and handicap parking area, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. The ARPA committee asked the board to approve an amount not to exceed \$24,700.00 for a fence and gates at the upper reservoir with the ARPA funds paying for half of this and the water department paying for the other half. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$24,700.00 for a fence at the upper reservoir, with the ARPA funds paying for half of this and the water department paying for the other half, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Mike stated that water usage was up a bit, but he thought that might be due to the fact that school has started. Mike stated that repairs from the sewer inspection have been completed. Steve stated that Styrofoam insulation is being taken by the waste district but not at our location yet.

Road Commissioner report – New truck purchase was discussed. The 2017 International is what Mike would like to trade in or sell. Sandy Ladds was here to answer questions/concerns the board and Mike might have. Jerry made a motion to approve the purchase of a freight liner for

a price not to exceed \$138,825.00 and give Mike Baraw the authorization to sign necessary paper work for this, seconded by Steve. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. Steve made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$94,300.00 for a body and accessories for this truck and give Mike Baraw the authorization to sign necessary paper work for this, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. Mike stated the he and Denise met with FEMA for this latest flooding issue.

Barry was not here but Mike told the board that he could report on this topic. Mike stated that the repair work to this culvert has been made.

Rick reviewed the Sheriff's report. Matt Wilson was not here, but Denise stated that he had some issues with motorcycles speeding excessively past his home on Vance Hill. Denise stated that she did send an email to Jennifer Harlow and she has informed her staff to pay closer attention to this area.

Listers errors and omissions – Larry Villeneuve received a tax bill for an unlanded mobile home that he removed and informed the lister's of in 2022. This was not removed by the listers on the 2023 grand list. Steve made a motion to remove this from the 2023 grand list, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Rick made a motion that for 2024 town meeting appropriations requests no petition would be required if they were on the 2023 warning and their amount is not increasing from 2023 warning article. A petition will need to be received is the amount being requested is more than the 2023 warning or if the request was not on the 2023 warning, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Jerry made a motion to approve a new road name, M and M Road, with the property owners buying the sign and post and this will be maintained by the town after they purchase this, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

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 – there was none

Voted to adjourn at 6:50PM.