

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Chris Roy, Mike Cheney, Bob Best, Mike Baraw, Ernest Choquette, Neil Munday, Dennis DeLaBruere, Morgainne and Harry Bell, Matt Wilson, Steve Edgerley

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

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/7 and 12/8 meetings, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Dennis DeLaBruere stated he believes the town needs to have a reduced speed limit on Vance Hill – in the village. He would like this reduced to 25 MPH. The board will look into this further.

Road Commissioner's Report – Mike Cheney, who lives on Leadville Road, has issues with his driveway and land being damaged by water/gravel. Mike stated that he has contacted the state and they are going out to take a look at this at some point. They have not yet given him a date and time for this. Mike Baraw thinks that Neil Munday's driveway is the issue in this regard. Neil is taking action and trying to fix this issue. Neil requested that a letter he has written to his neighbors be added to the minutes as a permanent record to show that he is trying to correct this problem. Neil, as well, has contacted the state and the person he talked to will come out in the spring to access this situation. Neil and Mike will try to contact the state to see if they can come out sooner than later because everyone involved is fairly confident that this will happen again. Neil wants it on record that he is not ignoring this problem and he is trying to correct it. Mike Baraw stated that they did go out and fix the road, which totally washed out. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have concerns with a culvert on a class 4 section of Clark Mountain Road by their land. They feel the culvert is under sized. Mike Baraw stated that he has a streams person coming from the state to look at this as this culvert is in a stream. Mr. and Mrs. Bell stated that they and some of their neighbors would be willing to purchase a culvert if the town would agree to put it in. Mike explained to the board what happened with the western star repair. Jerry also spoke about this as he went down with Mike to pick up the truck. Steve requested that the bill relative to this gets attached to the minutes. Mike stated that Kingdom Gravel did not finish the gravel but Mike would like the bill to be paid for budget purposes and they will finish as soon as they can. The board asked Mike to get this in writing. Mike stated that they have been using the new wash bay and it is working really well. The board would like Sandy Ladd to know that we are not happy with the truck issues we have been having.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Reports – Mike stated we received a letter from the state and Mike will get with Jeff Hoffer to respond to this. The sewer is working well. Jerry stated that one solar panel seemed tipped the opposite way for one day and the next day it appeared to be working fine. It has been working fine so far with the exception of that one day. Steve stated the budget for NEKWMD passed.

The board discussed the property they acquired from Owen Mortgage at tax sale. Jerry made a motion to try to secure Dan or Nick Maclure from Century 21 to list this property for us, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. The board asked Denise to contact them about this.

Rick reviewed the sheriff's report

Constable duties in the town were discussed. Denise was approached by someone that was wondering if a constable could carry a weapon at school functions. Denise reported to the board that she heard back from VLCT with regard to this. They stated that this is a school board and superintendent issue and has nothing to do with the town.

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

Unfinished/new business – Denise stated the date and time of the county meeting for the board. Jerry would like to ask the ARPA committee using some funds for the installation of cameras at the town garage. This will be brought up at the next ARPA committee meeting. The board scheduled a budget meeting for January 15, 2024 at 8:00AM.

Voted to adjourn at 7PM.