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Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, July 22nd 2019
6:30pm

Select Board Members: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Jacob Racusin (phone-in), Mark Brouillette (arrived 6:45)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Anita Woodward, Larry Letourneau, Jimbo Schley, Michael Snider

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:34PM

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Add item under “New Business”: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Resolution

2. Review/approve minutes of the July 1st meeting—carry over.

3. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

a. Grants—*Status Updates*

Better Back Roads Grant for Hill West culvert rejected due to lack of funds at state.

North Hill project almost completed, extending beyond original scope of work in grant.

b. Brady Road—pending St. Onge.

c. Southbrook Road

One lane loop. Resident/business parking vehicles in the road, moving gravel, and is now shifting road west of the right of way. Charlie will draft a letter to address road safety concerns.

d. Michael inquired about cost of posts for town signs. Board verifies use of cedar posts.

b. Buildings and Grounds

a. Main Street Status/Repairs—*Status Update*

→Suggestion was made for HRV unit for 98 Main Building. Unit would not mitigate the source of the issue, but would mitigate air quality concerns within the building. Cost at \$5-7,000. Is this effective given unknown long term prospect of building? Unit is recoverable after installation in the long term. Charlie suggested waiting for a clearing picture of building’s future before moving forward with purchase. Jacob reminded board of an existing standing estimate on remediation work when the time comes.

- c. Project Bids—*unsealing and selection*
 - Board reviewed bids on Route 58 culvert work.
 - Mark made a motion to accept the bid from Goodhue Excavating with the condition that Michael follow-up with him to confirm amount, and no concerns arise from that conversation; seconded by Darren. Unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

4. Visitors

→ Jimbo: approached regarding prospective village cemetery expansion, inquiring about details. Board hasn't heard anything as of yet, will let him know if anything comes up. Also inquired about process for public notification to landowners re: road work (eg. North Hill). Board does not have a formal protocol for that at this time.

5. Water Commission Issues

→ none at this time.

6. Old Business

- a. Grant Updates
 - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC): Grant accepted. Placement changed to Grange Parking Lot. Darren moved to adopt the Grant Acceptance resolution, seconded by Mark. Unanimous roll-call, 4-0.
 - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
 - Carry over
 - iii. Northern Boarders Regional Commission Economic Infrastructure Grant
 - Carry over
 - iv. *Other*
- b. Update on Montgomery Thrives Committees
 - Carry over

7. New Business

- a. Setting of 2019 Tax Rate—*board action*
 - Mark made a motion to set the Municipal Tax Rate at .5016, and the Local Agreement at .0025, for a combined total of .5066; seconded by Darren. Unanimous roll-call, 4-0. Note Ed rates set by state: Res 1.2816 (was 1.1442), Non-Res 1.5388 (was 1.5319). Residential Ed rate increase of 11%.
- b. Recording Fee Increase—*board action*
 - Current fee is \$10 per page; proposed to change to \$15 per page per legislation H526. Discussion ensued. Mark made a motion to increase the recording fee to \$15 per page, with \$10 going to recording and \$5 to the restoration fund in the GL accounts; seconded by Darren. Unanimous roll-call, 4-0.
- c. Municipal Clerk and Municipal Treasurer contract ratification—*board action*
 - Darren moved to enter executive session (due to contract discussion); seconded by Mark. Unanimous roll-call, 4-0. Board entered executive session at 7:47PM.

→ Darren moved to exit executive session at 7:56PM; seconded by Mark. Unanimous roll-call, 4-0.

Mark made a motion to adopt the contract with the Municipal Clerk Liz Reighley as written. Seconded by Darren. Unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Mark made a motion to adopt the contract with the Municipal Treasurer Erin Kopacz as written. Seconded by Darren. Unanimous roll call, 4-0.

d. Overweight Truck Permits

e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Darren moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15; seconded by Mark. Unanimous, 3-0 [Jacob left phone conversation] Meeting adjourned 8:15PM.