

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Jeff Noyes, Bill Hawkins, Ray Fontaine, Jamie Goulet, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Chairperson, Doug Niles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update agenda: Joel informed the board that the following subjects needed to be added to the agenda. Health Officer report, Recreation grant, Ming claim and zoning issue.

Although the health officer was not present at the meeting due to illness, the board was informed of the trash problem on Lake Street, Derby Street, and South Street. The Lake Street problem will need to include Jeff Noyes as they are burning trash.

Joel informed the board that at this time we have a recreation grant in place to re-finish the basketball court and backboards. Because of the timing, we did not get to this project this summer, but Joel would like to amend the current grant to now include refinishing the tennis courts. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to allow Joel to amend this grant. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board that he had some information on the Ming claim, and the board will go into executive session to discuss this at the end of the regular meeting.

James Cross mentioned to Joel about some zoning issues that he would like him to address on Rosebrook Hill Road. Joel will look into this.

Public comment: Jamie Goulet was present to discuss the plans for the "pond" in back of his house, which is part of the storm water project. The board told Jamie that in the end, it would be nicely landscaped.

Roads: Joel showed the board a letter from Dave Antoine stating a few concerns about the Arthur John Road culvert project. None of this will affect the Better Back Roads Grant. Doug said that he would show this letter to Jason Lefebvre.

Buildings and maintenance: The board went down into the gym and looked at the "finished" project. The board has a few concerns, and has a few places in the floor that they feel need to be re-done before final payment is disbursed. Bill Hawkins will talk to the contractor about this.

The board has set November 12, 2016 as the last day that the brush dump will be open for the 2016 season.

A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to lock in with Irving Oil at 196.9 for the upcoming heating season. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Ray informed that he had talked to Mike Green about the cost on concrete work on the footbridge to fix the standing water problem. Mike quoted a price of \$2800.00 to fix this problem. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to hire Green's to fix this problem. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Passumpsic Savings Bank Lease: Joel informed that the banks lease will be up for renewal in January so the board should start to think about the pricing on rent.

BC/BS Plan: Joel informed the board that the insurance plans were now up for renewal, if the board agrees with the current plan, nothing needs to be done. The board agreed that they were ok with keeping the current plan.

Audit: The board agreed that they would like Gene Besaw to come to an office to discuss the audit in which they performed.

Pay Orders: Tabled.

Mediation date for Moore complaint: This will be addressed in executive session after the meeting.

Waldo zoning: Joel informed the board that he has notified Mr. Waldo that he will need to apply for a permit with the DRB to ask for a variance on the deck.

VCRD Community Meeting Day: Doug informed the board that he had been handing out flyers and knocking on doors to encourage people to come out to the meeting on November 3, 2016.

Approve minutes: The minutes of the October 19 and November 2, 2016 meeting will be done at the November 16, 2016 meeting.

Other business: Jeff Noyes was present to inform the board of items he had been working on. Also, Mr. Noyes informed the board that he had an officer in mind to work 8 hours per week at \$18.00 per hour. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to allow Jeff to hire a part-time officer at \$18.00 per hour to finish out this budget year and then discuss his rate of pay in the upcoming budget year. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board had a request to have some sort of "Thank you" for the services that Gerald Goupee did over the years on several of the town's boards. The board will have Joel write a "Thank You" letter/certificate made up to send to Gerry.

Joel informed the board that the Municipal Planning Grant application is coming around again, and the board agreed that the town should apply.

The town clerk asked the board if they could be available to count ballots on November 8, 2016. The board will try to be there.

At this time, a motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to adjourn their regularly scheduled meeting and go in to executive session to discuss the Ming claim and the mediation date for the Moore complaint. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board came out of executive session and moved to approve the insurance company's draft offer of settlement over the Ming claim.

Regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.