

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2019

PRESENT: Michael Strait, Heather McElroy, Ed Barber, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope, Teresa DeBonville, Harry Weatherstone, James Worth, Ray Fontaine, and Michael and Cheyenne Hatin.

Chairperson, Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Dental Plan, and the MRGP.

Public Comment: Harry Weatherstone, and James Worth were present to discuss their concerns about the placement of the flags on the telephone poles. It was discussed that the town get patriotic banners to replace the ones that are up now. Michael has been looking in other towns to see how they display such things. Michael informed Mr. Weatherstone and Mr. Worth that this would all be resolved before Memorial Day.

Mr. Weatherstone also asked about an ordinance on fireworks in town. The board will work with Jeff on getting one in place for the board to pass.

Mr. Worth mentioned to the board that someone wanted to build a new base for the town cannon and place it in the monument park for display when it was finished. The board explained that the historical society was in possession of the cannon at this time, but Mike will talk with the historical society's president on this matter.

Mr. Worth also mentioned to the board about the speeding on Railroad Street. The board will talk to Jeff on this matter.

Michael and Cheyenne Hatin just purchased the old Buck and Doe building on Main Street, and came before the board to request a 5-year tax stabilization on the property as they continue to fix it up, and establish a possible restaurant business in the building as well as a laundry mat. The board will look into the process on this request and get back to the Hatten's on this.

Road Department: The board discussed the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP). Joel went over with the board that this will require the board and Mark to fully understand this permit, and that the town needs to implement the procedures necessary in the permit.

Mark's was given the tablet needed.

Mark has been grading the Head of The Pond Road.

The board asked that Mark fix the cement barrier by the monument park.

Buildings and Maintenance: The board requested that the maintenance person spend more time cleaning the inside of the buildings. This will help the relationship between the tenants and the town; as this is something that is included in the leases.

Ray will look into finding a replacement globe for the monument park light. This got damaged over the winter.

Parts are on order to fix the furnace in the town hall building.

Recreation Department: Tabled.

Recycling attendant resignation: Neal Perry has resigned as recycling attendant effective as of April 29, 2019. The board will post a help wanted bulletin up around town. The qualified individual will need to go to training at the waste district.

Ambulance update: Newport Ambulance has asked if the offer still stands for the use of the fire station to house the ambulance. This will be on a **TEMPORARY BASIS** at this time. If any changes need to be done to the building, Newport ambulance will cover the cost. They plan on staffing the station for 12 hours, 7 days a week.

Lakefront Association Greeter Program: The Town has received grant dollars in the amount of \$6356.00 to have the Lakeshore Association run the greeter program this year. With that money and the town's appropriation, the association is going to try to staff the program from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 7-days a week.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the road pay orders and the general pay orders.

Approve previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel related to the board that because there were only two towns in the Delta Dental plan the town now has, the insurer was looking to get rid of that particular plan. There are a couple of different options available to the town: to stay in the same price range and using a preferred provider, or approve a \$3.00 increase per employee with a plan that provides an annual \$750 allowance instead of the current \$500. The town covers employees only.

The board discussed changing the locks of the municipal building as well as placing security cameras in the building.

The town clerk showed the board two proposals for leasing a new copier for the town hall. The copier we have is 12 years old, and parts have become obsolete. More information will be gathered before a final decision is made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.