

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2020

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Jeff Noyes, Ed Barber, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Update Agenda: Updates include road crew job, pay order decision and new truck for road crew.

Public Comment: None.

Road department: The board has decided to take no action at this time on the Seth Comer insurance claim. Jerry Blake was interviewed by the state police after the accident, and the report from the trooper said there was no damage to the car, and the insurance company has denied claim.

The board has decided to hold off on the hiring of the third road crew member at this time until we know more about the pandemic and how long the stay home order will be in place.

The board asked about looking into deferred payment options for the new truck for the road crew. The board would like Mark to look into these options before making a definitive decision on when to order the new truck.

Buildings and maintenance: Ray has been working in the building early in the morning before the town clerk gets in cleaning and disinfecting. Ray has also started putting up the led lights in the town hall. Once the weather breaks, Ray will be able to do clean-up work outside as long as he practices social distancing.

Recreation department: The recreation department has been working on the grant for the playground equipment. This grant will need a match.

Covid-19 policy: The board reviewed the covid-19 policy drafted by VLCT. This discusses issues in the municipality, and how they should be handled. These include such things as select board meetings, how to process pay orders, tax payments, resources for small businesses, essential worker's, etc. The board discussed the laying off of some employees until the covid-19 pandemic is over. The road crew and Ray can do clean-up outside using social distancing, so they can continue to work; but the library may be laid off until the pandemic is over. If any employee is laid off, their insurance will still be covered by the town.

Transportation grant award: The town was awarded a \$40,000 grant. This will move the engineering study along for the down town revitalization project. A motion was made by

Heather McElroy to name Joel Cope as the municipal official for this grant. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

CUD board appointment: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to appoint Michael Strait as representative to the governing board of the communications union district. Jonah Rumball-Petre was nominated to be the alternate in this motion. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: Tabled until more information can be gathered.

Appoint town officers: The board appointed the following officers:

1. Tree Warden: Pierre Dupuis
2. Animal Control Officer: Scott Buchman
3. Constable: N/A
4. Town Agent: Joel Cope
5. Road Commissioners: Jeanne Gervais and Heather McElroy

Pay Orders: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to have Michael Strait review and approve the check warrants for pay orders until the covid-19 pandemic is over. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The pay orders for March were approved and signed.

Liquor Licenses: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to sign the liquor license renewals for Hearth and Home, America Legion, Kingdom Market, and Lakefront Express Mart. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to have Chairperson, Michael Strait sign the overweight permits. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: Tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business: The board asked Jeff Noyes if there were any leads on the gym vandalism case. Jeff said he has no solid leads at this time, but is working on the case.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.