

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 21, 2021**

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

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

Update Agenda: None.

Public comment: None.

Road Department: The radar signs have been ordered. Mark has not heard anything on The Better Back Roads Grant.

Building and maintenance: The board received a request to use the gym on August 5, 2021. No Action was taken on this matter. The board's sense was that the vaccination rate in Essex County is still only 57% and it wouldn't be a good time to encourage large gatherings in enclosed spaces.

The walk bridge needs to be looked at.

The joists on the top have separated.

Someone hit the awning on the Passumpsic Bank. Bruce has fixed this issue.

Recreation: Nothing to report.

Engineering agreement for Pleasant Street Pump Station: The board authorized Joel to sign the Agreement for engineering for the Pleasant St pump station.

Engineering contract for downtown project: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to authorize Joel Cope to sign the contracts with Dufresne. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set tax rate: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to set the 2021 homestead tax rate at \$2.1364 and the non-residential 2021 tax rate at \$2.1293. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Dog issues: The board discussed sending out reminder letters to the owners of the unlicensed dogs.

Personnel: Nothing.

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

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to accept the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Jeanne brought it to the board's attention that the kids were diving off the town dock and when they were climbing back up onto the dock, they were breaking off the handicap plates. The board will look into a ladder for the dock.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.