

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 2, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, John Manning, Ken Smith, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Joel Cope, Mike Strait, and Bruce Webster.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Updates to the agenda: None.

Public comment: None.

Tax sale discussion: Noah informed the board that there was a property at the tax sale that no one bid on, and it was now two years delinquent. Noah mentioned to the board about the town purchasing this property, and the possibility of having contractors lined up and ready to go and putting in affordable housing just as an option. The board agreed that this may be an opportunity for the town.

Mutual aid policy adoption: Noah showed the board a draft of a mutual aid policy form to review. The board liked this idea and wanted Noah to proceed with this. The board will adopt this policy at the next meeting.

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

Town manager's report: Noah reported to the board the projects that the town employees have been working on, and the completed and upcoming projects that would be worked on.

The town's new grader has arrived.

Noah spoke with the CEO of Verizon, and the tower installation could start as soon as October.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 19, 2023, meeting. Heather McElroy motioned to except the minutes with the spelling correction of AED. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Once the board goes into executive session to discuss the Town Manager's contract, Noah would also like to discuss in executive session the outcome of the insurance adjuster concerning Passumpsic Bank.

A motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 PM and go into executive session to discuss the Town Manager's contract, and Passumpsic Bank insurance adjustment claim was made by Heather McElroy. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.