

Select Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023

Present: Heather McElroy, Kathy Nelson, Ed Barber, and Teresa DeBonville.

Virtually: Noah Bond, Mike Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Joel Cope, Bruce Webster, and Nicole Gratton.

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

Update to the agenda: None.

Public comment: Kathy Nelson was present to ask the board if they would reach out to the franchise manager of the Dollar General located here in town to discuss the fact that this branch does not accept cash as a form of payment for goods rendered. Kathy mentioned to the board that community members do not have access to a debit card/credit card and only use cash to pay for items purchased and may not have the ability to get out of town to shop at other places, and this was an inconvenience to them. Noah told Kathy that he would reach out to the franchise manager and suggest on behalf of the town, that cash would help this community. Noah did state, that at this time there is no federal law that requires businesses to accept cash payment, but all agreed that it would help the business if they would consider making sure that cash was accepted.

Nicole Gratton was present from NVDA to talk to the board about the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, and to gather information from the board where the town stands, and what major projects we are working on and may need assistance with. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to authorize Noah to pursue the MTAP program procedures. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Validate hiring Dan Keenan to complete the WWTF Right-Of-Way Certification: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to authorize Dan Keenan to complete the WWTF Right-Of-Way certification and authorize Noah Bond to be the designated signor for this document. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Validate the WWTF Legal Services Agreement-Bond Attorney: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to authorize Noah Bond to sign the WWTF Legal Services Agreement. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Validate Dog Bite Decision: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to follow Renee Falconer's recommendation on the dog bite case. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Gymnasium Use Policy: The board reviewed the gymnasium policy that was in place. A change will be made to the policy to state that open gym would need to have a minimum of three