

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, by Zoom – Fred Ducharme, John Cookson, Jenn Miner, Kathleen Hoyne, Karlyn Schmidt, Frank Kampf, Steve Cox, Jen Gochey, Trish Brochu-Cox, Jim Wolentyz

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. for the record Ian and Mike are in the office, Fred and John is by phone
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by John, motion carried by roll call.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting – A motion was made by John with a second by Fred, motion carried by roll call.
4. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
5. Emergency Management Update – Jenn reviewed the Covid 19 and even though there has been a slight uptick we are in good shape. The Covid vaccine is now open to 16 years old and up. Johnson and Johnson vaccine is on hold at this time.
6. LEMP Annual Plan Adoption – Need to approve the by the Board. The only real changes are names and positions. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian to accept the Annual Plan. Motion carried by roll call.
7. Library proposal for a story walk – The library along with other libraries are putting together a story walk and families will be able to read a book that is posted on this walk by page. Cabot Library would put them around the perimeter of the pavilion and left up for two weeks. The time period is May 5 through the 19th. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian to approve the walk. Motion carried by roll call.
8. C V Fiber – Appointment of R. D. Eno as Representative and an Alternate – at this time we do not have an alternate and R. E. is asking around to see if anyone is interested.
9. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – talk about the wastewater plant and water system. Betty checked with H2O Innovations and found that all of pumps for water and water should be replaced. This would entail about \$100,000, Also they would like for us to consider an attachment to the plant for the tank that is pumped out quarterly. It would save the Town some money over time to have the water extracted from the sewage that needs to be pumped. We do not have an estimate for the building. There are some funds coming from the Town of about \$485,000 from the American Rescue Plan and we may be able to receive funds for these projects from the Act.
 - b. Betty also mentioned that we are going to be reimbursed by FEMA for the 2017 flooding in the near future.
10. Highway
 - a. Road Commissioner Position Discussion – we have discussed this for the past few meetings. Ian is the interim liaison between the highway crew and the select board. Do we want to have a part time person of possibly 10-20 hours per week? We need to decide on this. John, we need to take a look at the qualifications. Not necessarily a backup driver or someone with a Class A license. Mike thought we were looking at a back-up. What about communication with other adjoining towns? Which way are we going to go with this? We helped with Walden but have not needed help from other towns We have \$35,000 for a road commissioner at the present time. Ian suggested that he put a radio in his truck. There are 23 culverts necessary for Old Route 2. Fred, if you feel comfortable we can pay Ian a salary as he is reporting back to the SB. We will discuss this. Trish thinks that she should give it a try for a year to be the liaison. Steve – should give Ian a chance. John feels we keep talking about this over and over again. Make a decision. Culverts need to be ordered for Old Route 2 – Ian will be checking into this.
 - b. The State is talking about Class 2 Roads and having some money coming to repair these roads.
 - c. There is no schedule for the skid steer. The sweeper is on the skid steer and we are not using it and don't want to use it. Tommy was working on the Common today and using his own equipment.
 - d. What about Ducharme Road (as we have a grant for this), and we need to complete Old Route 2.
 - e. Green-Up – can road crew picking up bags at side of road – the road crew will not be picking up the green-up bags. There will be a truck at the Fire Station and possibly a metal container. Also, nothing should be brought to the Recycle Center except when it is opened on Saturday.
 - f. Other business – Discuss the dumpster for the highway garage. Anything that is not recyclable can go in the dumpsters. It would be approximately \$90/month. A four yard dumpster can be sufficient. We will be checking into the price of a dumpster at the garage. John suggested that trash from the Willey Building can go in the

dumpsters.

- g. Aldo can go ahead and order tires for the truck, we have \$3,000 for these tires.
- h. Karlyn – discussed the green-up. Can we possibly have some money in the budget for next year to have the Town highway crew pick up green-up trash bags as people do not want to put them in their cars.
- i. Trish – Masks are not being worn in the recycle barn and it was discussed about Marshfield to pay a portion. We cannot force a town to pay for it. We will have to wait for the next budget. John approached the Marshfield Board and they decided not to pay. What about Walden residents. It would be impossible to police the people to do a recycle.

11. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders - signed
- b. Other business
 - 1. Signed the letter for the line of credit from Passumpsic.
 - 2. Betty asked is we could move the meeting to Monday, May 3 and Monday May 17 due to election on Tuesday, May 18.
 - 3. We would also like to start opening the building and will begin on May 3 and the Town will use the back door and the Library will use the front door when they open. The SB can meet in the Town Clerk's office and all other participants will be via zoom.

12. Other Business

- a. Mike went to a CCIF meeting and they decided to have the money go back into an investment fund and have an overall plan what to do with the money.
- b. Steve Cox – the town has had several issues with beavers. Other towns have used Beaver Baffles they are in fencing poles and mesh netting. He would bring back some information at the next meeting.

13. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer