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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, January 6th 2020
6:30pm

Selectboard Members: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Darren Drevik, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin (arrived 6:50PM)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Michal Snider, Sue Wilson, Sharon Perry, Parma Jewett, Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Marijke Dollois

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:42PM.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
2. Review/approve minutes of the December 16th and December 23rd meetings
 - Leanne made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16th meeting; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 4-0 (Jacob absent for this vote).
 - Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from December 23rd; seconded by Jacob. Unanimous, 3-0, Leanne and Darren abstain.
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Grants (*status updates*)
 - Reapplied for funding for culvert replacement on Hill West through Better Back Roads Program.
 - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—speed study; request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)
 - Carry over.
 - Michael concerned about expenditure level (salt, sand) given conditions/needs so far this this winter; provided details for Board. Discussion ensued re: material and impact on equipment. West Hill pavement condition presents hazard to plowing operations, potential damage to equipment.
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - Trying to determine a location for community (access) sand pile to keep Public Works Building area clear for town operations. Pending.

- c. Personnel Update
 - Applications being reviewed; Michael, Mark and Charlie will schedule interviews, provide recommendation to board. Carry over.
 - d. FEMA/USDA EWP (*update*)
 - USDA/EWP rep toured subject properties with Charlie last week. USDA respond in two weeks with evaluation. Community Gardens and Ball Park pending re: eligibility through FEMA.
4. Visitors (7pm)
- Parma, on behalf of DRB, requested permission from the Select Board to hire a secretary to take minutes during hearings, gave reasoning to Board. Discussion ensued. DRB will present a budget.
 - Sharon presented information regarding the burden of the school portion of delinquent taxes on the Town. Presented a spreadsheet breakdown of the delinquent taxes between 2012 and 2018, and explained the specifics of the circumstance. Town carries burden of delinquency under current framework, resulting in increase in tax rate to absorb impact. Discussion ensued. Sharon will draft amended spreadsheet for board with updated numbers, board will draft correspondence to reps/governor/staff.
5. Water Commission Issues
- List of properties where commercial and residential designation (re: rates) needs adjustment provided by Darren for Mark. Clarity needs to be defined as to designation and use relative to rental properties (STROs).
6. Old Business
- a. Grant Updates
 - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC)
 - Suzanne will begin ordering equipment that was budgeted for.
 - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
 - Charlie in discussion with USDA re: funding for PSB re-model to accommodate permanent relocation of Clerk's office, potential library expansion. Will report back.
 - iii. *Other*
 - b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)
 - i. Hoyle Tanner Proposal (*board action*)
 - Board reviewed answers to questions from HT re: proposal.
 - ii. Waste Water and Streetscape Preliminary Engineering phase (*update*)
 - Mark moved that the Board execute the agreement with Hoyle Tanner for professional services associated with preliminary engineering studies for the wastewater and streetscape project; seconded by Jacob. Unanimous, 5-0.
 - Mark moved to submit the application for Planning Advance for municipal wastewater

feasibility study in the amount of \$82,000, and authorize Charlie as an authorized representative and signatory; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 5-0. (Noted that Planning Advance on repaid if project moves to construction, can be rolled into final RD loan).

- c. Sale of Ambulance (*update—potential board action*)
→Suzanne will work to distribute the ad online for wider promotion of sale.
- d. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)
→Pending
- e. Potential Contract with Franklin County Sheriff (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→Charlie reviews most recent changes. Board discusses next move once contract is approved and by which means the contract should be adopted re voter options, budget, etc. Discussion ensued.
- f. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→Clarification: the Town can impose a 1% local option tax on rooms and/or meals (not required that both be included). Discussion ensued re: budget needs in light of pending projects and what may or may not be presented to voters at town meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Shared Health Officer with Enosburgh (*discussion*)
→Carry over; Charlie still trying to coordinate with Jim Cameron re: opportunity
- b. Time Meeting Timeline (*discussion*)
→Draft shared with Board members. Special meeting SB to approve warning set for January 30th.
- c. Overweight Truck Permits
- d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Jacob moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 5-0.

