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MINUTES of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, September 20th 2021
6:30pm

Montgomery Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery Center

In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Emily Kimball (viazoom); Visitors: Larry Letourneau, NWATV

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
Add for discussion play group at PSB
2. Review/approve minutes of the September 13th meetings (*board action*)
 - a. Motion to adopt as written by Suzanne; seconded by Mark.
 - b. Leanne Abstain, Charlie aye, Suzanne aye, Mark aye, Emily aye—motion carries
3. Public Works
 - a. Board/Staffing Framework – Roles and responsibilities (*discussion*)
 - i. Given that this the first regular meeting since significant changes in PW Dept (hiring Mark as Director of Public Works/decision not to renew SOS contract for water system), Charlie reviewed guidelines for Mark Brouillette participation in matters related to public works. Mark will participate in all discussions, but will abstain from voting on any matters which pertain to the Public Works Dept budget.
 - b. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Project Status Updates
 1. Started municipal roads general permit Grants in Aid Regan Road and North Hill; two culverts will be replaced 9/21 on Regan Road—crew will then move to North Hill to continue work there with grant (stone lining ditches, etc). This will take care of 2021 general permit work.
 2. Longley Bridge bank stabilization started. Looks like 50 loads will get us to 150' ft work. Based on this the overall project estimates from DK for TAP project look good.

ii. 2021-22 Work Plan & Prioritization (*discussion*)

1. Plan for this fall—sand pile done, working on gravel now. Billy will be back in the next week or two for final lap with grader. Try to get class IV roads done at that time. Use as training opportunity for road crew re: grading.
2. Aiming to stock-pile ledge for potential use during mud season so that materials are on hand and ready.
3. Mark's truck needs sander repair; Scott's truck already serviced; need tires switched up. Loader out for repairs, needs new turbo.
4. Plans for plowing while Mark G. is out for surgery – John Nutting will plow with small truck, Mark B. will handle Mark's route.
5. Emergency Contact list for roads is being updated
6. For 2022 Muni Roads Grants in Aid General Permit looking at Black Falls, next year work on ditches to improve drainage; focus on storm water compliance status; by 2023 Montgomery's total of 816 hydrologically connected segments of high priority will be complete. FEMA work accomplished much of this work.
7. Start inspecting and cleaning culverts; Culvert inventory stand will be revisited and updated (last done in 2016)
8. Better back roads program on Hill West (@ Charlie Carpenter's); need revised estimates—looking at 2022 funds
9. Larry noted need for Culvert separating at Anita's driveway on Regan Road, Mark will add to list.

Mark also noted that the following road signs have been stolen: Nutting Road, Gibou, Rushford Valley, Amidon, Creamery Bridge and Hill West intersection, Creamery Bridge on west hill side. No town Puffer Road sign. Mark will get order in.

c. Buildings and Grounds

- i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—October marks one year out from expiration of lease agreement. Still no communication from USPS. Charlie has reached out again to try and restart discussions on the future of service in the community, making it clear that if USPS is just trying to run out the clock and leave town we will not accept that.
- ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)—committee has started work; Charlie will request report from committee, Mark will try to attend meeting.
 1. Note that PSB lot temporary repairs have been made; still need to grind surface material, apply better base, and prep for paving next year.
 2. PSB has been pressure washed and siding maintenance conducted
 3. Pending work for Doug at Grange Hall

d. Water Commission

i. Project Status Updates

1. Scott is currently completing last classes for licensure update

- ii. 2021-2022 Work Plan & Prioritization (*discussion*)
 - 1. Inventory at plant; look into selling the filter press from sludge (we don't use it); other potential tanks, etc. we don't use – create space for storage and work bench.
 - 2. Getting power line up to Regan Road Reservoir (ARPA \$?); get estimate from ECI on boring (vs. digging); Mark will report back
 - 3. Punch list on final repairs held over from SOS
 - 4. Brent D. coming for flow testing
 - 5. Start putting together budget number for hydrant replacement each year – flow test with Brent should get us list of ones that need replacement.
 - 6. Building Maintenance
 - 7. Schedule Spring meeting at plant for board
 - e. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*) - Mark provided an update
- 4. Visitors
 - a. Larry L. – are there class IV road grants? Yes, some are applicable for Class IVs, we've been focusing on Class IIIs. Mark needs to sign off on road work in Gibou near Larry's place. Mark will sign off.
 - b. Confirmed that Creamery Bridge Swimming Hole is now posted and closed.
- 5. Old Business
 - a. ARPA Appropriations, Planning (*update/discussion*)
 - i. Discussion of PSB, WW, Electrical line to reservoir; Broadband
 - ii. Board will schedule October listening session on this for community
 - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)
 - i. Test pit work is completed; report from Stone pending; next step will be deep boring tests
- 6. New Business
 - a. NWA-TV Funding Request: request for financial support from town for filming meetings and posting online. Also discussed potential to incorporate with remote meeting options for community participation (hybrid remote/in person); board will integrate into proposed FY22 budget.
 - b. Added: Play group at PSB—request for use in activities Friday 10-11am, maybe Monday's? Need to talk to the Fire Dept., Town Office staff, and library. Will take up at next meeting.
 - c. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
- 7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn—Motion to adjourn from Suzanne; seconded by Leanne; unanimous approval
Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm