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Unapproved MINUTES of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, April 18th 2022
6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:38pm

In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois, Mark Brouillette; Visitors: Wayne Hurtubirse NWTAV; Sue Wilson, Merle VanGieson (via Zoom)

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Charlie added “PSB Signage Quote” under Public Works
2. Review/approve minutes of the 4/4 board meeting (*board action*)
 - a. Motion to approved as written by Suzanne; Seconded by Mark; approved 3-0
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
 - i. Road/Mud Season Updates
 1. Mark provided update on work; weather challenges; focused on finishing grading (about 1/3 complete now)
 - ii. Grant/Project Updates
 1. Review of paving quotes (*likely board action*)
 - a. Mark has solicited quotes from a number of businesses over the last two months. We still only have a quote/response from Hungerford Paving in the amount of \$62,100.
 - b. Suzanne moved to approve the Hungerford quote for paving the PSB lot in the amount of \$62,100; seconded by Charlie; approved 3-0. Note funds are in general budget (~\$90k) but we can also look to ARPA (*see below*).

- b. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. 98 Main Street (*update*)
 - 1. Continued discussion with Postal Realty Trust around purchase offer; discussions continue with MCP group are potential tenancy; still waiting on response from USPS on whether they want to take over the entire building.
 - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)
 - 1. Survey Costs (*potential board action*)—table until 5/2 meeting pending conversation with Library; still waiting on additional survey quote from Mike Gervais
 - c. Water Commission (*update*)
 - i. Scott goes for exam May 6th
 - ii. Work completed at School pump station
 - d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)
 - i. All legal filings complete re: right-of-way material
 - e. Added: quote for new PSB Signage/Replacement
 - i. Signage at PSB could use updates and adjusted placement for better optics from road. Charlie will reach out to JD Design re: quote
4. Visitors
- a. Merle inquired about lighting the Snow Flakes for Main Street; training for PWD on grader; dog officer position rate
 - b. Wayne Hurtubise discussed the potential lease renewal with the board; decision pending 5/2 meeting
5. Old Business
- a. Municipal Website Updates (*discussion, potential board action*)—tabled until 5/4 meeting, Emily has update
 - b. Municipal Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*update*)
 - i. Finalizing LOI for submission Friday to NRBC for \$1M ask for ped/bike access between Rec Center and Main Street (side walks, etc.)
 - c. Municipal Purchasing Policy (*re-visited, potential board action*)—table until 5/4 meeting when full board present
 - i. Board did discuss pending expenditure re: brushes for tractor re: street sweeping required by PWD which is limited by existing policy (req board approval); Suzanne moved to approve the expenditure for new brushes in the amount of \$1,131.50; seconded by Charlie; approved 2-0-1 (Mark abstained).

- d. Building Use Policy (*discussion, potential board action*)—table until 5/4 meeting when full board present
- e. 3rd quarter budget status review (*discussion*)—table until 5/4 meeting when full board present
- f. Animal Control Officer Appointment (*board action*)—table until 5/2 meeting pending discussion with candidate re: rate

6. New Business

- a. ARPA Funds ‘Standard Allowance’ Resolution (*board action*)
 - i. Final rules allow for communities to take Standard Allowance to make up for assumed revenue loss due to Covid. This streamlines (greatly reduces) reporting requirements, and allows the community to use funds outside narrow parameters originally discussed (essentially treated as general fund revenue).
 - ii. Charlie moved that the town of Montgomery make the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the “Standard Allowance” approach for our ARPA award in the amount of \$359,010.16, to spend on the provision of government services throughout the period of performance of the grant; seconded by Suzanne; approved 3-0
- b. Local Emergency Operation Plan (*board action*)
 - i. Charlie reviewed plan with Greg and Brent; all updates are ‘housekeeping’ related to contact info and updating officer information.
 - ii. Mark moved to approve and re-adopt the LEMP as amended; seconded by Suzanne; approved 3-0
- c. Town Land Lease Expiration (*discussion, potential Board Action, lease expires 5/5/22*)
 - i. Discussion with Wayne Hurtubise under visitors; proposes increased leaser rate to \$100/acre (\$1,700 annual)
- d. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)
 - i. Fred’s Plumbing and Heating/Fred’s Energy
 - ii. G.W. Tarto Construction, Inc.
 - iii. Vaillancourt Transport
 - iv. Gaudette’s Excavating
 - v. Mark moved to approve the slate as presented; seconded by Suzanne; approved 3-0
- e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. Darlyn, Inc. (Phineas Swann)
 - ii. Suzanne moved to approve the liquor license for Darlyn, Inc.; seconded by Mark; approved 3-0

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members—none
9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Suzanne; seconded by Mark; approved 3-0