

## Selectboard Meeting

April 22, 2019

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey

Guests: Mason Wade filming for Orca Media, Terry Severy, Martha Slater, Nancy Woolley, Joan Allen, John Champion, Walt Wells, Bruce Flewelling, Vic Ribaud, Tony Goupee, Harland Mckirryher, Cricket McCuster, Dave Harvey, John Gorton

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Additions to the agenda: Martha noted a correction for the next Selectboard Meeting would be on May 13 and not May 6 as noted.

Minutes: Doon moved to approve minutes from the Selectboard Meeting on April 8, 2019. Tom seconded. So, voted.

Doon welcomed Vic to speak on behalf of the Emergency Management Plan. Vic noted that there are 2 new changes to the plan. The first is a provision for at risk populations, the vulnerable populations. We need to be sure that we are contacting people who are either elderly, infirm or developmentally disabled who live in Rochester, who we need to find out if they need emergency assistance during a major emergency where they might be in danger. There is a list of agencies, provided by Jan McCann and Katherine Schenkman that can help with contacting these agencies to provide services quickly when needed during an emergency. The other change is a protocol when opening the emergency shelter. The primary emergency shelter here in town is the Elementary school. It has a generator and institutional Kitchen and a space for sleeping. There are cots and supplies that are stored there. At the direction of the selectboard, it can be opened and there are volunteers there that can staff that for as long as necessary.

Doon motioned to adopt the new version of the Emergency Management Plan. Tom seconded. So, voted.

Doon motioned to adopt the NIMS-National Incident Management System. Tom seconded. So, voted.

The board thanked Vic for the time and effort to put forth in creating the Emergency Management Plan.

Joan Updates:

Joan noted that she has been working on roads. Bethel Mountain Road was discussed. Doon gave an update to its situation and how it sustained significant damage with the April 15, 2019 storm. Firsts quarter or third of a mile between the village and just below Kevin Dougherty's house. That is now barricaded and closed, and we have looked at the possibility of patching it together yet again and it was determined by the State Engineers and local help that it is time to fix it more substantially, so we don't have to come back and revisit it again in future years. We can't say exactly what form that is going to take but we decided today that we are going to invite a larger Engineering firm to fast track an analysis and a plan for a more permanent fix. Doon noted that

ideally if we can fast track this the only bullet, we will have to bite is the inconvenience we will have is the convince of not having the road for the bulk of the summer. The extent to which we can get those repairs done within 6 months that would be 100% covered. That was why we approved to move it forward this afternoon then to wait till this evening to do it. Doon noted that we will have more details about what exactly is planned as they come up but right now, we are just moving forward with inviting large companies to do the work. Cricket noted that one of the most important parts to highlight is the acronym Pat summarized the handout from the afternoon meeting and that is the FHWA ER funding. The great thing about Bethel Mountain Road is that it's a special classification of a town road highway. In a disaster it can receive if deemed eligible Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program If they concur the money is available. They are slightly more accepting of fixes that make things better. They understand highways and know you must sometimes put things back together better so they will last. It was decided that we jump on board with that funding and do as much as we can to bring it up to codes and standard, so we don't have to keep visiting it.

Doon motioned to approve a new policy for the adoption of the conflict of Interest and Ethical Conduct. Tom seconded. So, voted.

Doon motioned to approve a promissory note to Mascoma Bank in the principal amount of \$400,000.00 to deal with some emergency repairs. Doon motioned to enter into agreement with Mascoma Bank. Tom seconded. So, voted.

In addition to the Promissory Note we need to authorize Julie and I as the signatories for the Promissory note. Doon moved to approve. Tom seconded. So, voted.

Utility Operator: Terry noted said we have some infiltration on site 3 and he thought he knew where it was coming from and not much can be done about it. On site 4 we have a bunch of sub-pumps that got put into the sewer system. Site 3 he has an idea where its coming from south of town. There will be a spring walk around next Wednesday at 8 am and will be all day. Rain pending for the site walk.

Doon opened the Bids for the Lawn Mowing/ Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid Proposals.

Music Mountain (Mike Ketchum) bid \$17,100 for both. Question for bid is lump sum for 3 years or proposed amount separate for all three years.

4 Season's Lawn Care (John Gorton) bid is \$7,200.00 for each year for 3 year bid for the mowing only.

Select needed clarification about the bid Mike submitted. No decision made.

Old Business:

Harland read a Pursuant to request public records.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith