

Unapproved Minutes

Present: Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen, Doon Hinderyckx, Courtney Severy, Joan Allen

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Jim Huntington, Mary Russ, Nancy Beattie, Kenny Beattie, Nancy Woolley, Barb Harvey, Marv Harvey, Mike Hildenbrand, Jolanta Labejsza, Anthony Venturini, Bob Long Jr.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Dan wanted to discuss the loader, Robert added an executive session, Jim Huntington wanted to discuss the rental of the old fire house and Marv had multiple items to discuss.

Robert moved to approve the minutes from the July 25th meeting, seconded by Jim. So voted.

Doon moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting on August 4th regarding the Maple Hill project bids and discussed the mowing bids, seconded by Robert. So voted.

New Business:

Mary Russ discussed the upcoming WRP-Resiliency Tour on 8/21 at 2pm. She asked permission for attendees to park on the park during this event, it would start and end there no actual event on the park. Robert moved to allow parking, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Jim Huntington discussed renting the old fire house and using it to open a brewery. He believes it would help bring more people to Rochester. Jim wants to make sure everyone in town would be accepting of a brewery. Jim has been through the building, so he is aware of what condition it is in. Nancy Woolley asked what the business would look like. Jim stated everything would be contained within the building (vats, equipment, etc.), but there would be deliveries occurring. Barb asked about parking requirements. Jim stated they would work with WRCU to use that lot on weekends; otherwise parking would be throughout town at the public parking locations. Nancy also asked what his time frame would be for opening. Jim stated they are currently an LLC ("Woodpile Brewing"), they have a FID. They still need a brewer's certificate, but cannot get that until they have determined a location. They wouldn't be open late at night (it won't be a bar), but they would have a tap room. Marv asked if he was looking to lease or buy the building, he wants to lease it. The Town would work with Jim to determine what repairs the Town is responsible for prior to leasing it. The Board will discuss this further and be in touch with Jim.

Mike Hildenbrand of Dubois & King brought the plans and bid package for the new park in town. He wants to send the invitation to bid out by Friday, August 12th. The plan is to move forward with construction this fall, starting early September and finishing by October 15th, pending material lead times. Mike confirmed structure is out of the floodway. Bids will be due 8/29. Mike needs approval/comments from Board; he also wanted to know how the bid process works. The board confirmed that they would advertise the bid and Joan will coordinate with Mike on other places to advertise. Mike said they could layout locations of buildings/benches on 8/19 so it will be ready for the dedication on 8/28. The board will review and provide and comment before Friday, so that the bid can go out by Friday.

Doon brought up the Irene 5th Anniversary Celebration on August 28th.

Marv noted the Stagecoach is turning 40 this year. There will be an ice cream social on 8/9 at Gifford Park. There will be a formal celebration on 9/10 as well. Barb & Marv will be attending.

Marv stated there's a new upgraded driveway access off Class 2 Bethel Mtn. Rd and the curb cut does not qualify/meet the town policy (which follows the state recommendations). It needs to be reviewed and improved.

Marv commented that the ditches have been dug out near his house, but the culvert inlets need to be looked at to make sure the inlet is open. There is also a ditch that exists at the bottom of the field near his house; it needs to be cleaned out. He will show Dan where it is.

Marv stated the town has put gravel over the washboards on the hill by Tim Pratt's, this doesn't work, the road needs to be cut, not just filled with gravel.

Joan needs the board to sign the contract for Tremblay Construction for the Maple Hill project, but she'll have to print it out at a later date.

Marv asked about an update on the Library ownership status, Robert said it was on the list to address with the lawyers after the Oak Lodge Road issue.

Marv asked about the status of FairPoint transferring their lines through town, Doon said they have been making some progress. Doon noted old poles are not completely gone yet though. Marv is concerned they'll leave and not come back for months. Doon agrees to talk to them further to make sure the work gets done.

Jolanta stated the Library had asked Trees for a quote on cutting the dead branches off a tree on the property line of the Library & Pumpkin Patch; the limbs overhang the new addition. The price was \$850.00. Doon asked Jolanta to try and get another quote, Jim Huntington recommended Vaillancourt Tree, Jolanta will contact them. Nancy Woolley & Martha noted there is a dead tree on the park; maybe have them look at that while they're in town.

Dan noted that only Milton CAT submitted a bid based on the town specs, Volvo and John Deere submitted quotes based on a smaller loader. Dan stated they tried all 3 brands and CAT is the best. Robert stated that since CAT is the only one who submitted a bid per specs the other 2 quotes will be thrown out. Robert motioned to accept the bid from Milton CAT for \$146,500 (after trade-in) for a 7-year lease with a \$22,397.00 annual payment and 2.25% up front, seconded by Doon. So voted. Dan stated they should add the option for the hydraulic quick coupler (not included in original specs). This would be an additional \$8,500.00. Robert motioned to add the upgrade for the quick coupler for a total of \$155,000 (after trade-in) for a 7-year lease with a \$22,694 annual payment and 2.25% upfront, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Dan stated that someone is making cuts in the road on Hawk, near Weden's. The town needs to figure out who's doing it so they can tell them to stop.

Robert asked about the seeding where ditching work was done, Dan said they are waiting on rainy weather.

Robert stated his wife; Caroline would like to become a lister for the town. Robert then recused himself from the discussion and vote. Doon moved to add Caroline as a lister, seconded by Jim. So voted. Her appointment is just until town meeting.

Robert motioned to sign contract for Kevin Bagley for roadside mowing, seconded by Doon. So voted. He started mowing on 8/8. Marv asked if all roadsides would be mowed, Dan said no due to budget cuts, the following were eliminated: the side roads on Bethel Mtn., no roads South, Little Hollow, West Hill and Bingo. Everything in the village will be mowed.

Robert moved to authorize Doon to execute the paving bid from D&F Paving (only one received) for the Hawk Access Road, seconded by Jim. Dan will call and get on their schedule.

Doon brought up waiving the late homestead filing fees, Doon moved to waive the fees, seconded by Robert. So voted.

Old Business:

Nancy Beattie was present to discuss the Oak Lodge Road issue. Robert stated that Paul Hannan will review/process the documents prior to the Town sending them to the lawyer. Nancy feels she's been ignored due to the length of time this has been going on. She has compiled documents from the town records and provided it to the town. Robert has been influenced to submit it to an attorney for a decision. Nancy had someone interested in the property, but they walked away once she told them about the road issue. Joan needs to send the documents to Paul; this will be done in the next week. Bob Long, Jr. was also present stating that he and his family have been using the road on/off for the last 55 years; he would like the opportunity to speak with Paul and/or the lawyers to see if he should take legal action on this issue as well. Dan asked why the town is wasting time and money when ultimately a judge will be the one who decides. Robert stated the town needs to put a case together first to present to a judge. Nancy would also like to speak with Paul once he has the documents. The town will continue to move forward with this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Executive session called to order.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Severy