

Selectboard Meeting
2016

August 22,

Unapproved Minutes

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

Guests: Martha Slater, Dan Gendron, Terry Severy, Mark Belisle, Tom Pierce

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Additions to Agenda: Jim wanted to discuss the chimney at the Town Office. Doon added an executive session to discuss business items and water personnel issues.

Robert moved to approve the minutes from the August 8th meeting, seconded by Doon. So voted.

New Business:

Jim said that Fig Newton came by and looked at the chimney at the Town Office and he recommended replacing it from the roof up, the brick facing is in bad condition. Doon said the Board should look at it. Fig gave a price of \$2,130 to complete the work. Robert suggested they look at the budget to see what money is available and if they can afford to do the work this year.

Robert brought up the issues with trucks using Bethel Mtn. Road even though it's posted. He suggested lowering the limit from 24,000 lbs to 16,000 lbs on the section from Brook Street to the intersection of North Hollow Rd. 16,000 lbs isn't much, even the school buses would need permits to travel that section of road. Robert asked Mark what the town would need to do in order to change that. Mark has contacted DMV about this and is waiting to hear back. Mark noted that Bethel would need to post signs on their side as well, if not there could be issues, the town would need to coordinate with Bethel. Robert asked if Mark could write tickets, but without weighing the truck there is no proof how much it actually weighs.

The town purchased the culvert for the Maple Hill Road project; it's at the town garage now. Work started last week on the project.

Dan noted that they need to change their work at the West Hill temporary bridge per the state. No plans were provided with the bridge and the state keeps changing the requirements.

Dan said grading and ditching work have been on-going. The single axle truck is back from Clarke's now.

Joan stated the bid meeting for the New Park project was held on 8/19 and 9 contractors attended including 2 local ones. The bids are due 9/2 at 3:00 pm. Joan also brought up 2 questions regarding the New Park: (1) How far should the pedestrian path from the park to the overflow parking go? Doon

stated it should go to the property line. (2) Is it ok to remove the berm that's in the floodway? And what is the exact location of the berm, it's not clear. Doon said it can be removed and someone will stake out the location.

Joan noted there is a Park House meeting scheduled for Wednesday (8/24) at 10:00 am to discuss administrating the construction phase of the work. She has a draft contract that will be between the Town and the Park House that was prepared by Amy Wright. The Town will be doing the grant administration.

Joan noted the Griffin & Griffin (contractors for West Hill) contact hasn't been signed yet, but they did drop off the bonds and insurance. They will be by to sign it Wednesday (8/24) at 10:00am; a NTP will be provided after contact is signed. Doon will execute the contract on Wednesday.

Joan asked the Town when they would start work on the Park and Ride; the grant funds are available until December 2017. The town will be doing most of the work. Terry noted that the water line needs to be moved/replaced first; it should be down at least 7 feet. Joan will coordinate more with Dan about a schedule.

Terry stated the new fire truck was delivered Saturday (8/20) and it will be in service by Wednesday (8/24). The old truck was sold to a department in Kentucky and the check for that should be here Tuesday or Wednesday. Doon will need to sign the title so it can get sent back to them; Terry will coordinate with Doon to get it signed.

Mark stated there would be additional check-points between now and Labor Day. He said the new solar speed sign would be going up soon. The new video system is in, but hasn't been installed yet. He stated they will need an external hard drive to store documents. There was some rust on the cruiser, it should be under warranty, Mark is working with Foster Motors on this issue. Jim asked what Mark's thoughts were on traveling to Little Hollow. Mark said if there are reoccurring issues there he doesn't mind doing it. Their main priorities are in town, but he travels the back roads as well.

Doon said the Library received a price from Vaillancourt Tree Service for the tree at the library and it was almost double the cost of Tree's price. The board is going to look at other trees that need to be cut to see if they can bundle them in to help lower the cost. Terry said they should ask the Government to clean up the tree down by the pump house since its Government property.

Robert doesn't think the Town should appoint just one attorney, but the board will give him a try to see how it goes.

Dan thinks the town needs to re-write the driveway cut permit requirements. Most people don't get the permits before doing the work; he thinks there should be a statement in there saying the town has the right to remove the culvert if it's not installed per the specs. Dan will draft up the specs based on Better Roads requirements and State standards, he'll submit it to the board for review.

Old Business:

Paul Hannan now has all the documents from both parties for the Oak Lodge Road issue; he will review them and decide who needs to be interviewed for additional information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Executive session called to order.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Severy