Select Board Meeting

October 30, 2019

6:06 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, and Ericka Oleson.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Jim White, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Stephanie Pare, and Melanie Medon. Pamela White, Jamie Rathbun, and Greg Eastman attended briefly.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Pole hearing:

* National Grid would like to extend the pole line off of pole 27 on Blackstone Road to serve Mr. Eastman’s house. It would be for two poles. A sketch was provided to the board. Jim stated he had not reviewed the site. He will look at it tomorrow and let National Grid know if there are any issues. The poles will be in the town’s right of way. Mike made a motion to accept the poles on Blackstone Road. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.

Jamie Rathbun,

* Jamie stated millings are at the end of the way one way street by the school. They would like to use a few buckets to fill in the end of their driveway. Neil stated the town cannot sell to citizens. Jamie stated that was no problem and she understood.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Wi-Valley update: Wi-Valley would like to place the pole that was intended to be placed on Oleson on the side of the firehouse in order to cut down on time and get it hooked to electricity sooner. If the fire department moves and the pole needs to be moved they will move the pole then. The pole hearing will be held on the 13th of November at the next meeting. There is also a pole in the tunnel they would like to move. That hearing will also be held on the 13th.
* The incident report has been filled out by the employee.

Pam White:

* Pam stated she would be interested in a position on the Conservation Commission if they need another person. There was discussion of who is on the commission ad if there is an opening. They will let her know if another person is needed. Pam also mentioned to the board that there is a class on conservation on the 9th in Pittsfield.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Medex is going down.
* The solid waste yearly grant was signed by the baord. This year the town will receive $2800. Last year the town received $500. The increase is due to the town meeting certain criteria.
* EMP Grant contract signed by board.
* A tractor trailer truck went down lower Church Road. Right after that the guardrail was down. The company is denying it as there is not any damage to the truck. The state police have been contacted and they will look at it again but there is not any evidence. The town will fix it.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Jim stated he met with Bill, the supervisor in Savoy. Bill gave him a copy of the state aid program manual. Jim made a copy for the board and Chris.
* Working on plow trucks.
* The inspection for trucks and the school van is scheduled for Monday. The fire department is scheduled for Tuesday.
* The town employee that had previously been mentioned is working better but there is an issue with another who may be brought in to the next meeting if things do not improve.
* Chris and Jim have been discussing putting in for the STRAP Grant for the upper part of River Road. The priority is the Monroe line to the railroad tracks. Will be able to apply for it in the spring.
* Mike asked if the town has a hot box. Jim stated they do not but they will be able to keep it warm.
* Blowing ditches out.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Chris state she received a call from Roger Randall. The guys blew the leaves into his ditch. Jim will go by tomorrow.
* Working with BMSI on new software. All of the year end financials are in.
* Working on Schedule A.
* Had the compactor inspection on October 22nd. Needed a new sign which the inspector brought. There was some standing water under the compactor. The drainage ditches were cleared and the attendant was reminded to keep them open so water will drain. The two tires kept up against the building that are used to push the paper in, can’t be there. All tires need to be in the same area. The inspection went well. The electronics bin will be emptied soon. Pete’s will grab tires when they come through. May need to look at upping the cost of tire disposal along with electronics. Neil stated the town needs to be careful of not upping it too much or it will be disposed of on the roadsides.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* The quote for the swivel on the excavator will be dropped off Friday.
* The blower is too powerful for the tractor. It needs to be run on the lowest gear or it stalls the tractor.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Was out sick on the 23rd.
* Had a Wi-Valley meeting on the 24th.
* Will be at a meeting in North Hampton at 8 on November 6th.
* November 8th, will be taking a vacation day.
* Taking a vacation day November 27th. The 28th and 29th are holidays.
* Chris will help Jim access the email.
* Could not get any police details set up for this month. No one is available.

Stephanie Pare:

* The heat is working at the school. The new control valve holds its own memory. It will be fine when the power goes out. The company can now access remotely to solve problems. They will look at all units by the end of the week and let the school know from there.

Neil stated he has not heard back on the water filtration. It seems to be working well.

Mike stated he received a call from Mike Fairneny and he thanked the town for taking care of his situation.

7:12 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Unanimous.