Select Board Meeting

October 02, 2019

6:10 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson and Mike Bedini. Ericka Oleson arrived after reviewing new hire paperwork with new employees.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Jim White, Seth Bean, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, and Melanie Medon.

Charlie Burnell, Missy Burnell, and Greg Eastman came to attend the pole hearing.

Josh Pettit and Erik Vasquez attended to meet everyone as new employees.

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the interviews with changes. Neil seconded. Unanimous.

Seth Bean, Assessor Chairperson:

* Looking for approval on a legal service agreement for services in the case with Bear Swamp and Great River Hydro. Florida is responsible for 25% of the cost. Mike made a motion to accept the legal service agreement. Neil seconded. Unanimous.

Mike Bedini, Select Board Member:

* Got a few quotes on roof repairs for the fire station in the tunnel. John Vallieres carpentry quoted $3500 for roof repair with a small overhang. He gave a verbal quote to repair the rotted wall and possibly the sill. It would be another $800 - $1000. Anthony Arigoni quoted $3150. Arigoni did not give a quote on additional repairs as they were not requested. Mike will reach out for an additional quote. Mike Bedini will choose a contractor based on cost and time frame. The money will be taken from buildings and grounds. Chris cannot pay the contractor until it is 100% complete.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Working with new software. All back warrants have been entered. Working on back deposits.
* Attended Berkshire Managers Group Meeting. The federal census will be done online. The paper census will only be sent out after 4 attempts. They may open the school, Senior Center, and Town Hall a few evenings for people to complete their census if they cannot do it at home.
* Neil asked for a Wi-Valley update. Chris stated they are trying to get up as many poles as they can before winter. Once they have the poles in they will come back to get people on.
* Tomorrow will be attending “What’s New in Municipal Law” in Holyoke.
* Friday is fire house visits with the school.
* Took a personal day last Friday.
* Working with Ericka to reconcile year end. Just about done.
* Line painting scheduled for Friday morning.
* Ordered a new phone for the garage. Once it is set calls will be coming in over there.
* The parts for the heating system at the school will be on at the end of the week and installed by the end of next week.

Pole Hearing:

* National Grid, who requested the hearing, did not show. The pole is for Greg Eastman to have electric service to his property. The abutters did not have an issue with the pole. Chris will contact Nation Grid.

New employees Josh Petitt and Erik Vasquez were introduced to everyone in attendance. They both begin October 15th. They will start at $16/hour and need to work toward their licenses.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Diverted the water from Fairneny’s driveway.
* Cleaned ditch on Oleson.
* Blended road out to mailboxes on Oleson.
* Installed a culvert.
* Did swale on Whitcomb Hill. Will continue to fix erosion.

(Ericka arrived.)

* Mowed cemeteries.
* Performed truck maintenance.
* Mike asked when Jim would have time to go through the equipment. Jim stated in a few weeks.
* Mike asked if there were any trucks over there suited for a supervisor’s truck. Jim stated just diesels. Mike stated that is something that should be thought about for next year.
* Jim has left two messages in regards to the excavator part. Will call headquarters.
* Won’t be able to get millings on Church and Monroe Roads this year. They won’t have time to set. Will fix the potholes.
* The guys asked if they could have October 11th off to have a long weekend. Board said that is ok. Kyle will use his bereavement day.
* Mike H. will be working two more Fridays.

7:16 pm Mike made a motion to adjourn. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.