Select Board Meeting

July 25, 2018

6:00 pm meeting called to order.

Board members present: Neil Oleson, Krista Bishop and Ericka Oleson

Board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Glenn Burdick, Melanie Medon, and several residents.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27th meeting. Neil seconded. Krista was not present at that meeting. Unanimous.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11th meeting. Krista seconded. Neil was not present at that meeting. Unanimous.

Scott Fortini:

* Scott questioned the tree cutting and widening on South County Road. Neil stated that there is a lot of summer traffic: campers with trailers, jeeps, etc. Chris added that last week there were 26 cars in 5 hours.
* Scott mentioned that at last meeting it was mentioned that part of South County Road would be paved. Neil stated that it is washing out and gets dangerous. It is going to be a 1 ½ inch coat to stop erosion. It is to make it safer and wider.
* Scott stated that he called Kathy Stevens who handles the local Chapter 90 projects and asked about South County. Stated she said she will pull the contract but it is only for paving, not cutting and widening. Chris and Neil both agreed saying that Chapter 90 is only being used for the paving.
* Scott asked if it will remain a three season road. Neil stated as of right now it will. It is dependent upon the logging by DCR. There is not a contract with the DCR yet. The town will receive it two weeks prior to start for review and signing. When it happens, ½ will be plowed and ½ will be left for snowmobiles. The town will do the plowing. If something changes the snowmobile club will be made aware.

Tim Bartlet:

* Tim stated he asked about the equipment at a previous meeting. The chipper was kept inside when he was selectman. Neil and Chris stated they checked with Vermeer and they store them outside. If it is to be used during the winter it should brought in overnight to warm up before starting. Neil stated that there is not much space for storage. Tim stated he would like a walk through inside the garage too see what is stored. Neil stated he can set that up with Glenn.
* Tim stated that at a previous meeting it was said that residents cannot take salt and stone out of the piles. He stated he believes this was directed at him as he had taken some before. He then questioned who owns the Stryker Road property that used to be Charron’s because there is a bunch of limestone on the property as well as the road. Neil stated Glenn owns the land and purchased that himself.
* Tim asked for the results of the firewood lottery. Chris stated the drawing hasn’t happened yet.

Chris:

* Chris presented board with a form for Neil to be NBSW representative. The board signed.
* Chris stated the 4 towns will be meeting tomorrow with MBI. The state is requiring the towns to have an operating manager and to hire an attorney. Decision needs to be made by August 20th. The state will be releasing and extra $200,000.00 to cover these costs. Jamie Richardson asked if paying for and purchasing broadband is similar to paying for Verizon. The board said it is.
* Chris stated she attended a school construction meeting on Thursday. They are 5 days behind and hope to make it up this week. They are really still on schedule because some extra time was allotted in timeframe.
* Chris explained that the state has a new grant out for a small town capital grant program. She will be applying for the bricks on the school to be repointed and to repair the sills. The grant requires a 25% match would be about $25,000 to the town.
* Chris stated she met with DCR last week to find out where the contract stands. There is no contract yet as mentioned earlier.
* Chris stated National Grid will be putting a fence on Monroe Road. It will be in the town’s right of way. It will block the new access road they are putting in so Jeeps and ATV’s don’t use it per request of the residents. They will be at the next meeting to show where it will be.

Glenn:

* Scheduled vacuum truck for storm drain cleaning.
* Mowing.
* Prepping for paving.
* Working on gravel road erosion with grader.
* Had some lightning damage, a tree down, and a mudslide on Route 2 from storm.
* Jamie Richardson asked how it is decided which roads get done. Neil and Glenn stated that it depends on traffic and road condition. Krista stated that it is the goal to pave all the roads. Cindy Bosley stated lower Church Road is bad.
* Have a burial on Saturday.
* Cemetery markings completed on one end.
* Serviced vehicles.
* Spot painting.
* Building a box to go on truck 10 to chips from trees.
* A/C installed at Senior/Community Center.
* Cindy Bosley asked if brush cutting is still done. Neil said it is but not often. They need to rent an articulating machine and you need to be licensed to use it now. Two guys just got their license. Tim Bartlet mentioned he is concerned with the safety of the machine that has been modified to cut on the roadsides. Chris stated that starting February of 2019 municipalities will no longer be exempt from OSHA so they will most likely be looking at the equipment. Neil stated they will look into it.

6:43 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Krista seconded. Unanimous.