

Select Board Minutes

Date: June 28, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022

Minutes: Minutes approved

Present: Dina Walker, Richard Doughty, Brian Haynes absent, Russell Banton and Carol Cochran

Department Heads:

Public Works:

Richard has received communication from Craig, (Road Commissioner) expressing some concerns related to not finding help. It has been discussed in previous meetings and raising the issue at a special town meeting. It should be discussed further with the Road Commissioner for understanding and create a path to move forward.

Dina agrees with the lack of interest and to make it more attractive now and going forward. With the wages being low it is hard to find an equipment operator and there is a lack of personnel. Craig is working alone.

Richard said that he believes that he had suggested at a previous meeting, perhaps soliciting import from other people who have been road commissioner in the past and people that might have input so that we are not doing it all on our own.

Transfer Station:

Judy said that she did have help during the free days and appreciated extra held given by Larry Fish. They were not as busy as last year.

New Business:

Weld Winter Wildcats request for a Street Dance on July 2nd:

Richard said he was in favor of allowing the snowmobile club to hold a street dance this week end as a fund raiser. There is no action to be taken by the Board. Dina also agreed.

Old Business:

General Assistance Ordinance public hearing and adoption:

Public hearing is open for public comment.

Our Ordinance has not be updated for about 10 years.

Dina said that the Ordinance has been reviewed by our Legal Counsel and it has been posted on Website

The difference between the ordinances increases benefits and more responsible to Municipalities.

We have a budget line item for General Assistance and we have not had any cases in many years.

Russell asked if it was residents only. Dina said yes.

Richard asked about transients and Dina said that she want not sure, but there is a hotline number to be called if such as case became before the General Assistance Administrator.

Richard moved to approve the Ordinance as amended and reviewed by our legal counsel. Dina 2nd the approval and was unanimous and was signed by Richard and Dina.

Broadband informational Meetings:

Richard gave information to those present on the past information that we have received.

When we get a final cost we would have a Referendum Vote by the Town. Dina wants to go over the comments from legal counsel and work with Matrix before scheduling an informational meeting.

Dina thinks it may take a month to get this contract ready and feels that we should not set a date for an informational meeting until the end of July or first of August.

Dina suggested Thursday, August 18th, 6:30 PM for the Informational meeting held at the Town Hall.

The meeting will be posted on the Website.

Masonic Lodge – Squirrels:

Richard said action needed to be taken.

Richard spoke to Patrick this morning and Patrick will need to hire a lift and will replace some shingles there after the squirrels are out.

The squirrels have done extensive damage to the walls, etc. inside the Masonic Hall.

Richard will make contact with David Latham and will make contact with an exterminator.

Audit report - we need to get comments to Collen (this week if at all possible):

Richard said that he went over the audit today and said the Town had to ratify the overage on the Transfer Station for 2021 at next town meeting, which Richard felt was not necessary being after the fact.

Colleen will schedule a call with Peter and Dina so she can speak with him and understand it better.

The written part of the report is Boiler Plate.

Town Hall Heating - Status update:

Duct work is all installed. Richard said that it looks good.

Franklin County Taxes:

We have received communication from Franklin County that our tax with be increased by \$20,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Cochran
Town Clerk