

## Select Board Meeting

August 17, 2022

### Meeting began at 6:30

### Pledge Of Allegiance:

**Attendance:** Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill, Mike Dionne and Reggie Cunningham

Motion Made to accept minutes from July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> select board meeting by Jeff to include minor adjustments. Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion. Motion carries 3-0

The Checking balance as of 8/16/2022 General checking - \$49,950.38 Repurchase - \$509,062.70

**Fire Dept** – Mike was representing the fire dept. A pumper/tanker truck is available for purchase at the Skowhegan Fire Dept. Mike will contact the Skowhegan Chief about looking at the truck, getting pump test and maintenance log on the truck.

The Board suggested offering a \$1000.00 check to be written to the Skowhegan Fire Co. as show of good faith to hold the truck for purchase, once pump test was completed. Doreen made motion to move forward with the check, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> no further discussion motion passes 3-0. Rose will add this to the warrant so that Mike can pick up check on 8/17/2022

Jeff did ask for an updated roster from Chief Dionne. For the most part is Mike himself and Tim Veazie, with the possibility of 5 that are available.

**Sand & Salt Shed** – Roofing close to completion.

There is still a dispute over the invoice for testing the concrete. The contractor did not hire anyone, the engineer took upon themselves to hire a testing company without approval of the Contractor or the Select Board. The amount was more than what was quoted. Jeff will type a letter to send to A E Hodson to clear up the confusion.

Gardner Concrete, after studying the issue on the long walls, will be installing double studs, that was ;in the original plans.

**Paving** – At the Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting there was an issue with tax payers driveways not having an “apron” applied to make transition from new pavement to driveway smoother. Doreen contacted John Cranouski who will be going around and adding dirt to the driveways that need to d=fix the “apron” issue. Will be completed the 20 or 21 of August.

Depot Street Paving, the company still waiting upon the availability of the grinder.

**Town Business** – Discussion held pertaining to bringing the towns commonly used definitions, for ordinances up to state mandates.

Email Address – After much discussion Charles made a motion that recommends using Google business based emails (select board 1, 2, & 3 @thorndikeme.com), Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, motion passes 3-0.

With the emails change coming up the discussion took place about securely opening them or secure devices. After much discussion about laptops versus tablets, Doreen made a motion to spend up to \$70.00 per electronic device to check emails during out of office time ( to include select board, planning board and fire dept) the funds will come out of Town Operating Expense. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion. Motion passes 3-0 Charles will research, send info to Rose and get them ordered ASAP.

Town Office generator is still in need of attention, select board having trouble getting in touch with Norman from Northland Equipment. Jeff will do a follow up this week.

County Budget ballot had one nominee on it Penny Sampson, motion made by Doreen to cast vote for Penny, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff excused from vote. No discussion, motion passes 2-0

Warrants and Payroll reviewed, Jeff made a motion to accept the warrants and payroll with the addition of adding AE Hodson back to the warrant and check for the fire dept, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> no further discussion motion passes 3-0

**Parks & Rec. Dept.-** Wendy Trafton representing the Thorndike Parks and Rec came to discuss funds of the parks and rec. that had not been carried forward from previous year. Wendy made a proposal that the parks & rec. be put on warrant of any upcoming special Town meetings. The amount to bring forward is the amount of \$6,836.56. (2019-\$115.22 – 2020 - 150.00 2021- \$100.00 (nova Farm donation, + 423.32 +17.00 = \$0,440.32 also cable franchise fees 2017, 2018, 2019,2020 & 2021 \$ 3,731.02 total due \$6,836.56)

The board revisited the rat situation, reported by town resident. Charlie Porter came out and did inspection of area and found no trash accumulation that would feed into the problem. Will continue to do follow ups.

Executive Session HR- Jeff made a motion to go into executive session @ 7:48 p.m. Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion passes 3-0

8:34 motion made by Jeff to exit executive session, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 3-0

Doreen mentioned that the cemetery committee would like to use a bay in the old fire dept to store equipment used for restoring stone and ground work. Jeff mention getting a crew together to clean out the bays.

No further discussion.

Motion made for adjournment by Jeff, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0 adjournment 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

