

## Minutes September 7, 2022

### Select Board Meeting

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill , Chuck Cusano, Reggie Cunningham and Greg Falzetta

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes, discussion took place of a few clerical errors, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the error corrections, motion passes 3-0*

#### **CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 9/06/2022**

General Checking               \$50,000.  
Repurchase Agreement   \$ 577,354.50

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**OLD:** New fire truck was purchased through auction from Town of Skowhegan. Great job Chief Dionne, for your efforts from the beginning to the end of purchase. Not only did he get good and dirty during the truck inspection but also was able to get the purchase bid down to \$13,500. With the bid and fees the truck was purchased for 15,000.00. Motion was made to accept the fire truck purchase by Doreen ,Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> , motion passes 3-0 Rose will cut the check for the purchase on 9/8/2022 to be sure it makes the payment deadline. Doreen will be asking MMA about the proper insurance to be placing on the new equipment.

#### **SAND & SALT SHED**

Jeff Allen from A.E. Hodson joined the Monday night workshop meeting, to discuss the issue of, no overhead door being put into the sand & salt shed building plans.

Greg Falzetta joined in the conversation about the contract and who is responsible for the error. Greg also mentioned to look at the contract –division-complete access to the submittal register. This gives the contractor advance notice of items to give back to engineer/owner.

Jeff has been in contact with both the engineer and contractor: He will ask a copy of the submittal log. A door is on order and could be 8 -12 weeks out before delivery. This brings concerns about getting salt and sand put up for the winter business. Board will continue working on this.

The Town has no intention of fulfilling the last payment until the project is complete.

**Roads:** The town has been very busy over the past 5 months since Town Meeting. The following projects have been completed:

Reynolds Road Paved

East Thorndike – 20 ft section paved

Town Office Parking lot paved                      Depot Street Paved

Trees Cut back on east Thorndike Road      Ward Hill Road ditched

Reid Road, Coffin Road & Patterson Ridge Repaired

Selectboard is very thankful to the local contractors and their great service.

Bailey Road is still in the process of been completed, Jeff needs to put a call into DEP.

Doreen made a motion to grade the dirt roads before winter arrives, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, brief discussion of expenditure and they are looking good. Motion passes 3-0 .

The pot hole that keeps popping up on East Thorndike was brought to the boards attention by Greg Falzetta. The board is aware that it there, will keep filling it with cold patch until the Spring. Will have Wellman Paving come out and give estimate of the repairs.

### **Town Business:**

Alfred Wren's plowing contract needs signing, has been tabled until next meeting to adjust some verbiage in the contract.

Doreen brought up the Town Flag project. There is \$350.00 in the budget. Motion was made to order flags for next year before the price increases. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passes 3-0 Rose will contact Searsport flag and get the flags ordered. Rose brought up there have been some Town folk's interest in donation a flag. Board like the idea, Rose will follow up with a Town donation form.

An Application for the Marijuana Inspector was received and has been tabled to review at the September 19, 2022 workshop

Tax Commitment – Motion made by Jeff to sign, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0. One gets mailed the other filed.

Rose has shown an interest in taking some classes. Doreen mention joining the Maine Municipal Clerk Association it will drop the cost of classes. Jeff made motion to have Rose continue with classes and to join MMCA, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion no discussion motion passes 3-0

Tidewater Fuel has sent the yearly contract for heating oil at the fire dept #2 heating oil @ \$4.49 per gallon. Jeff made motion to accept and sign the contract, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion passes 3-0 This will added to the warrant to send payment out.

Cemetery Committee- A discussion about the antique horse drawn hearse took place. Alyssa Gregory has approached the Farwell Museum to see if they would like to have the hearse to put on display in their museum, the idea is to loan for viewing, not a gift or purchase. The Farwell board likes the idea and are checking to be sure that it will fit and be able to be displayed safely.

Motion was made by Jeff to lend the antique hearse, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the discussion that an agreement be drawn up and signed (Doreen will take on this task) no further discussion. Motion passes 3-0

**Warrant Review/Approval :** Motion made by Jeff to sign the warrants made. Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0

- a) A/P Warrant #60 \$163,236.11
- b) BMV #61: \$681.00
- c) BMV #62 \$632.300
- d) Payroll: #63 \$1,358.30
- e) BMV \$64 \$331.00
- f) Payroll # 65 \$ 1,089.10
- g) Warrant Preview #65 \$ 162,771.89

**Other Business** Rose brought up the 65 and older stabilization homestead property tax statues that has come out in the State. Would like to offer an Open Forum Q & A for the Thorndike and surrounding town residents. There appears to be lots of unanswered questions. Doreen made a motion to have a forum, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0

**Adjourned:** Motion made by Jeff to adjourn, Doreen2<sup>nd</sup> adjournment 8:30.