

Select Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2024

Attendance: Doreen Berry, Jeff Trafton, Rose Hill, Tim Veazie, Judy Palmer, Sharon Hansen, Eric Duffin, Janet Abrahamsen, Patty Pendergast and Wendy Trafton

Meeting called to order by Jeff with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from August 8, 2024 SB Meeting were reviewed. Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted corrections, Doreen 2nd no discussion motion passed 3-0

Warrants were reviewed Jeff made motion to accept and sign the warrants with the addition of Doreen request of \$80.61 to be used for cemetery supplies, Charles 2nd , no further discussion motion passed 3-0

Fire Dept. Updates:

Chief Veazie presented to the Board the new uniform patches, came out very nice. Veazie has a new 2 new turnout gears sets (included in the recently proposed budget) no- mex hoods are included in the \$6000.00.

The FD has reached out to WCO to do repairs on the Thorndike Fire Station furnace and to purchase oil for the building. Rose has been in touch with Jennifer from Waldo County Oil (WCO) and the account is all set up.

FD have requested to be put on the upcoming Special town meeting, for the purpose of fund allocations and a much needed costly repair for the fire truck. Date for the meeting is in the works and Doreen has been working on the article and will share with the FD.

FD salaries were discussed as to whether the appointed FD positions should be receiving the incentive pay. After much discussion it was determined that the appointed pay is for the positions that they hold. They will continue to get the incentive pay as Vol. FF.

FD Truck Update. The old Ford is still in the FD parking lot. The offer to give the truck to Staceyville FD was declined because they presently have so many other offers. Chief Veazie has requested from the board to place the Ford Fire Truck out on FB Marketplace as one last attempt to sell the truck. Jeff made a motion to allow the Fire Truck to be place on FB marketplace to sell, starting bid \$7500 low bid \$4000 with the added condition that FD have the ability to negotiate. Doreen 2nd the motion discussion was to put a For Sale sign on the truck and possibly move it closer to the road to be more visible. Motion passed 3-0.

Tax Commitment for FY 2024 was reviewed. Jeff made a motion to sign the tax commitment with the mil rate @ 18.5, Doreen 2nd the motion, discussion was to change the interest rate back to the 6% for late taxes. Motion passed 3-0

Planning Board presented an update on the position to be filled. The Planning Board members joined the SB meeting, Mike Berry, Heidi Sorensen, Gary Hazard and Greg Falzetta. The vacant position has been posted for 2 weeks with no candidates stepping forward, no public interest. PB Chair Mike Berry told the Board that Doreen Berry has expressed an interest to fill the vacant seat as interim until a suitable candidate can be found.

Discussion from the audience was the concern of husband and wife on the same board as well as Doreen presently being a SB Member, Cemetery Committee chair and the Thorndike Sexton. Page 4 of the Planning Board official manual was presented to SB to review. There were others who although they realize the visual aesthetics they do not for one minute think it will be a conflict of interest. After much discussion, Charles made a motion to accept Doreen's letter of interest to be appointed as interim planning board member until candidate is found. Jeff 2nd the motion discussion was to add the added that MMA will be contacted to verify any legal issues with the appointment. before the oath is to be signed. Added amendment is that the oath not be signed until MMA has responded, until confirmation of the board. Motion passed 2-0 Doreen abstained.

Select Board resignation: Jeff Trafton has informed the board that he will be resigning his position as SB Member as of Oct 31, 2024 or soon er in the event a Special Election takes place. Jeff added that it has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Thorndike and he will miss it.

Special Town Meeting date: The SB had recently chose the date of Friday Oct 4, 2024 for the Special Election and Special Town Meeting be Oct 5, 2024, Rose the Clerk was asked about the dates. Rose expressed to the SB concerns of be respectful to Town Clerks and making sure that the clerk is available for events when planning events. She brought to the Boards attention that the days that were picked other events were already in place. Rose expressed to please do not set dates in the future without consulting the clerk first.

On that note Charles made a motion that Oct 4, 2024 will be the date of the Special SB election, polls open 10 am. To 6 p.m. and absentee ballots will be made available on the next business day once the nomination papers have been approved and candidates names available. Doreen 2nd the motion passes 2-0. Jeff abstained.

Discussion came up about nomination papers being left out in public spaces. After reading statue there is no reason not to as long as it is open to all candidates and there is a witness to the transaction of signing the paper,

Nomination papers will be ready as soon as Thursday Aug 22 due back to the town office by Sept 19 with the required number signatures of Thorndike registered voter.

Mill Rd Update- Doreen was able to view the drainage issue during a recent down pour of rain. The water is coming off the roof and causing a lot of the erosion. John Cranouski went up and redirected the water, smoothed out the road and filled in the pothole. The residents of that road her were present at the meeting were very thankful.

Doreen made a motion to have
Winter sand will be ordered 2600 cubic yards
Winter salt will need 4 loads

Jeff 2nd the motion discussion was to leave the contacting of vendors in John's hands. Motion passed 3-0

Other roads updates: Coffin Road, culvert will be looked at, Knox Station, J & S Gravel will go out and look at that culvert and more material will be added to Palmer Road and Parson's Valley,

Rose has put in a request for hand dryers for the bathrooms to save funds on paper towel purchases, Jeff made motion to approve up to \$250.00 Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0.

BMV Training Update from Rose: The office is in good shape, but still needs to get Big truck New registrations in the office. Rose will be taking the ZOOM offered class on Sept. 19 and Cay will take on Oct 22. The office hours will only be altered one day.

MMA Annual Election: the SB has gone over all the positions and candidates.

Doreen made a motion to vote the following direction:

V.P. one year term Justin Foyer

Executive Committee 3 year term David Cyr

Jeff 2nd the motion passes 3 -0

Doreen has put in a request for cemetery committee supplies approved during the discussion of warrants and it was approved. The committee will be purchasing marble epoxy & sand and batteries for Milwaukee tools used during cleanup.

Doreen also informed the board that the Cemetery committee would be meeting on the 29th at 4:30 p.m. Center cemetery to work on store cleanup and repairs. Public is welcome.

Quit Claim Deed: Property previously foreclosed on by the Town due to delinquent taxes has met the requirements of paying all the back taxes and fees to the town. Jeff made a motion to sign the Quit Claim deed to return the property to the Doreen 2nd the motion passes 3-0

Mike Berry PB Chair gave a Planning Board Update as to what the Board has been working on. Reviewing Land use definition and getting the ordinances up to date. The PB is making great strides to bring updates to the Select Board. Charles recommended that Planning Board and Select Board meet to be sure all are on the same page with interpretations.

Worthy poor Committee approached the SB about having emergency fuel and food vouchers on hand for the upcoming winter season. Doreen explained that in order to release the funds, the Committee would have to present to the Town at a Special Town Meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 9-11-2024.

No further business Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Doreen 2nd motion passed 3-0 adjournment 9:00 p.m.

Sincerely Submitted

Rosemarie Hill

