

## ***SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 20, 2023***

Attendance: Rose Hill, Doreen Berry, Charles Greenberg, Tim Veazie and Gary Hazard

Jeff called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**Fire Dept Update:** Tim Veazie, Assistant Fire Chief was present to give an update on Thorndike's Vol. FD. The board wanted to know if the FD still did monthly checks on Town Office fire extinguishers. Tim replied that it has not been happening for a bit, but will talk with the chief when he sees him to put this back on the monthly calendar.

Canteen 19 – had been discussed to return to the organization for their help during the May fire on the Reid Road a \$250.00 gift certificate. Tim will reach out to canteen 19 to see where they would prefer to shop. He will bring results back to the next Select Board meeting in August. Tim also has some request for the dept that he will bring to the board in August. (Forestry shirts)

Fire Truck updates engine 6 out of service, has a throttle sticking Truck 13 – the new truck is in service, still needs the town lettering applied. Chief Dionne, has not been reachable to find out the time frame on this. Tanker also showing signs of possible transmission leak.

Hose and ladder test were done passed the inspection.

VFF Bailey and Palmer completed fire school. There is now 4 active "interior" FF on the Dept.

Tim will work on submitting the payroll forms for the past 6 months at the next meeting, Chief Dionne has not been reachable to complete this.

During hose testing day there was some damage done to the Church fence, from Engine 6 when the throttle stuck. Tim touched base with Jacqui Ludden about the event to see if the FD needed to do repairs, at the time no request had been made for repairs. Tim will keep the board informed.

Fire Dept will participate in Thorndike Days with a Touch a Truck; will reach out to get other vehicles to participate.

Tim mentioned an Open House for October, Doreen mentioned that the Rotary would like to help with this, maybe catering and they would also have a plaque presentation. Doreen and Tim will stay in touch about the planning of the Open house.

Doreen did request from Tim time sheets for the time the FD put in during the Dec storm to submit to FEMA.

Congratulations to Tim from the board on his EMT course.

Doreen has asked Rose to research past transaction for the Knox Fund.

**Solar-Logix Update** - Rep. Kurt encourages to the end of the year to install and make payments Better to install during prime time. Doreen suggested to be sure paid in this fiscal year so that we do not have to do a rollover.

Kurt also mentioned to the board that heat pumps have an available grant. The board talked about getting estimate for the Town office and the FD.

**LS Power Grid Update** – The Select Board went to a public meeting held in Albion to get the "what not" about the Grid. Came back with info that the grid will be connected to the Aroostook – Cooper Mills There are 5

parcels of land in Thorndike affected, depending on the route the GRID takes. When is all this going to be decided? Feasibly this will not until 2025. This is in the beginning stages. Lots of other approvals needed before it gets Town level. Other unanswered questions: Health questions, land use availability and emergency action plan. The board will keep the Town up to date as the information comes in.

**Trash Sticker** - Rose is requesting in the amount of \$756.00 to order the next batch of trash stickers. Jeff made a motion to grant the amount, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, brief discussion about the raise in price if there were many complaints. Rose stated no, motion passes 3-0. Rose will place order.

**Senior Stabilization Update**- Rose attended a treasurer workshop and learned that the Senior Stabilization program is a one year program only. Governor Mills signed a bill to end this program. There will be other exemption programs coming up. Rose will keep the board and community up to date as the information comes in.

**Road Updates** – The East Thorndike Road is presently staked off and being prepared for John and Todd to start hauling gravel to in the raise up the road in that section. Wellman paving, because of the weather is running behind in jobs and hope to be here beginning of August.

Some material will be placed at the repaired culver spot on Ward Hill to get through until the paving company gets there.

**Cemetery Filing**- Rose spoke with Doreen about reorganizing the cemetery files to make it easier for the clerk to find items when request come in. It will be a work in progress.

**Doug Raven** – has called the Town Office for an update on the power pole situation happening on his property. There has been much confusion about the property line, where the present pole sits and questions about surveying. Decision made to table until later in the meeting.

Paint Night- Doreen has put in a request to offer paint night classes/craft night here at the Town office the last Thursday of each month. Any funds raised proceeds to go toward the Veterans Memorial Project. Jeff made motion to grant permissions, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> no discussion, motion passes 3-0.

Jeff made a motion to review the warrants, warrants reviewed, Jeff made motion to sign the warrants, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> no discussion, motion passes 3-0.

Doreen presented idea to have a new Welcome to Thorndike Village sign made with a vintage look to be placed near the Unitel Building and the fence that sits there.

Doug Raven- . Charles said he will get in touch with Doug and try to get the situation resolved.

Spirit of America Award the board chose Roger and Carolyn Wingate. Jeff made motion to approve Roger and Carolyn, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0. Jeff will touch base with Tammie about a write up.

Michelle Lewis planning board position up and need s to be reappointed. Doreen made motion to reappoint Michelle Lewis to the planning Board, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 3-0

Jeff made motion to adjourn, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 3-0 7:30 p.m.

