

Town of Thorndike Select Board Meeting Minutes July 3, 2024

Attendees: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg and Doreen Berry

Chair, Jeff Trafton called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ACO Review/ Appoint: Executive Session: Jeff made a motion to to enter in Executive Session (Motion for the Select Board to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters with ACO (Animal Control Officer: Perri Peterson) 1 MRSA (405) § (6)(A)), Doreen second : no discussion ; motion carried 3-0: entered Executive Session at 6:32pm. Jeff made a motion to come out of Executive Session , Doreen seconded: no discussion: motion carried 3-0. Out of Executive Session at 6:54pm.

Review Minutes:

- #33 BMV Warrant \$31,369.24
- Payroll Warrant \$2937.34
- Preview Bills \$81,713.51

Jeff made a motion to approve the warrants; Charles seconded: no discussion; 3-0 motion carried.

Fire Department:

Joe Frisbee presented a monthly newsletter from the Fire Department. Great information about upcoming events and what is going on at the fire department. Jeff commended the Fire Department for work on this newsletter as it allows the residents to be informed of what the fire department is working on.

- Fire Department update: the new tanker truck was put into service 7.3.2024. Doreen asked if the insurance paperwork had been filled out and Joe noted that Amber completed and sent to MMA. Doreen to follow up with Amber.
- Fire Truck Bids: Jeff advised that the only bid that was received was opened Monday at the Select Board workshop for the 1997 Western Star from the Town of Troy of \$4000. Jeff made a motion to accept the bid from the Town of Troy for the \$4000; Charles seconded, no discussion: 3-0 motion carried. Doreen asked where can the \$4000 go as she believes this need to be a legislative body decision. This will be review and discussed at the next Select Board meeting.
- Any new requests? None at this time.

Town Office:

- Sign Felch & Company Audit Request Review Assets: for FY2023: \$8200 costs: Jeff made a motion to sign, Charles seconded: no discussion; 3-0 motion carried. Jeff signed as the Chair.
- Ballot MMA Policy Committee Ballot: Jeff reviewed candidate: James Kassuth bio read by Doreen. Doreen made a motion to cast the ballot for James Kassuth , Jeff seconded: no discussion, motion carries 3-0.
- MRC Survey online: (alternate) Regional Solid Waste Town Representative Greg Falzetta will complete this information with resources from Town tipping invoices noting tons to trash and from the Unity Area Regional Recycling center for the Town's recycling report.
- CMP Streetlights purchase update and insurance discussion: Doreen advised that MMA has noted that the cost to add the street lights to the Town's insurance would be \$300. Doreen made a motion to purchase the street lights from CMP for \$2819 (*approved by article #8 from annual Town Meeting in March of 2024*); Jeff seconded : no discussion 3-0 motion carried: Bill of Sale and agreement from CMP signed by all of the Select Board. Doreen will get sent over to CMP. Doreen made a motion to add the streetlights to the Town's insurance policy for the \$300; Jeff seconded : no discussion; 3-0 motion carried.
- RSU 3 Budget update: Jeff reviewed the new monthly costs.
- MMA Property and Casualty Insurance policy renewal: Jeff reviewed the renewal premium \$10,603; first installment due of \$5301.50 to be added to next warrant.
- Solar Panel connection : Doreen advised that SolarLogix advised that the inverters for the solar panels could be turned on as approval received from CMP. Michael Berry advised the Town could look into selling their green credits from the solar panels. This is to be researched. SolarLogix has advised that it could be 2 months before the Town sees net metering credits on the power bills from CMP.

Roads:

- Need to get road signs updated / replaced to help Bolsters & trash pickup:
Jeff reviewed a list of street signs missing from Bolsters as they are not familiar with the roads and signs are missing.
- Doreen reviewed that all of the roads have been graded by Toby Farrington roadside tree trimming is complete, roadside mowing is complete, material has been added to the Wingate Road, culvert replaced on the Reid Road and working on getting a culvert expansion installed and material added for the Palmer Road.

Other Business:

- Common Ground Fair : request to use the Town Office parking lot as a Park and Bike : Jeff made a motion to with the agreement not to impede any vendor space; Doreen seconded: no discussion; 3-0: motion carried.

- Discuss Jon Thornhill proposal to clear stumps and bush for a portion of Center Cemetery: Doreen advised that there is 12' deep of section A that is overgrown and has brush and stumps. Quote from Thorndike is at \$10,850 and this would include topsoil and grass seed to make mowable space. (312' x 12' section). Doreen would like to TABLE this at this time to be able to review with the Cemetery Committee.
- Motion to have Robert Clinch attend an MMA training for Appeals Boards. Cost \$70: Jeff made a motion, Doreen seconded; discussion: Jeff stated that Robert had not been appointed on the Appeals Board; Doreen thought he already had been. Prior minutes will need to be reviewed to verify if he has been or not. Votes cast for the approval to attend MMA training: 3-0: motion carried.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Doreen seconded: no discussion: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Doreen Berry, Select Board Member