

## Town of Thorndike

### Selectmen's Meeting- 07.03.2019-Minutes

**Attendees:** R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, R Cunningham, W Trafton, J Trafton, Z Bond & S Bristol.

R Nelson opened the meeting at 6:30pm

**Minutes:** R Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; J Ard seconded.

3 votes for a motion to approve/ 0 votes to oppose/ minutes accepted as written

#### Fire Department:

- **Old:** None

- **New**

FD Ladder: J Ard made a motion to sell the ladder to Marcus Lowe from the old firehouse, not in service for \$60, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

J Ard advised to the Fire Department to have any in service equipment removed or set aside in the old fire house so it would not be taken to auction or sold by accident.

Discussion on the security cameras at the Fire house: access to Fire Chief Ronald Stevenson

R Cunningham noted that the barriers from White Signs are on back order, the other road signs have been picked up and they are at the new fire house.

S Bristol: advised that Fire Chief Ron Stevenson stated that Tanker #3 needs inspection-

K K Garage cost, in the past, average \$50.

## **Town operations:**

### **Old business:**

- Spirit of America Award: J Ard made a motion to nominate Anthony Brillard for the Town of Thorndike's Spirit of America Award nominee; M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

- Salt and Sand Shed: R Nelson discussion on current status. 3 locations are being surveyed and looking at engineers to design. Locations being considered will be proposed to the legislative body of the Town of Thorndike soon at a Special Town Meeting. J Trafton asked if there is an alternate plan if no building is able to be constructed. R Nelson advised that the DOT has required that at least a foundation be completed and then the salt and sand shed can be covered with plastic. J Ard & R Nelson advised that no funds have been approved to be spent on the salt and sand shed and they are keeping within approved budget amounts.
- Roads: R Nelson discussion: Grading work has been completed. The Selectmen are working on some small projects. These small projects the Selectmen have reviewed with J & S Sand and Gravel Inc to have completed. J Ard made a motion to put a cap of \$5000 for these small road projects, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

J Ard discussion on calcium to be applied to the dirt roads. R Nelson has contacted a contractor in regards to getting some calcium and having them apply it on the dirt roads.

### **New Business:**

Park and Recreational Committee Bake Sale proceeds donation : \$294 from the bake sale and a \$50 donation from Mike Mayer = \$344; M Mayer made a motion to accept the donations totaling \$344 to go towards the cost of the Town of Thorndike Bicentennial celebration, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

W Trafton wanted a clarification on the Park and Rec's funds going into the General Fund. Treasurer, D Berry advised that the General Fund is the operating account for the Town's funds and expenses. Record is being kept of the Park and Recreational Committee's funds; they are in the General Fund in the bank but separate in the Town's records.

Park and Recreational Committee needs to have purchase orders before any purchases or receipts for reimbursements. Prior approval for any expenditure need to be proposed at a Selectmen's meeting and approved before spent.

Supplies for the Town office: printer/scanner/fax machine replacement: J Ard made a motion to purchase the new printer at approximate cost of \$589; M Mayer seconded. Motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Envelopes: \$334.50 to get 500 self address/ stamped envelopes: M Mayer made a motion to approve the ordering of the 500 stamped; addressed envelopes at \$334.50, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

- CEO : pay date: Charlie Porter has requested to have his pay date changed from the second Warrant to the first Warrant. R Nelson made a motion to approve to pay the CEO on the first warrant, with the stipulation that should Charlie Porter no longer be the CEO the pay date would revert back to the second warrant, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

**Other:**

- R Nelson advised for the Coffin Road, the water is washing down the sides of the road. M Mayer to go out to take a look at it.
- J Ard discussion clarification of the Thorndike Municipal Fire Department; that the public needs to be aware that there is only one fire department that works for the Town of Thorndike and that is the Town of Thorndike Municipal Fire Department. The Selectmen will work on a press release in regards to this.
- J Trafton inquired into the Town of Thorndike having 3 year terms for the position of the Selectmen. Discussion of the process to follow in order to do this.
- J Ard discussion of whom in the town can issue a fire permit. Fire permits can be issued online but they are not easy to do and cost \$7 in which the town permits are free and there are 4 people that can be contacted in order to get one. Danny Page is the current appointed officer, Fire Warden, to issue fire permits and he appoints the Deputy Fire Wardens.
- R Nelson noted that he has contacted J Bailey about removing some stumps from the Saywood Cemetery. Has a quote of \$225, R Nelson made a motion to have J Bailey remove two tree stumps in the Saywood Cemetery to free up two more cemetery lots. M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

- 3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

**Warrants:** R Nelson made a motion to sign the following warrants; M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

A/P Warrant from 06.19.2019: \$21,510.33

Current Warrant: \$55,203.38 (Includes RSU 3 payment)

Payroll Warrant: \$927.18

R Nelson made a motion to adjourn, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm**