

August 15, 2019

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 15 visitors.

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor:

Kevin Russell – Kevin read a letter that he sent to the board members regarding dog control issues. He said that he wanted to read the letter so that it will be on record. His letter outlined issues that he had with dogs on Hell Street and a pair of stray dogs showing up at his residence. He said that his grandchildren will be visiting and he does not trust the dog coming in his yard. He told the board that he has talked with the dog control officer several times and nothing is being done about his complaints and he said that he finds the dog control unacceptable and he wants the board to help him.

The board told him they will talk with Amy Funk, the dog control officer, to find a solution.

Michelle Oswald – Michelle said the Christmas Committee was there to hear from the board if they can do anything regarding lights on the lighthouse. She said that it is getting late and they would like an answer. Michelle told the board that they need to know what the board has planned.

Bill Pond said that the system they were using will work, but the lights cannot stay up year round. He suggested 4 months, and that they are taken down as soon as the winter weather breaks. Bill told them that 2 strands of lights need to be replaced.

Supervisor Bender told them that he does not want Bill working on Christmas lights in the cold weather. Michelle Oswald said that it would be better if Bill took care of this because they can't. She said that the committee appreciates Bill's time and thanked the board for their help.

The minutes of the July 18 and Aug. 1, 2019 meeting were accepted by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Reports:

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that he has received a price for paving roads. He said that he had prepared the 284 Agreement for highway repairs, and asked that the board sign the agreement. Bill said that the sand for the winter is in and they have helped Keith, water department, installing meters. He said that the culvert pipes have been replaced and they will be starting the pickle ball court soon. Bill also told the board that a free rabies clinic was held in the garage and there were 47 animals that were vaccinated. Bill told the board that he has had some trouble getting large stone to fix the roads with. He said that he has talked with Lyle Wood and Scott Bourcy and they have agreed to allow the town to harvest stone from one of their pits. Bill said that this will save them money as they will be doing the work. Bill told the board that he has a quote to blacktop the parking lot in front of the office building. He said that the County will pave it, free of charge; he will just work it off in shared service. He told the board that they could pave it now if the board agreed to have this done.

Councilman Mason reviewed the 284 Agreement and he asked Bill if he had received any of the CHIPS funding yet. Bill told him that he received \$188,000.00. Councilman Wiley said that he has had a couple of people suggest to him that the roof on the East End Park Pavilion be metal and not use shingles. Bill

said that he is not against it and will look into the cost. Bill said that the washers go bad and need to be replaced on metal roofs. Councilman Aubertine said that he would prefer those using shingles. Councilmen Mason agreed saying the shingles they will be using are good roof shingles.

Supervisors Financial Report – Supervisor Bender said that the town’s account balances are fine so far. He said that they will be starting to work on the 2020 budget soon.

Councilman Aubertine made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that Jane Rice will be sending the next phase of the report soon. He also reported that Barbara Kendall has told them that she does not like the village boundaries and she would like to have a phone conference with the Supervisor and the Committee regarding this. Councilman Wiley said that she feels the area from Metal Craft to East End Park may be too much area to include in the project.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that the ball games have ended and the soccer season has begun.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that Scott Burto will get his report out and that he is still working on existing grants.

#### Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Bender said that he attended another REDI meeting and it was a little more informative. He said that the town has made them aware of the work that needs to be done on the Wilson Beach Road and the Customs Landing in the village.

#### Councilmen’s Report

Councilman Mason said that he would like to have a meeting with the dog control officer to discuss Kevin Russell’s concerns.

Councilman Mason also spoke about a letter they received from residents along Breezy Point Road and Rock Beach Road, who are asking for the board’s help with a neighbor who has denied access to a right of way that has existed for several years.

The board discussed the letter and the residents’ concerns. The board agreed that there are some safety concerns and they discussed the debris that has been placed in the right of way. Councilman Mason told the board that he feels the only way the town can help them is if they petition the town to make it a town road.

Councilman Aubertine asked about the water law committee and if the final changes have been submitted. Supervisor Bender said that they have all received the recommendations, and that it is a summary of changes to the water law.

The board agreed that they should have a meeting with the committee. Councilman Wood suggested that they meet with them at the next work session, and that Keith Brass and Tina Maloney be present.

#### Resolution

Resolution #54 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #54 is to authorize the Supervisor to move \$21,988.00 from SW1-500 to SW1-8340 for a budget amendment.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Tim White – Tim gave the board an update on the ambulance situation. He said that they now have Medicaid billing approval and they will start billing soon. Tim reviewed the number of calls answered. He said that there has been a fund drive started for a new ambulance. Tim told the board that they will attend the Sept. work session to discuss the budget.

Privilege of the floor;

Liz Brennan – Liz thanked the board for sending a letter of support for the homeowners along the Lake and River to apply for assistance through the REDI program. Liz also told the board that she read, in the minutes, that the board would like to purchase Captain Jacks and she wondered what the plans are for that property.

Councilman Wiley said that the board has not purchased the property but sent a letter of commitment, contingent on a couple of issues. Councilman Aubertine said that the board wants to clean up the area as part of the Club Street project.

Liz then asked the board if they were going to hold the public hearing on the new zoning law. They told her that when the Planning Board has submitted the final draft of changes they will resume the public hearing.

Liz thanked the board for their help with the piano competition, and she invited the board to stop by. Liz also discussed her dog situation stating that it was her dog that the complaint was about.

Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard, told the board that they will have to reappoint Rebecca Trudell, the Assessor, at the September meeting and she passed out a report of Rebecca's completed training.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35pm to discuss employee history, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the meeting at 7:44pm, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to contact the town Attorney and ask that he draw up a letter to mail to the Tibbetts Point Historical Society and the Museum. The letter should express that in the name of public safety, the board does not condone registered sex offenders volunteering or being employed on any town owned property, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Bills: Highway, \$29,882.51; General Fund, \$35,808.64; WD1, \$40,259.69; WD2, \$1813.16; WD3, \$1858.34; WD 4, \$2314.14, WD5, \$1592.49, WD6, \$26835.28; Capital Water Project, \$37050.00.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn at 8pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk