

July 16, 2020

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Keith Brass and three visitors.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Reports:

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the sewing group has used the building. There was also a family who used the building for a small family gathering. Keith also told the board that a window was broken and has been replaced.

Water – Keith Brass reported that they had 3 water installs and found and repaired a few water leaks. He told the board that John Lawrence had to take his truck to the dealership for recall repairs. Keith also talked with the board regarding the water install at the Greg Knapp property. He said that the town standards need to be addressed, and there is nothing in the water law regarding this. He said that he knows what they should have, but it is not written anywhere. Councilman Mason said that he should check with the Dept. of Health. Councilman Aubertine said that he feels Keith should write something up regarding the standards and the board could review it.

Keith told the board that there will be a DANC meeting next Wednesday and that he will be participating in the online Dig Safely training.

Matt Cooper from Barton and Loguidice gave the board an update on the sewer project. He said that the survey letters will be going out offering the 3 responding options that were discussed at the last board meeting. He said that 50% of the grant has been received for the study and the remainder will be released after the engineering report is approved by the DEC. Matt also said that the town needs to get a sewer rate from the village.

Matt also gave an update on the formation of water district #7. He said that the Rural Development Environmental report is complete, G&G income survey is complete and he reviewed the RD Grant and loan. Matt said that the WIIA Grant does require that the district be formed. Matt talked about the vote to take place for the district formation on Aug. 8, 2020. He told the board that if the results are favorable for the creation, the board will have to pass a Bond resolution. Matt said that the Preliminary Engineering Report was submitted to the Dept. of Health for review, but they have not received any comments from the Dept. of Health.

Supervisor Bender asked if the vote results are favorable, will the town have time to get funding through applying for other grants. Matt said that the district can sit on paper until funding comes through. Councilman Aubertine asked what the target date for the WIIA grant is and Matt told him the second week in September. Councilman Aubertine said that because of the Pandemic he has been told that grant funding may not be available. Matt agreed stating that there are a lot of unknowns, and he does not know what the future funding picture will look like.

Tim White gave a report on the Club Street grant project. He said that the paperwork has been submitted, and he has asked when they could expect the funding. He said that he will keep the board informed. Tim also talked with the board about the bids sent for asbestos abatement and air monitoring. He said that the contractors will also need to bid on the construction of the restrooms.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed the account balances.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the Supervisor's financial report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that he received an email from Irene Hallock from the Dept. of State and section two of the report is still in review, then section three will be reviewed. He said that he is pleased the reports are being reviewed.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that the walking trail to Tibbetts Point is still being considered. He said a few members of the group met with property owners and they have received positive responses. They will be meeting with TILT to inquire about funding. Councilman Wiley also reported that Scott Burto let him know that the Tibbetts Point grant application is under review.

Councilman Wiley told the board that he and Supervisor Bender spoke with George Robinson from the National Park Service and he has agreed to help the board with the transition of the grounds to a classification that is less restrictive. Councilman Wiley said that he is hopeful that the transition will be complete in a year. He told the board that this will open the doors for utilization of the grounds and buildings. He also said that they may reach out to Kevin Kieff for advice as he was the director and worked on the Rock Island Light project.

Councilman Wiley said that Scott Burto is comfortable and is ready to complete the application for the transition. Councilman Wiley said that he wants to get moving on this project. He said that there will be quarterly reporting

Councilman Wiley made a motion to have Scott Burto move on the execution of the required contract application, seconded by Councilman Mason. There was the following discussion.

Councilman Wood asked if Scott would be doing this as part of his job, or will he expect extra money for it. Councilman Wiley said that he would not expect extra pay.

Councilman Aubertine asked if there were any financial obligations with the application. Councilman Wiley said that there weren't, but they will expect the town to remodel and maintain the property as it was.

Councilman Aubertine asked if the National Park Service would help the town go after funding, and Councilman Wiley said that they are not set up for that, but other grants are available.

Councilman Mason asked if John Mosher from the Tibbetts Point Historical Society is on board with the changes, and Councilman Wiley said he was very pleased.

Vote was taken, all members voted AYE.

Councilman Discussion

Councilman Mason said that he has heard from a concerned citizen regarding the ditching on McKeever Road. He said that he looked at it and it is a hazard. Councilman Mason said that the shoulders are

gone and vehicles can go off the road into the ditch. He asked the board to drive on the McKeever Road to look at it. Supervisor Bender said he will ask Bill Pond about this.

Councilman Mason reported that the materials are in to make the trusses at East End Park and the brackets should be in August 1. He said that the colors have been chosen for the siding and roof shingles are ordered. He also told the board that the committee has decided to do a stone façade and they want to get the stones from a quarry. The board discussed this and thought it would be better to use a stone faced instead. They discussed the maintenance issues if they use the stones from a quarry. Councilman Mason said that he will talk with the board and let them know the town board is not favor of using the stones.

Resolution #34

Resolution #34 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #34 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign a one year Concession Agreement with the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society.

There was the following discussion.

Councilman Wiley said that because the town is trying to re-classify the status of Tibbetts Point, he would like the Concession Agreement to be one year.

All members voted AYE.

The board was given copies of a petition from residents on Wilson Point Circle. After review of the petition, the board agreed to have the Zoning Officer visit the property, and establish what violations are there. The board will also consult with the attorney and have him send a letter to the property owner letting them know of the violations and a timeline to have it corrected, and if not corrected the town will issue a fine.

Bills: Club Street project 13-14, \$2050.00; WD #7 project,15-17, \$2803.20; Highway, 130-140, \$7,917.30; WD #1 92-106, \$9,910.74; WD #3, 92-106, \$269.87; WD #4 92-106, \$1,058.83; WD #5, 92-106, \$408.50; WD #6 92-106, \$367.56; General Fund 243-270, \$38,179.28.

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

Councilman Wiley made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Land Acquisition, at 7:35pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:06pm and adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Aubertine.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk