Select Board Meeting

October 16, 2019

6:10 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson and Mike Bedini. Ericka Oleson arrived after reviewing new hire paperwork with new employees.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Jim White, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Stephanie Pare, and Melanie Medon.

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Neil seconded. Ericka abstained as she was not present the entire previous meeting. Unanimous.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Chris stated residents cannot request deflectors for the streetlights. Requests must be made through Town Hall. Pole 8 on Tilda Hill has been done. A request was sent in from another resident requesting deflectors on three lights. The board members will look at them.
* Chris stated there was a request made by McCann superintendent Jim Brosnan asking the board to designate the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District representative as a Special Municipal Employee. As a representative of a regional school committee, the individual is considered an employee of all member towns. This designation would allow the representative to serve on other boards or committees or to hold a full or part time position in member towns as long as there are no other conflicts of interest. Ericka made a motion to designate all elected officials, appointees, full and part time employees, regardless of any particular category employment or appointment as Special Municipal Employees. Mike seconded. Unanimous.
* A notice of intent was sent to the Conservation Commission in regards to the Busby Summit Culvert Project.
* Reconciled with the union office.
* Attended “What’s New in Municipal Law” on October 3rd.
* Assisted with the school’s visit to the fire house on October 4th.
* The two new highway workers started yesterday.
* The new phone has been set up in the garage.
* There is a burial scheduled for tomorrow.
* The pole hearing that was to be held at the last meeting has been rescheduled for October 30th.
* There will be a Wi-Valley meeting on October 24th at 4:30.
* Halloween hours have been posted. It will be from 6-8 as in the past. Mike suggested next year considering different hours.
* The selectmen’s meetings will fall on Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Day. There was discussion on this. The November 27th meeting will be held on December 4th. The December 25th meeting will be skipped.
* Joel Burdick’s house has been taken. Neil and Jim will check it out and secure it.

Mike Bedini, Select Board Member:

* Mike stated Arigoni can do the additional roof and wall repair for the same price as the other quote. The roof will be $3150, the wall will be $800, and the sill, if needed, will be $200. Chris will get the certificate of insurance. Ericka made a motion to accept the contract with Anthony Arigoni to repair the fire station roof and back wall. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Finished erosion repair on Whitcomb Hill Road.
* Working on plow trucks.
* Truck 5 needed repair.
* Cleaned up trees by Fife Brook.
* Prepping trucks for inspection on November 4th.
* New guys started yesterday. They are working hard.
* Cleaned culverts and headers.
* Cleaned up trees on Blackstone and North County.
* Installed sign on Whitcomb Hill Road for the power company.
* Chris stated they still have not received the incident report that had been requested. Neil stated he talked to the employee and the employee had said it would be filled out. Neil will speak to the employee again. Ericka suggested that if it is not received by the 23rd, the employee should be called in for the next meeting. The board agreed.
* Discussion of restructuring the compactor. In December will see about training new employees and return to the discussion then.
* Still having issues with the water at the Senior/Community Center, Neil is trying to reach the company.

Stephanie Pare:

* Eighty percent of the school heat is ready but not online. The school has heat but no control. They will be finishing the day after tomorrow.
* Cow Patty Bingo is Saturday at the school.

7:00 pm Mike made a motion to adjourn. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.