Select Board Meeting

November 14, 2018

6:02 pm meeting called to order.

Board members present: Neil Oleson, Krista Bishop and Ericka Oleson

Board members absent: None

Others present: Chris Dobbert, Melanie Medon, Glenn Burdick, those presenting, and several residents.

Krista made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the correction of Bushey to Foucher. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.

Krista made a motion to approve the minutes from executive session on October 17th with Ericka’s name corrected. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.

Cindy Bosley recorded.

Warrant signed.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* In regards to the skateboard tournament, they are looking to see if it is a go. Select board explained to those in attendance that there are concerns with this bringing more skateboarders to the road as there has already been an issue with skateboarders on Whitcomb Hill. Also, pointed out how this could help support the ROPES camp by setting up as a vendor as well as the fire department. A resident requested that if this were to happen there be a contingency that it will not be permitted if skateboarding on this road continues to happen outside of this event. Krista made a motion to approve the event with conditions. Ericka voted no. Neil seconded. Motion passed.

Bestech Solar Array:

* Looking to answer questions anyone may have of them.
* Would like to know how much of the land on North County would the town be willing/liking to use. Neil stated that another company was looking to buy 40 acres. Could use all of that. The town would prefer to retain the land rather than sell.
* In order to use the SMART Program, National Grid needs to give a reasonable price for interconnect. They also need to be accepted into the SMART Program which would be for 20 years.
* Neil would like a decommissioning clause added into the agreement.
* The land cap is not an ideal location for solar. Cannot penetrate the land cap. It is too steep for build-up.
* Total proposal for North County including the lease is $198,000/year based on 40 megawatts that it would take 4 years to reach.
* Krista asked for a timeframe. Bestech replied that the SMART Program opens up in about 2 weeks and is first come first serve. They need a letter from the town in order to apply for the SMART Program. If they are rejected there will not be any repercussions to the town.
* National Grid could take up to 6 months to give an answer on interconnect fee.
* They propose one year to construction with a one year extension.
* Non-binding PILOT agreement handed to the board to give Bestech permission to go ahead. Ericka made a motion to accept the agreement pending lawyer approval. Krista seconded. Unanimous.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administartor:

* COA would like to appoint Sue Oleson to the board. Krista made a motion to accept Sue Oleson to the COA until June 30, 2020. Ericka seconded. Neil abstained. Unanimous.
* Need to borrow against stabilization in anticipation of revenue. Looking to borrow $500,000. Explained the hydro re-val came back later than anticipated which is holding up setting the tax rate. Krista made a motion to borrow $500,000 from stabilization. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.
* Getting an additional $32,000 of Chapter 90 funding.
* Highway department received thank you from Senior Center.
* The school’s Oh Be Thankful Pie and Dessert Contest is Tuesday.
* Wi-Valley meeting tomorrow.
* Taking a vacation day the 21st. Holiday the 22nd and 23rd.
* Community Thanksgiving lunch at the school is Friday.

Bid Opening:

* Bob Cook excavating bid on sand $15.38/ton
* Adams Stone Co., LLC
  + Winter sand: $8.00/ton.
  + Gravel: $18.75/yard, $12.50/ton delivered to yard or job site.

Glenn Burdick, Highway Superintendent:

* Good chance line painting won’t happen due to weather.
* Repaired trucks.
* Took in two truckloads of tires at compactor. BOH is aware.
* In good shape for inspection on the 20th. Make up day is the 27th. Will need to bring the bus over from the school.
* Picked up 3 trucks.
* Lower church is open.
* Repairs done on Monroe Road.
* Working on Savoy Road.
* Will need to re-do the floor in the Senior/Community Center next year.
* Compactor was down last Wednesday. Fixed.
* Conversation Commission meeting: Approved negative determination. Relocating fence across from visitor’s center.
* Made a call about culvert on Route 2 at the end of North County. State is repairing it.
* Storm coming Thursday night.
* Tim Bartlet asked if the truck on the side of the garage will be used for winter. Glenn stated no, it is two wheel drive.
* Tim Bartlet asked if the chipper would be moved inside for the winter. Glenn stated not until there is more space for equipment.

7:14 pm Krista made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into executive session. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.