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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

Select Board Attendees: Gerry Bergeron, Russ Clarke

Recorder: Jennifer Downs

Attendees: Brenda Smith , Tracey Tierney, Robert Barry (MEMA), William Drosehn (Highway Dept),
Julia Pavia

Meeting called to order at 4:57 PM by G. Bergeron, R. Clarke second the meeting.

Minutes:

- Meeting Minutes for March 24th and April 4th, reviewed and approved.
- MEMA – Representative R. Barry requested questions from the board. Board asked if there was money from FEMA for the last storm. R. Barry explained the formula to receive funding from FEMA. The state would need to exceed 12 million in damages first, then Berkshire County would need to exceed \$750 thousand before the towns could receive anything. If they qualified, the town would be eligible for 75% of the damages. Unfortunately, the state and county did not qualify. He suggested the town write a storm report explaining the expenditures and requesting assistance from the state. Then send it to the State Representative and Senate.
- MEMA – R. Barry explained that during the storm state assets (equipment) wasn't available to the town because the storm was so wide spread. He also expressed that he felt the town did a great job clearing the roads in such a short time. He suggested that the town needed to improve communications by setting up an Emergency Storm Center (ESC). The ESC should be open 24 hours/day while the storm was active. He also stated that there is an Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) available (up to \$2500.00) for emergency equipment, such as a smart TV for storm updates.
- School Fence Repair – W. Drosehn received a quote from Berkshire Fence for \$7750.00. This would repair the damaged fence and widen the gate entrance. Board requested he get a couple of quotes. J. Downs requested the quotes be separated into 2 parts, the repair and the widening of the gate. Since the repair would be the portion that gets submitted to the insurance company, board agreed.
- Chapter 90 Funding:

- W. Droshen provided the final report for the new loader, board approved. He also reported the following:
 - The WRAP Grant would be used on Chapel Road to chip seal with pavements bond. They would also repair a portion of Black Brook and upper Loop Rd.
- W. Droshen requested an additional 1500/2500 ton truck and provided adds from Upstate All Sale ranging from 11k-13k. Board agreed to purchase.
- W. Droshen recommended the town auction old equipment which is no longer being used. Board agreed.
- B. Smith recommended W. Droshen to provide a list of town vehicles so the town can remove those not used from the insurance policy. Board agreed.
- School Savoy Loop Road Race – T. Tierney requested the board's approval for the school to hold a running race on Saturday, September 16th 2023 with proceeds going to the Emma L Miller School PPT. Board agreed. She announced that the road detail would be handled by Peter Miner (Fire Chief) and volunteers from Adams Police. More information regarding the race can be found on the school website (www.savoyelementary.com)
- School Committee Brief – T. Tierney provided brief and report on the SY23-24 & FY24 School/Budget.
- Board request Police budget for FY24 from Chief Koch. Budget was provided by the close of the meeting.
- DCR Notice of Proposed Land Acquisition (Hawley Rd) – Board reviewed and approved the acquisition. Notice will be forwarded to the town clerk for signature.
- USPS Post Office Box Lease - Board reviewed and did not agree with the following statement:

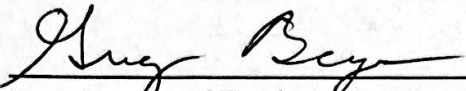
“The landlord shall be responsible for the maintenance of the demised premises.”

 - Action: J. Downs, to contact Heather L. Bailey (USPS) that the Town of Savoy will not be responsible for maintenance of the structure. Completed by email on 4/14/2023
- Treasury Warrants approved and signed by the board.
- 1 Business Licenses were approved and signed by the board.


OPEN Session:

- Transfer Station platform/stairs – J. Downs stated shipping cost for the platform/stairs would be about \$400.00. Board reviewed specification and determined it was not suitable for outdoors. J. Pavia volunteer to find a suitable replacement that would be easier to move around the grounds.
- IT Grant – J. Pavia provided status of the town's IT Network. Committee is researching the possibility of a peer-to-peer Network. This would be implemented via a router and would eliminate the need for a managed server.
- Administrators Assistant. J. Downs announced that her last day working would be May 19th March 2023. Resignation letter provided to board. Chair requested position to be posted on the Berkshire Eagle for 14 days with the position being \$17.00 per hour.


Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM by G. Bergeron, Second by R. Clarke



Gerry Bergeron (Chair)



Russell Clarke



Justin Kaczowski