

Select Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Donna Williams

Call to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None.

Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Todd made a motion to accept minutes from last meeting; Charlie seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Margaret's Return: Charlie reported that Margaret has returned to work, is doing well and happy to back.

Applying Credits: Donna asked if an approval was needed in order to apply credits in NEMRC system for incorrect late filing penalty. Charlie said that would not be necessary so long as no check was issued.

Old Business

Town Garage Discussion:

- a) **Energy Audit:** Nothing new; no discussion.
- b) **Bathroom:** Construction will start by late September to early October.
- c) **Heat:** Charlie signed the new contracts from last meeting on the heating system. The new propane heating system will be installed before the bathroom is installed.
- d) **Paint/Doors:** Contract approved and signed for Jake Arace to begin the painting of the garage/fire department outdoor painting.

Peru Fair: Upon inspection of the Community House, Todd reported that there was rot on the South Road side of the building.

Community House Grant: Application for a grant is being worked on with the assistance of Dalen Cole and there should a decision rendered by October.

P.A.C.I.F: Todd met up with the insurance inspector on Monday, August 24th. The issues that were pointed out were no emergency lighting or emergency exit signage in the garage building.

Town Center Maintenance: Charlie spoke about the trim painting and the air conditioning units at the Town Center building. Jake Arace was contacted but did not show. Neither did Adam Rawson from Veteran's Electric. Charlie spoke with 2 people in regard to shoveling Town Center walkways during the winter. No bids as of yet. Charlie will also work up an ad to run in local publications and bring to the next meeting.

Road Foreman Report:

A parking plan for the Peru Post Office was presented by Wayne. After much discussion regarding how many spaces, angle, road interference the Select Board asked that he rework the plan.

The Peru Fair wagon needs to be moved into Town and the road crew will facilitate this process.

Todd believes that by filing the cracks on South Road the Town will be able to put off resurfacing till next year.

Ditching has been completed on Moss Brook and Savage Road. Wayne thinks the sand which was delivered is too fine. Todd said he would look at it and then a determination can be made. Continued sewer search will resume probably in October.

Wayne will start pricing a new truck to replace truck #2. Much discussion was had regarding the purchase sooner than later. Also, possibility to sell the truck privately instead taking it in trade.

Other Business

Drug Testing: Todd will be an additional contact person for the Designated Employee Representative (DER) in regard to drug testing for the road crew.

Delinquent Tax Policy: John Maher submitted the Delinquent Tax Collection Policy 2015/2016 to the Select Board. Interest and penalties will be charged on all taxes that become delinquent; 1% interest and 8% penalty per month or any part of a month will be assessed. If accounts are paid in full by October 20, 2015, the penalty will be reduced to 4%. Charlie made a motion to adopt the policy; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Excess Weight Permit: Charlie signed off on a permit from Huntington Homes.

Lease: The Select Board would like to take a look at the lease agreement between the Town and the Makery.

Executive Session: Charlie called an executive session at 7:30pm. Charlie called regular session back in session at 7:40pm.

Review and Approve Payments: The Select Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra, Assistant Clerk
Donna Williams, Treasurer
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