

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2020

PRESENT: Kevin Meehan, Chair, and Cindy Silver, members comprising a quorum of the board

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Corrigan. Bill Patnaude and Mark Dubois were also present.

Kevin Meehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The board signed warrants for payroll and accounts payable. Invoices were approved for payment February 24, 2020.

Report of Departments and/or Boards

Business Office: Kathi set up the board members for the meeting, but left early due to illness.

Highway: Mark said the winter hasn't been that bad so far. He said the new truck is running really well. There were a couple small issues with the sander on the Dodge and a lift cylinder on the plow of the big truck. Mark took a picture of it and sent it to Tenco, so they were aware of what happened. He heard it break off the other day. He managed to get by at the time, and has fixed it himself.

He said he will be watching the roads in the next few weeks, and a road ban will probably be coming on. Kevin said he noticed the entrance into the town office was really icy and wondered if Mark could sand it really well in the morning before Kathi came in. Mark said the sun has been melting it and then it refreezes in the evenings. Kevin asked if Mark was able to do most of the roads with the big truck, and Mark said he is able to do all the roads with it. He says it gets around pretty well and he can turn it okay.

With regard to sand he said we're probably where we should be at this time of year. He was sure they would be fine for the duration of winter.

Kevin mentioned the culvert on Ingerson Road and asked if they had been using the heater. Mark said they haven't yet, but he was sure they would be needing it. Mark said he likes that it's there. He's only had to use it a couple times, but it's a good thing to have. He said it's too bad it can't be turned off completely. It costs about \$16 a month to run.

Public Input

Firemen's Association: Mark and Bill wanted to address the issue of the school and ongoing plans. They said they were hoping things continued and the offices and town employees could all be moved there so it became a permanent home.

Mark and Bill said there were some things being housed down at the school that belonged to the Fire Department. Kevin said he wanted them to have some space for storage and as things moved along he would try to make sure that happened. Mark asked if anyone had any issues with what was down there now, and both Cindy and Kevin said they had heard no complaints.

Mark said they now have eleven full-length tables and two shorter ones in the side room off the gym. They also have all the older chairs out of the entrance of the town hall. The Fire Department would like to purchase a number of new chairs they need for the school, and the older chairs would come back to the town hall. That way people could use them in the hall any time, and the new ones could be used by anyone down at the school. The Department is trying to make sure they have the tables and chairs they need in both places so they don't always have to move them back and forth.

They would like to keep the new tables for the school and those who want to rent tables out should take them from the old town hall. And there will always be tables and chairs available for any event at the town hall as well as in the school.

Cindy asked about other functions in the school beside the Fire Department's breakfasts. Would others be able to use the new tables and chairs. Bill and Mark both said, by all means, they are welcome to use the new tables and chairs. They would just prefer that the new tables and chairs don't get moved out of the school building.

Dishwasher: Mark said they have found someone who fixes major appliances in the kitchen. The Fire Department would like to help out with some things if possible. They would like to get an estimate to see what it would take to get the dishwasher operational. They also know one of the sinks leaks, and they want to see if they can repair the dishwasher and fix some of the plumbing problems, so the kitchen is even more functional than it is now. They would present the estimate to the board so they would be aware of what the repair costs were. Chris has the name of the gentleman who repairs all these major appliances.

Bill said if this gentleman begins repair work on the sink, they would like to go right through the kitchen and make sure there are no more issues. If the Fire Department does it now it will be less of a cost to the town when they begin renovations. And the Fire Department is not asking the town for any money. Bill said if we all worked together it could all be accomplished.

Kevin explained that the board has three warrant articles coming up at town meeting to address the needed changes to the school building. There are some necessary changes that have to be made before we can go into the building. They include changing some of the doors, remediating some asbestos, etc. The second article will address the office space for all town employees, along with file cabinets and storage. The third article will address the possibility of making the school an emergency shelter. That will open up the opportunity for grants.

Bill asked what was going to become of the old double refrigerator. Kevin was not sure if it was in working order or not. It is currently unplugged. Bill said if that was removed the department could bring down their refrigerator and two freezers to replace it. (They are currently at the Odd Fellows Hall.) He also said they could add some shelving in the kitchen and/or storage area. Mark said they could make the fridge disappear if need be, but they wanted to know what the board members wanted. Mark said he believes that old fridge has served its usefulness. Cindy said because of its age, it probably has no energy-efficient benefit.

Cindy made a point to let Mark and Bill know that the board will be working with the Fire Marshall's office to be sure that every change that is made is according to code. She said it will most likely mean we will be given an occupancy limit of some kind. But either way, Mark said there is so much more room at the school than at the Odd Fellows Hall. And at the school folks are not compelled to rush because others are waiting to get in.

Bill asked if there was anything else the Fire Department could help with regarding the move to the school. Kevin said at the moment he couldn't think of anything, but there probably will be as we move forward.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

