

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
October 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Tom Brady, Chair; Cindy Silver and Kevin Meehan members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Bruce Hartford

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:03 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Select Board meeting. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

The invoices were reviewed and approved for payment October 30, 2017.

The Couture Road entrance has been shimmed and resurfaced.

The Chair reported that the new backhoe was delivered today, total cost is \$117,750. He signed the purchase agreement. Mark Dubois reported that the machine performs well.

Mark had reported that the wall and slabs are completed at the Transfer Station. He plans on getting the compactor and containers moved back into position this week.

The Chair signed the renewal for the health insurance. He noted that in the county budget that the Stewartstown budget increased \$497,000. Of that increase \$390,000 was to cover cost of living increases and health insurance.

Linda Cushman reported that Chief Milligan had met with Ronald Tocci, regarding the covered bridge Mr. Tocci has built. Chief Milligan states that he believes that an ambulance can get through the bridge, however, no fire truck could. The Chief said that this may not be an issue as in most cases should there be an emergency the fire department would stage on the road. If it is agreeable with the Town Mr. Tocci is willing to sign a release stating he acknowledges the Fire Department vehicles can not pass through the bridge. The Board agreed to accept a waiver from Mr. Tocci on the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

Chris Milligan has reported that the stones in Starr King and Riverton cemeteries have all been washed. Chris and Larry Kenison have replaced bases on five of the worse stones at these cemeteries. One stone that the base was replaced on was not cut on the bottom. John Hanks has taken the stone to get it cut. Mr. Hanks has said that the cost of cutting the stone should not affect his overall bill as time and money was saved by Chris providing the water. The pillars are the only thing that has to be finished in Starr King. Chris said that he just ran out of time.

Linda reported that Erv Connary email today and the plaque is done. Cindy will see if she can make contact with Erv to arrange pickup of the plaque.

Tim O'Neal and Dave Ernsberger members of the Mt Washington Regional Airport Commission were in today to inquiry about meeting with the Board. Mr. O'Neal has requested to come in on the 30th if the Board is agreeable to make a presentation for consideration in rejoining the Airport Commission. Linda stated that she had made an appointment for 7:15 on the 30th if this is workable for the Board. Eric Higgins is also available to come in. The Board approved the schedule.

The Board thanked Bruce Hartford for his interest in the Transfer Station Attendant position and for coming in to meet with the Board. The Chair asked the Board if they had any question for Bruce. No. Bruce was asked if he had any questions. No, he said that in working in the building industry he was familiar with so of the do's and don't of recycling. The Chair offered the job to Bruce. Bruce accepted. Starting pay is \$9.50 an hour and once the DES certification has been received the pay will increase to \$10.00 an hour. Bruce will start October 25, 2017.

The Chair stated that he has an issue with the Library Trustee comments that the Select Board should not be given anymore information than necessary. This is not being open. The money that is being spent is taxpayer money. He said that they should understand that the Board is responsible for all Town funds. In reading the Trustee minutes it was asked who attended the meeting. Kevin questioned why mileage plus travel time was being paid. It is general practice to pay one or the other is paid, not both.

Cindy said that in all fairness she believes that there is frustration trying to understand what their role is and the proper protocol. Cindy said that in all the meeting she has attended that it was recommended that the Library Trustee be given the appropriated funds for their management. Linda stated that this had been offered and was turned down by the Trustees.

In other business Cindy said that she had spoken to Larry Kenison regarding doing the door repair at the snack shack. He is not going to be able to do the repair as he is to busy. Cindy said that she has asked Lucas Simino to look at it.

The Board made the decision that the request from the Tyler Blain Shelter would not be included in the 2018 budget

The next meeting will be October 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,