

October 15, 2020

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass. There were no visitors.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the minutes of the Sept. 3, 2020 and Sept. 17, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that they have had the usual meetings, the sewing group met, birthday parties and a memorial service.

Water – Keith Brass reported that he had painted the meter panel near the Dollar General and cut the grass and pulled shrubs. He said that they are doing turn offs and have done 3 new water installs. He told the board that the Dept. of Health did an inspection and they found everything to be in order. Keith said that they did have some suggestions and Keith will address them. He also said that they inquired about an inspection of the reservoir. Keith said that he can't find any information that this was done, but the inspector said it had been done.

Keith told the board that he has been working with DANC replacing bolts along the water line.

Highway – Bill Pond reported that they have the mowing done and the mower is serviced and put away for the winter. He said that they have widened Hell Street and finished paving. Bill told the board that the backhoe at the transfer site broke down, and it will be a costly repair. He said that he they may need to transfer funds, as there is not enough in the equipment line budget. Bill said that they have installed new doors in the town office with windows that can be used if need be. Bill said that they have done shared service with the village by helping them with paving.

He said that he has completed the 284 Agreement, and he has the appropriate number of copies for the board to sign. He said that he would also like to pay Barretts and Suite-Kote with the first Friday invoices because he needs a canceled check to submit for reimbursement

Councilman Wood made a motion to pay the Barretts and Sute-Kote invoices with the first Friday bills, in an amount up to \$65,000.00 for paving Hell Street and Wilson Road for the purpose of meeting the timeline for reimbursement, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Bill told the board that he wanted to talk with them about the purchase of the sweeper. He said that at the budget meeting he told the board that he wanted to purchase a new pick up, a sweeper and that the tracks needed to be replaced on the excavator. Bill told the board that he needs the sweeper and will forgo the pick up if it will be a strain on the budget.

Councilman Wood asked Bill what the fourth truck is for. Bill said that he will need to designate one truck to tow the mower and they need a service truck and he said that the 1500 needs to be declared surplus as it is not safe to leave Cape Vincent.

Councilman Aubertine asked Bill if he would consider purchasing a broom for the John Deere tractor.

Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to exhaust all options. They discussed these options and

Bill said that he really needs to have a separate machine that can be used daily without switching equipment on the mower.

Councilman Mason said that it will be \$44,000.00 for the sweeper, \$25,000.00 for new tracks for the excavator and \$35,000.00 for a new pick up. Bill said that his priority is the sweeper. Councilman Wood said that he is in favor of Bill getting the sweeper, fixing the tracks and purchasing the truck if there are extra funds. All agreed.

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Bender reviewed the Supervisor's financial report. Councilman Mason made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Mason said that the village has met with DANC to create an Assessment Management Plan. He said that the village needs to build up their equipment reserve fund.

Councilman Mason said that he and Supervisor Bender did a walk thru on Club Street with Scott Burto and 5 engineering companies. They changed the request from a Request for Proposal to Request for Qualifications. Supervisor Bender said that they had a good meeting, and the marina is in really bad shape.

Supervisor Bender said that he spoke with John Mosher from the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society to give him the background on the property. He said that he and Councilman Mason met with representatives from Samaritan and that the clinic will be closed for the remainder of this year. He said that they will wait until January before they decide if they will close for good. Supervisor Bender said that they asked Tom Carmen how he felt if they pursued Urgent Care as a tenant and he said that he thought it was a good idea. Councilman Mason said that Pam Young told them that there are new Physicians Assistants at River Hospital and she would like to find out if they might be interested in the location.

Councilman Aubertine asked why the town assumes all the risks, why does the town have to make sure that the mortgage is paid. He said that he is disappointed that the pharmacy that was promised never happened.

Resolutions

Resolution #42

Resolution #42 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #42 is to agree to the transfer of Culvert Eo19 located on the Branche Road, from Jefferson County to the town, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents associated with the culver transfer.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #43

Resolution #43 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #43 is to set the date of Nov. 5, 2020 at 6:30pm for a public hearing on the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood discussed with the board that he would like to see Sharon Nebbia receive extra pay for attending extra meetings. Councilman Aubertine agreed and said that she could put in a voucher for her extra time, just as she did for the work on the zoning law re-write.

Bills: WD #1, \$7,370.38; WD #2, \$923.70, WD #3, \$67.19; WD #4, \$246.10; WD #5, \$138.45; WD #6, \$41.83; Highway, \$26,975.32; Club St, \$2,580.00; Capital Water #7, \$2,580.00; General Fund, \$34,742.34.

Councilman Mason made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk