

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2018

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster – Natalie Jackson – Ben Barry – Tony Barry – Skye Austin & Arthur Woolverton from Summit Gas.

Meeting opened by Jim Grant at 6:30 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

- Jim Grant made a motion to move an invoice from Excaliber forward to the next treasurer's warrant.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Discussion on whether to continue the sewer catch system on Northern Ave that has been in place for 8 weeks, which has amounted to \$4000.00 and to date nothing has been found.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to discontinue the trap at this time.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Tony Barry mentioned that the manhole there is in serious need of repair and wanted to know if the Selectboard would like them to repair it when they remove the trap. Jim said that it would need risers as well to bring it up to grade. He asked Tony to figure out the price to repair the manhole.

Natalie Jackson had two Sewer Accounts that are in arrears and they have requested to make payment arrangements.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve the payment arrangements
- Jim Grant second
- Vote approved 3/0

Natalie had three abatement requests, two have an outside meter that they use for watering gardens and the other was to fill a swimming pool.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the request from Gregory Wehrwein and Jason McLaughlin as per our ordinance on abatements with outside meters.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the request from Diane Fredette for filling her pool
- Nancy second
- Vote approved 3/0

Natalie asked if the Selectboard had made any decision on the Foggy Bottom property on the agreement with the sewer units that Dan Alexander had made many years ago with the Town reducing the number of units during the winter. Natalie needs to have a decision before the April billing. The agreement is not consistent with anyone else in Town and the Town Attorney agreed that the prior agreement does not need to follow the purchase by the new owners.

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion charge for the current four units year round and have Julian Beale check this summer for any expansion
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Skye Austin and Arthur Woolverton were in attendance at the request of the Selectboard to give an overview on Summit Gas. There was discussion on what was if any plans in the near future to have the gas pipeline come through Farmingdale. Wayne asked what Farmingdale has to do to reduce the cost to Summit to come through town. There was a discussion on using the sidewalk on Maine Avenue to cause less disruption to Maine Ave, reviewing the neighborhoods to find enough concentration and the permitting process. Summit will do some review and crunch some numbers but the best case scenario would be late 2019.

The Selectboard will have a workshop on April 3 and 1:00pm to discuss the Architectural/ Engineering bids received for the new Fire Station and the Winter Maintenance Contract. Tony Barry had some figures drawn up for the Selectboard to review on plowing and shoveling the Pump Stations being added to the Sewer maintenance contract, so the Board can decide to remove that from the Winter Maintenance Contract. The Selectboard also had received requested figures from Alden Longfellow on snow/ice removal being added to the Catch Basin contract.

Rose submitted a proposal from SW Cole doing the compaction and testing the new Fire Department site once the Demolition and Tree Removal is in progress.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to sign and accept the proposal
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

The CEO had a letter of violations to a property on the Blaine Road with options that the Town can do to get this property cleaned up. There is a lot of garbage on the property and the owner has left Town and several complaints regarding the garbage have been made. There was a discussion to have the CEO do what he thought was best and put Legal Notices in the KJ and then get the property cleaned up and a lien put on it for the cost of the removal if necessary.

The Town Attorney had called Wayne and said that the Demolition and Tree Removal Contract needed to be put back out to bid as a complete package and that the removal of the Debris needs to be included. That she wants the job to require removal, disposal, transportation and tipping fees included in the bid. Rose called and said that the bids had already been opened and pricing had been revealed. She said that she felt that this was a significant change and was necessary to put this out to bid again, to stay in compliance with the bidding ordinance.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to put the contract back out to bid
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0 - Jim Grant abstained.

Public Comment: None

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:59pm
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

Per Jim Grant the meeting was reopened at 9:02pm to correct an oversight error of not rejecting the previous bids on the Demolition/ Tree Removal.

- Jim Grant made a motion that the Selectboard refuse all previous bids for Demolition/Tree Removal, following legal advice of the Town Attorney that Contract is put back out to bid. The addendum to require removal, disposal, transportation and tipping fees included in the bid.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

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James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore