

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2017

Members Present: James Grant - Wayne Kilgore—Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster – Natalie Jackson-Steve Stratton- Barbara Kyllonen -

Meeting opened by James Grant 6:32 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to accept the minutes of November 29, 2017.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Selectboard reviewed an invoice from Excalibur for Northern Avenue pump station repair – they were called out one of the pumps was not running, they pulled the pump and cleared the debris. There were large bed or dog pads stuck in there again. There was a recommendation that if it continues that there should be a letter sent to the residents that this is causing problems and that it could increase the cost of the sewer rates.

- Jim Grant made a motion to forward the invoice for payment on next week's warrant.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

There was also an invoice for the remaining balance of the Second Street culverts and ditching repair. There was also an additional \$1,290.00 for some additional work that corrected a ditching problem and drainage problem that Steve said was not on the contract. Steve said that he had not realized how bad the corner was and that if the upper part of the ditching and drainage had not been addressed that it would have caused further issues. That he felt that while the work was being done there that he would have it taken care of.

Nancy Frost said that she would like to see a better job with the scope of work in the contracts so that there is not extra work cropping up. Steve said that he missed the corner and was focusing on the culvert work and that the drainage was noticed once the work was almost done, that you try to include everything but sometimes the unforeseen is there.

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Steve wanted felt that there are 3 trees that he would like to have taken down – 2 are on Easy Street. He was wondering if the Selectboard had looked at them Jim said that he had not gotten a chance to really look at them in the light of day but if they are leaning towards the woods and if they pose no danger to the public that they are okay to leave there. Steve said one was split and he was afraid that it would kick back and that it is only 5 feet from the pavement. Jim said that he would try to get up there during the day and look at them.

Barbara Kyllonen – said that she was going to be attending future meetings; she was not happy with the treatment that Steve was receiving at meetings and felt the Selectboard should be nicer to Steve because he will quit. Nancy said that this goes both ways and she won't be yelled at. Barbara said she realizes that, but the 2 things she is going to say while Steve is upstairs is that Nancy working for Crooker should not enter into this and putting down contractors should never enter into this at any time. Nancy said that about running down contractors, it was in the past that we have had contracts that were bid at \$9,000.00 the contractor ended up with \$28,000.00 before the job was done. Barbara said that was in the past and you shouldn't be putting down contractors down at any time for any reason. Nancy said that they work on policy and our policy will not be abused. Barbara said that putting down two contractors in a meeting cannot be done unless the contractors are there to defend themselves, that they can sue the Town and the person that is talking about them.

There was a discussion planning for the next Winter Maintenance Contract beginning the winter of 2018, Steve McGee is currently in the final year of the 3 year contract with the 4th year extension signed for the current year. The contract needs to be thoroughly reviewed and make notes on thoughts and suggestions of any changes that may be necessary. Jim wanted to make sure that the property that the Town just purchased on 571 Maine Street for the new Fire Station is added. Jim

also questioned about using just salt in a straight line during the start of storms. The Selectboard feels that the Town really needs a place to build its own Salt and Sand Shed. The Selectboard and the Road Commissioner have copies of the current contract; it was decided to make notes on any suggested changes that they thought should be in the next contract and have a workshop on January 03, 2018 at 6:30.

The Selectboard reviewed the written complaints that have been submitted in the past 2 weeks. There was a complaint about a mailbox being knocked over by the plow. Steve Stratton said that he had gone out to look at it and that it was put back up before he got there. But that it did not meet the guidelines of the mailbox policy, the owner was not home and Steve left a copy of the mailbox policy. There was a complaint on Bowman Street that it was very slippery. Steve said that at the time Sonny had just gone up the hill with the loader, it was also freezing rain coming down. Within 20 minutes Ted was plowing and sanding there.

Rose found an old email for Jim concerning when the pole work was done on Sheldon Street, so that he could contact them about the damage left on Sheldon Street when the poles were moved. Steve said that he has been cleaning up a tree that the Fire Department cut and moved out of the street during the last storm. Steve said that he replaced a culvert on Tyrawley Lane the other day that had collapsed. The owner had called and they took care of the ground work and the Town paid for the culvert.

Jim Grant said that the Town needs to hire an engineer for the Catch Basin repairs needed on Hasson Street and was wondering about recalling the contract that just was signed for Debra Street. That in the spring combining the two streets together and putting a contract back out to bid. Steve said that one of the Catch Basins on Debra Street is very bad and needs to be done right away or it could cause problems with plowing. That he would talk to Brandon about it and see about getting that one done at least.

Rose gave the Selectboard a statement of the accounts for the month for their review and that if they had any questions or concerns to let her know. Rose also went over the Holiday closing schedule, and the dates the State and TRIO are closed.

Jim said that the bidding policy needs to be worked on and that he thinks that the \$1,000.00 limit is to low, that he will work on a draft with changes and email it to everyone.

No Public Comment.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm. The next meeting will be December 29,2017
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore