

Town of Farmingdale  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2018

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost  
Others Present: Rose Webster – Natalie Jackson – Tony Barry- Ben Barry – Steve Stratton- Eben Gilman – Representing First Park was Craig Nelson and the new Director Jim Dinkle

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

Jim Grant – went over the addendum to the Sewer Maintenance Contract for Winter Maintenance for plowing, shoveling and maintaining the Pump Stations for winter maintenance for an addition \$4,800.00. Tony and Ben agreed to the terms of the Addendum.

- Jim Grant made a motion to add the Sewer Winter Maintenance Addendum to the current Sewer Maintenance Contract for the remaining year left on the contract.
- Wayne Kilgore Second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant asked Tony and Ben to review the work that has been done to repair the Sewer issue on Caron Drive. Tony said that he and Ben were called in when the issue arose that the catch basin was filling with sewerage. They discovered that the problem arose due to an attempt made to hook into the sewer system illegally by a resident. Jim said that the Sewer Maintenance Contractor is the only one authorized by the Selectboard to tie any sewer hook-up into the system. Tony said that they found that the system was cut into with a saw and a check valve was installed backwards and had caused issues with the sewer system in that area. Tony said that they welded a fitting where the system was cut into.

A Semi-permanent patch has been done with banded stainless steel bands, Tony said that he and Ben have checked it a few times and they feel that it will hold. Tony said he had discussed that repair with E.J. Prescott. Tony said for a permanent fix they would have to dig up the whole end of the road and would have to lift the connections up into a cradle to have the welding done by EJ Prescott and put a new tee in.

Eben Gilman asked how this would impact the residents that live there. Tony said that it would shut the road down there for a few days and the sewer for a couple of hours. Eben asked about pursuing the owner of the property that had the hookup done and making him pay for it. Jim Grant said right now it is important to make sure that the work is safe for the residents there. The owner that did this work has sold the property and no longer lives in Town. It would require talking to the attorney and looking at going to court to try to resolve this and it may take time and more cost with no guarantee that we would get our money. Tony will gather information with EJ Prescott to assess what repair to the pressurized system will have the best option for the safety of the system and the residents there.

Tony also reported that when they cleaned the Meter Pit that it had quite a bit of sand present again. Tony agreed that having the Maine Avenue sewer line flushed will help with this issue. Craig Nelson said that he was on the Sewer Committee when the meter pit and the sewer system were installed in Farmingdale and that it ended up being rushed when Gardiner installed the new bridge. That due to the gradual grade on Maine Avenue that the lines there need to be flushed every few years and this helps with the readings. Jim went over the manhole report that Tony had submitted a couple of weeks ago and

asked Tony if he felt these should be repaired, Tony said that they should and would be working on them.

Craig Nelson introduced Jim Dinkle the new Executive Director of First Park to go over the future plans and updates being the Park. Craig also said that he would like to see Farmingdale have another alternative board member as well. Jim Dinkle said that he was hired in November of 2017. Mr. Dinkle said that they are aggressively marketing several new interested parties. New landscaping projects to the entrance and a new sign to make the Park more attractive to prospective buyers has been done Mr. Dinkle said that on September 12, 5-7pm they are hosting an after-hours barbecue and would like all the community officials to come and look around the Park and see the changes being made.

The new Fire Station plans are being worked on and should be ready for a final review soon. Once the plans are ready and all the changes are agreed upon it will be ready to go out to bid. There was a discussion on checking with the Maine Bond Bank, USDA and area Banks once the plans are ready and an estimate of the cost is known.

Natalie had 2 sewer abatement requests – one for watering the lawns that has a separate meter and one for filling the pool. Both follow the guidelines for requesting abatements in the Sewer Ordinance.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatements.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

Ken Martin, Doug Ebert and Steve Comins have all met with the Selectboard regarding their requests to be appointed to the Sewer/FRAC Committee. Pete Coughlin requested to be appointed as the E911 Addressing Officer.

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept Ken Martin, Doug Ebert and Steve Comins to the Sewer/FRAC Committee and Pete Coughlin as the E911 Addressing Officer.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

Debra Street Bids:

- Jim Grant made a motion to reject all bids on the Debra Street project until a survey is done for the boundary lines on the right of way.
- Nancy Frost second.
- Vote approved 3/0

Flushing Contract Bids – 3 were received; all bids were received in accordance to the bid instructions.

- Jim Grant made a motion to open all 3 bids
- Nancy Frost second.
- Vote approved 3/0

Ted Barry Company - \$33, 999.00

Truex Corp. - \$44,000.00

Eastern Pipe Service LLC - \$44,767.30

Copies of the Contracts were distributed and will be reviewed and a decision made at the next Selectboard Meeting.

There was a discussion on the Paving and Shouldering pre-bid meeting. That one of the contractors complained to Nancy that there was no footage and how many cross pipes were being replaced. Rose and Natalie said that none of these questions and concerns was asked at the pre bid meeting. All the contractors were all told to submit any questions or concerns that they may have after the meeting in writing to the office. The purpose of this is to give the Selectboard time to answer the questions and all contractors receive the questions and the answers.

There was a discussion on several other road projects being worked on, scopes of work needed, updates on the information. These will be worked on and emailed to the Selectboard for review and input; if any changes of discussion of the work listed are needed they will send the noted changes to the office as soon as possible.

Rose is working on the Commitment figures and with the Assessor and will have figures and mil rate selections for the Selectboard on the meeting July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Selectboard will also be working on a contract for a Cemetery Administrator.

Public Comment:

Bruce Choate requested that the tree in front of his house be looked at for removal that he feels that it is very dangerous. Jim said that if any portion of the trunk of the tree is in the town way and it is dangerous that it is the Towns' responsibility. They will have Steve look at the tree and do a scope of work if needed.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

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James Grant

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Nancy Frost

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Wayne Kilgore