

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
March 8, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Nancy Frost - Wayne Kilgore—Others Present: Rose Webster – Dennis Wheelock- Mike LaPlante- Eric James –David Saunders – Lee Goucher, Ike Peppard

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

- Nancy Frost made a motion to accept the minutes of February 08, 2017.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Bid openings for Northern Avenue & Hayford Heights- On February 22, 2017, have been reviewed and the lowest bidder was CH Stevenson on both projects

Hayford Heights Storm Water Rehab. The lowest bidder CH Stevenson - \$84,630.00.

- Nancy Frost made a motion – To award the contract to CH Stevenson, and to hire an inspector as suggested by Bill Rogers to oversee the project.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Northern Avenue Drainage Modifications. The lowest bidder CH Stevenson - \$ 37,025.00

- Nancy Frost made a motion – To award the contract to CH Stevenson, and to hire an inspector as suggested by Bill Rogers to oversee the project.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Board reviewed foreclosures for the Tax year of 2015 – Lee Goucher was present and asked that the Selectboard let him bring all the taxes owed on the property current and be allowed to keep his property. Nancy Frost told Mr. Goucher that people not paying their taxes cost the Town money and is a lot of extra work for the office staff. Some discussion regarding payments, keeping current and not letting the taxes get to the point of liens and foreclosure. Jim Grant suggested that it be noted in the TRIO system that this property has been allowed to go back to the owner and that the Town would not do it again.

- Nancy Frost made a motion – the Town of Farmingdale is to receive payment in full of all taxes owed to date, that a Quit Claim Deed would be issued and that the account is to be noted that if it goes to foreclosure in the future that the Town will not do this again.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Option Rental property was in automatic foreclosure as well for nonpayment of the 2014/15 taxes. David Saunders the attorney representing the estate and Becky Ryder requested that the Town accept letting them continue with the sale of the property that is under contract. That the taxes would be paid in full at the closing within two weeks, there will be a new owner and the property is going to be refurbished. There had been issue with the prior personal representative of the estate and Ms. Ryder had lost another family member recently as well and had regretfully let this slip through the cracks.

- Nancy Frost made a motion – the Town of Farmingdale is to receive payment in full of all taxes owed to date and that a Quit Claim Deed would be issued
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Rose went over the other automatic foreclosures on the list and that she is currently working with the bank on one, with the owners living in the homes, and one on a payment plan, there is also one that is a deceased person with no known family so the property will need to be put in the paper to see if there is any family. She will continue to work on these and try to get them resolved and paid as soon as possible.

The Selectboard reviewed an invoice from Excalibur for the cleaning of the Meter Pit and an issue with a pump problem on the Northern Avenue pump station. The invoices were signed but noted that in the future that the invoices need to be itemized and a better description of any issues is to be noted.

- Nancy Frost made a motion – to pay the invoices and to be noted that future payments will need to be itemized and better descriptions of any issues found.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Ike Peppard – Discussed an issue with Stone Street, with parking and plowing. Rose said that the CEO is also working on this issue with the two land owners and hoping to get this resolved so that it won't continue to be a problem in the future. Ike also discussed that Matt had ordered two radios for vehicles and that the bill was \$800.00 and that he did not understand why, that he feels the Constables do not need radio installed in their private vehicles, he is going to look into seeing if they company will take them back. Ike also talked to Scott Tilton regarding his request for Constable Services for the Town of Chelsea. Scott is looking to buy a car and have 20 hours a week, running radar and speed details. Ike directed him to check with Vassalboro as they had a program very similar to what he is looking for.

No public comment.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:35PM , a workshop for the budget will be scheduled for 6:00PM on March 15, 2017
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore