

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023

Members Present – Doug Ebert –Joe Connors-Ike Peppard
Others Present: Mary Andrews -See attached sign in list of all who attended
On Zoom-Cathie Whitney and K Lathe & Rick Lathe

Meeting opened by Doug Ebert at 6:30p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectboard approved and signed the Treasurer and Payroll Warrants # 7,8,9,10,11

Doug motioned to accept the August 9, 2023 minutes as written, Ike 2nd, all in favor.

Doug opened the meeting with a Public Hearing to adopt the new GA Maximums starting on Oct 1, 23. Doug went through the maximum amounts for last year and what the new maximum amounts are for this year.

Doug motioned to adopt the New GA Maximums, Ike 2nd, all in favor

Doug motioned to appoint Joe Connors and Craig Nelson as committee members for the Gardiner Waste Water Committee for our sewer dept, Ike 2nd, all in favor

Winter Maintenance Contract-Due to Farmingdale switching from sand to all salt last year, the contract was done as a 3-year contract with a 1-year price to be negotiated every year. We want to continue with all salt.

Last year we ordered 800 tons of salt through the state and used 738 tons, this year we ordered 800 tons again, but we can go up to 1000 tons, if needed. Cost for the second year was discussed and Mike McGee stated that due to an increase in labor and fuel, they needed to increase the cost a bit. Last year we paid \$409,000 and this year Mike and Steve are proposing \$417,000.

Doug motioned to accept McGee's price of \$417,000, Ike 2nd, all in favor.

Doug- Ambulance committee met last month and they came up with some ideas for changing their contract from a 1-year to a multi-year contract and adding in the uncollectibles that the town gets billed for into the contract. Doug talked about different options, Option 1 is front loading the budget with 12 months of anticipated uncollectibles, which is not be specific to each town, everyone would share the burden based on call volume & per capita dollars. Option 2 looks at the percentage of the uncollectible debt of each community over the most recent 4-year average and multiply it by 12 and project that to each community.

Option 3 is to keep everything the same and keep billing us year to year for uncollectibles for the previous years. What we currently owe Gardiner is \$87,073 over multiple years. They would like to work out a payment plan for the cities which can be paid over a few years.

Doug suggested we go with option 2 as it only takes our uncollectible, averages it out and we only pay for our own uncollectibles. The board agreed to go with option 2 and would like to do a 3-year plan. Doug will take that to the ambulance committee next week.

We have received a preliminary price for cleaning our catch basins: it will need to go to bid.

Steve-Took care of the ragweed on Maine Ave.

Pike finished grinding 200 ft on Ryder Rd. Bowman has been ground and will finish grading tomorrow.

Mary- Because of Farmingdale's good performance and loss prevention, MMA sent us a dividend check for \$1,444.

We are receiving \$29,604 in LRAP money in December.

The Auditor is coming October 25.

I will be attending the MMA conference on Oct 4th & 5th.

No public comment

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:31, Joe 2nd, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be October 11, 2023

Date 10/11/23



Doug Ebert



Joe Connors

Ike Peppard

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Minutes prepared by: M. Andrews

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Sign in

George Dumas

Leon Crockett

Sharon Dumas

Linda Anule

Bonnie H. Novak

Mary Pierce

Dick Pierce

Steve Gardner

Barbara Vrabel

Sue Cavahan

Kath Killett

GEORGE CEMODANOV

Pamela R. Cmodanova

Nancy Frost

Jerry Staples

Mi'le M'Gee

Steve M'Gee

Steve GIRAULT

David Pong

Carmen Polley