

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023

Members Present-Doug Ebert-Joseph Connors-Andrew Vellani
Other Present- Mary Andrews-Steve Stratton-Nancy Frost-Gerald Staples-Frank Pecor-Mike Laplante
Zoom-Cathie Whitney

Meeting opened by Doug Ebert at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Select board approved and signed the Treasurer Warrants & Payroll Warrants #'s 29, 30, 31, 32

Doug motioned to approved the January 11, 2022 minutes as written, Joe 2nd, all in favor

Frank Pecor

- Requested a 120-day moratorium on solar farms. The reason for the moratorium is the planning board is currently in the process of developing an ordinance. The planning boards concern is the liabilities to the town without an ordinance. They are hoping to have it ready for the town meeting in June. *Doug motioned to approve a 120-day moratorium on solar farms of multiple panels, Joe 2nd, all in favor*

Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Laplante

- Completed the annual OSHA log for the year. This is the 8th year with no accidents at the fire dept. Mike has posted the report at the station.
- Mike received two quotes for sealing the parking lot at the back station and at the Maine Ave station.
- One from Pro seal for \$4,992 and the other from BNS for \$8000. After reviewing both quotes, *Doug motioned to have Pro seal to seal the parking lots, Joe 2nd, all in favor.*

Joe

- A gentleman is town approach him about the eyesore on Sheldon St and wanted to know if the town can do anything. It is a grow facility and after the plants are harvested, they dump the plants out by the basketball courts. Kids are out picking through the scraps getting whatever is left on the plants. He has approached the owners but it wasn't a nice encounter. Is there anything the town can do to force him to clean up the property. If the property is town owned then the town can do something, but we cannot if its private property. Mary will ask Greg if he can take a look.

Andy

- Attended the Waste Water meeting. There weren't enough people in attendance, so he just got an overview. Andy will be attending all future meetings instead of him and Joe rotating.

Doug

- Vortex has been in town flushing the sewer system, we signed up for a five-year plan with them to flush various sections yearly.
- A resident that lives on Maple St, has been complaining about the speed. A meeting was held with DOT, Region 2 Coordinator, Ike Peppard-Constable and Senator Hickman. Dave Allen from DOT did a speed study on outer Maple St and he has no intent on lowering the speed limit.
- A zoom meeting was held for the Lower Rail Trail Corridor, many option were discussed, nothing finalized.
- Will be attending the Ambulance committee meeting on Monday.
- Met with the sewer and road committee, they had a good discussion about the roads in town. They know Blain, Outer Ryder and Outer Bowman needs to be done this year. Doug asked Steve to get with Dirigo Engineering to come up with a plan. For next year Doug wants to pick a road or roads in the Heights and start working on them. Mary will reach out to KVCOG about getting grants for roads. Doug suggested we put on the Warrant asking the town if they would like to be members of KVCOG again.

Steve

- He's putting together his plan of what roads need to be done.
- Not happy with Pinnacle, they did not follow the contract. He is going to take them for a ride to show them what they didn't do.

Mary

- Spectrum will be coming out to increase our internet speed from 5mbps to 300mbps, since going on trio web the current internet speed is too slow and transactions are taking longer to process.
- Gave the board a list of individuals that are behind on their taxes. After reviewing the list and the amounts owed, we will be sending out letters again to set up payment arrangements.
- Asked the board about sending out quarterly newsletters to the people in town that will outline the happenings in town and other important information. A bulk mailing would be around \$600 quarterly and will be sent to residents only. Doug thought the idea was great and to go for it.
- We have \$2K in the senior budget and was thinking about doing a monthly senior day at the town office. It would be a great way for the seniors to socialize, play games, bring a craft to work on, anything to get them out of the house. We would serve refreshments, drinks and provide games etc.
Select board liked the idea. First senior day will be March 22 from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Public Comment-Nancy commented that she would like to see the "over the weight limit" signs up permanently.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:40, Joe 2nd all in favor.

Date 3-8-23



Doug Ebert



Joseph Connors



Andrew Vellani

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