

Town of Farmingdale Special Select Board Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Nancy Frost - Wayne Kilgore—Others Present: Rose Webster- Natalie Jackson – Jim Coffin -Steve Stratton- Steve McGee- Mike McGee – Debbie McGee- Ben Barry – Tony Barry – David Cyr -

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

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to accept the minutes of September 06 and the Special Meeting to open bids on September 13, 2017
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

GA Ordinance Hearing – Rose presented the updated monthly amounts to be used from the State of Maine for General Assistance. There were no questions or concerns from anyone present.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the GA Ordinance as presented with the updated amounts.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Coffin reviewed the Geo Technical Soil Plan Summit did on the property that the Town is looking at purchasing. Jim said that Summit did find some marine clay in one corner and they are recommending soil to be removed and over excavate the footers and with a 29” gravel base under the pavement. Jim said that they recommended a retaining wall of 4 feet on the back side of the property or could look and doing a partial basement on that side. He will look at some figures and see what is the best economically with the best fit as well. He is currently in the process of surveying the property.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn briefly at 6:45pm and to go into executive session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A), to finish personnel reviews and the meeting will resume after the session.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant reopened the meeting 6:55pm

Natalie presented the Selectboard with the invoice for cleaning the Meter Pit that the Selectboard had previously wanted clarification on. Nancy Frost had spoken to Tony and Ben Barry regarding her concerns about the time indicated on the Confined Space Permit. Nancy said that she was okay with the invoice but that they have agreed that in the future they will do a better job making sure all the paperwork and hours match.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve the invoice and move it forward to be put on the warrant next week.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Natalie presented a sewer abatement request from Dawn Real for the water that she used filling her pool.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatement as it is in line with the guidelines of the Sewer Ordinance.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Natalie also asked the Selectboard to review a letter asking for volunteers for the Sewer Committee, to be sent in the next billing. Rose presented a quote from Sheldon Arford and CMC to update the sewer system and new switches. Rose said that Sheldon’s quote also included a new Server with secured back up. Rose felt that Sheldon is very knowledgeable with TRIO and the current system and has been servicing any issues as needed for that past 4 years. He also has updated Pittston and Randolph with a very similar set-up.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve Sheldon Arford of Maine Computer Systems to do the updates.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Selectboard discussed with Steve McGee the optional approved 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Winter Maintenance Contract. Steve and Mike agreed that the sand bin at the office will continue to include the 25 yards and anything after that will continue at the same rate as last year. Jim Grant will update the contract to include shoveling the Sewer Pump Stations, not covering the sand/salt pit and plowing the Sheldon Street sidewalk, now that the utility poles have been moved it is not necessary to snow blow. Steve said that his equipment is ready and will set up a time with the Road Commissioner to review that the requirements of the contract are being met.

David Cyr – said that speaking with several residents that they are not happy with the plowing of the Sheldon Street sidewalk and that too much is being pushed into everyone’s front yard and the large snowbanks are very difficult to deal with. David said that they feel that the plow drivers are going too fast and throwing rocks and slush everywhere and also hitting the poles. Steve and Mike agreed that last year was a very bad year with the storms coming so close together that it was hard to keep ahead of the snow. Steve said that having to get up the hill is difficult and that perhaps they could look at changing the route a bit and try coming down the hill. Mike also agreed that perhaps they may have to look at removing the snow a couple of times. Everyone agreed that Sheldon St. is one of the worst streets to plow. David thanked them for looking at alternatives. David said that also when the poles were removed last year that the company doing the work damaged the sidewalk and never fixed it properly. Jim will look to see who his contact was during the project and get ahold of them.

Steve Stratton went over some upcoming projects that he is working on. There will be a pre-bid on Thursday for the Tree Removal on Northern Avenue and the one on the Outlet Road. Steve is also going to have a pre-bid on October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Second Street ditching and shoulder work and a bid opening on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Steve said that Brandon Ellis had called him with concerns of finding significant amounts for human waste and sludge in the catch basin on Wedgewood Drive. Steve is going to check on other catch basins above that area as well.

Some complaints were reviewed from David Ranslow on Fairway Lane, Steve said that has already been taken care of. Frank Newell wanted his complaint regarding his driveway issue to be reviewed again.

Ike Peppard joined the meeting at this time to discuss the ACO position that was posted and applications received.

The CEO Bob St. Pierre gave a memo on concerns of a dangerous building.

- Jim Grant made a motion to have the CEO take whatever steps that he feels is necessary in this situation.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Rose presented a request for an abatement, originally the Assessor Agent had suggested one year but the resident was asking for 3 years. Jim Grant said that he would have to abstain from any discussion on this.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to do the abatement for one year only.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0
- Jim Grant abstained

Rose discussed her meeting with the auditor today for the yearly audit. The auditor noted that she noticed that there seemed to be a number of mistakes, that she felt were careless mistakes. Rose told her that she was working on the issue and that the Bank has also noted errors. Rose said that she understands that we all make errors but said that some of these errors are frustrating and causing extra work and not showing a good image of our work. Rose will continue to come up with ways to take care of some of these errors and provide additional training as needed.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn 8:32 and to go into executive session for Personal Matters
- 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A), discussion with the Chief Constable and applications for a new ACO.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

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Nancy Frost

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