Select Board Meeting

August 22, 2018

6:01 pm meeting called to order.

Board members present: Neil Oleson, Krista Bishop and Ericka Oleson

Board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Glenn Burdick, Melanie Medon, and several residents.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the correction of “90” added to Chapter 90. Krista seconded. Unanimous.

Jon Oleson, Town Moderator:

* Made his recommendations for finance committee to the board: Donna Estes, Pamela White, Stephanie Pare, and Wanda McNary. Krista made a motion to appoint Donna Estes, Pamela White, Stephanie Pare, and Wanda McNary to the finance committee for one year. Jon Oleson, being moderator, is automatically the 5th member.

Chris:

* Wi-Valley update: Coming together slowly. Hawley will be the lead town in FHMS 4 Town Broadband Network. Design Nine will be the project manager and Jack Ferriter will be the attorney. Ferriter will review the draft agreement with Wi-Valley before the board signs. Erika made a motion to accept the small grant agreement for the operations manager and attorney. Krista seconded. Unanimous. Agreement was signed.
* License request from Daniel Luczynski to renew the business license for Luczynski Brothers Building. Krista made a motion to approve the business license for Luczynski Brothers Building. Erika seconded. Unanimous.
* Pole hearing requested for Phelps Road. It will be held Sept. 5th at 6pm.
* Received a letter from a resident thanking road crew for fixing a lip on his driveway.
* Letter from Mr. Grey asking the town to not interject with tenant issues although it does not appear to be a tenant issue but more of a neighbor issue.
* Received a letter of intent from a solar company. Would like to purchase 40 acres of 52 that make up the parcel by the school for $400,000. Krista made a motion to sign the non-binding letter of intent. Erika seconded. Unanimous.
* Mentioned parcels nearby the school are in tax title and the owners had mentioned gifting it in the past. Krista made a motion to have the tax collector approach the landowners to see if they are still interested in gifting the properties. Erika abstained. Neil seconded. Unanimous.
* Taking vacation next Wednesday and Thursday. Town Hall will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Back to normal hours after Labor Day.
* School starts Monday, August 27th.

Mike Gleason, Fire Chief:

* Would assist in clearing property if needed.
* Monroe Volunteer Fire Department resigned. Florida and Readsboro will be covering. If there were a structure fire, they would respond anyway. Medical calls are the issue. Carla Davis Little stopped by and they are working on a plan for a small department. Shelburne dispatch has the word to call Florida and Readsboro for a medical call. Fire dept. stated to Monroe that they are willing to do this in the short term, not long term.
* Have had a lot of expenses this year: Truck repair and furnace replacement were large ones.
* Looking to possibly do a first responder/CPR training after Christmas.

Glenn:

* Had trees falling because of rain on River, Phelps, Blackstone, and Whitcomb Hill Roads.
* Continuing to prep for paving.
* Modifications made to bridge entrances on both sides.
* Culvert repair.
* Cleaned ditch line on Poirot Road.
* Mowing and weed whacking.
* Grader was serviced. Fluids are out for testing.
* Equipment repairs made.
* Would like to purchase a few more 5/4 ton pick-up trucks. About $500 each. Will be used as a parts vehicle unless it is in better condition than the one being used.

6:53 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Krista seconded. Unanimous.