

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2019

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Lynne Bertram, Chair.

Present: Norman (Nope) Martin, Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: David Adams, Town Constable, William Young, Christian Avard, VT Standard Reporter, Laurie Bramhall

Addition to agenda: No changes

Brian moved to accept the minutes of July 23rd and August 6, 2019. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: Board members and David reviewed a draft ordinance that Attorney Barlow sent to the town to replace the current dog ordinance. New ordinance has higher fines and gives the constable more “teeth” when working with unlicensed or vicious dogs. Board agreed that the draft ordinance should be adopted and used by the constable. Nancy will begin the formal ordinance adoption process and put this item on the next meeting agenda. David reported that he has ordered a magnetic constable sign for his car door, will bring invoice to town. Discussion of lack of pound/kennel. Will keep looking for a vet or clinic to contract with.

Laurie Bramhall came to the board to express her concerns of the highway department and recent development of the Road Foreman leaving his position and the road work that needs to be done. Select board worked with Randy for several weeks to get him to remain with the town, it was his decision to leave. Town roads are currently being graded; beginning with roads that pose safety hazards or that were previously washed out and may create bigger problems. Nope reported that two new employees have been hired and additional road work will begin. Laurie left a letter to be added to the minutes of her above noted concerns.

Highway Report: Grading of the North Bridgewater, Wayside, Greengate, Cox District, Phelps, Perkins, Grandma’sams and Gold Coast Roads should be completed this week. Grader has multiple leaks and is going through oil. Will continue to run grader with leaks to get as much road work done as possible. Sprayer has been taken out of the new truck so that the underbody scraper can be used. New employee, Jeff Candee started on Monday, seems to be working out well. Hauling hard pac to the grader site and then working around and inventorying the town garage. Jeff Sailer has accepted the position of Road Foreman and is expected to begin work on August 26th, pending drug testing and motor vehicle history results.

Waiting for Lafayette to schedule to install the guardrails at the new bridge in Chateaugay. Washout on Gold Coast Road around the Cemetery has been repaired. Discussion of testing water at garage to see if it is drinkable. Lynne will follow up with testing kit and getting it to the lab. Nancy is still working on getting details about the “Logging Workshop” in Oct. Contract for salt is expected out within the next week or two. If it comes before the next meeting, board members authorized Lynne to sign on behalf of the board. Vicky has contacted the Corners Store to confirm that the town can purchase gas and be invoiced for same. Board reviewed a new employee application, Nope will follow up with applicant.

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Treasurer's File: Order sheet #'s 04 (ck #'s 18425-18449 and ck #'s 2467-2468) were reviewed and signed. July payroll order (e-ck's 2947-2956 and ck's 3847-3859) sheet was reviewed and signed. A current year budget status report was given to the board.

Clerk's File: Board reviewed and signed an excess weight permit for Rainville.

Old business: Lynne reported that the Old Mill Marketplace sale did not take place due to an injunction. Del. Tax Collector, Joni Kennedy has made payment arrangements with the Mill, paying off the sewer account by November and will pay current invoices. Board members would like to review delinquent accounts with Joni, she will be invited to the next meeting.

Nancy reported to the board that the electrical work has been completed. Discussion of removing carpet in office and replacing with epoxy or flooring with radiant heat. Will table for now.

William Young was in to discuss a quote that he had given for installing an air exchange unit(s) and an air filtration system. Waiting for a quote from ARC. Will discuss when ARC quote comes in.

New business: Notice of GUVSWMD meeting on August 22nd in Norwich at 4:00 pm.

No executive session needed.

Being no further business, Brian moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk