

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 13, 2020
Masonic/Community Hall 6:00 PM



PRESENT: Tim Howlett (Chair), Jessica Stocker, Joan Huestis, David Bronson, Bob Sunderland (arrived at 6:06)

Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Kathleen King (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (DPW Road Foreman), H.Kent Wright III

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair, Tim Howlett.

Public Comment: No public Comment

Secretary's Report: David made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Jess seconded, 3-aye, Joan-abstained. Jess made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Joan seconded, 3-aye, David- abstained.

Treasurer's Report: David made the motion to pay bills in the amount of \$94,562.06. Bob seconded, motion passed.

DPW Report:

DPW Operations, Budget & Finance: DPW has replaced 7 culverts and ditched 8/10th of a mile on Forrest Rd. They have replaced one culvert under the road and 100 ft. of ditching on Fiddlers Lane. The second pass of mowing will begin soon and Jones Dock Rd will be closed for 2 days to replace 2 culverts. They have been busy scraping and putting chloride on the roads. There was much discussion on paving and if we should hold off for this year. Dusty recommended to wait until August to decide if we will pave this year.

Illegal Dumping: Sheriff Peter Newton is sending a ticket to James Valentino for illegal dumping.

Culvert Report:

Lake Street Culvert: Dusty has not heard anything on the Lake Street Culvert Structures Grant or Better Back Roads Grant.

Basin Harbor Road: Benj Putnam still has paperwork that needs to be completed.

Mountain Road Culvert: It is very close to going out to bid.

Rattlin Bridge Road: Benj Putnam has been working on the easement. This could impact 3 land owners. Brent from Otter Creek Engineering sent recommendations on Geotechnical Investigation Companies. Joan made the motion to use Otter Creek's recommendation of SW Cole for \$15,500. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Middle Road Bridge: David will have Brent from Otter Creek Engineering talk to Joran Borge about stream alterations.

Financing of Project: David recommended the Town ask the bank for a line of credit over a five-year period to cover two years' worth of projects. David, Jess and Katie will work on figures.

New Business:

Letter from Skylar Cruz Wolsey: Joan made the motion she will write him a letter and thank him for his suggestions on traffic lights on 125 and 22A. Jess seconded, motion passed.

One Ton Truck Bid: The Town received two bids for the one ton truck. Tim recused himself from the opening and discussion of truck bids. Joan made the motion to accept the bid of \$7601.99 from David Vanpamelen. Jess seconded, 4-aye, Tim abstained, motion passed.

911 Coordinator: Jessica and Katie volunteered to assist Dusty as 911 Coordinator.

Piles of Chips at Barrows Park: Joan said she has received inquiries from the PTO about the wood chips at the park. Dusty said those chips belong to the school for the playground.

Hold Harmless Money: The Town should receive \$223,507 in Hold Harmless money. We will receive it sometime around November 1.

General Fund Budget: David proposed considering the allocation of some amount of the Hold Harmless money to DPW, for example \$50,000. In this example, the General Fund would have \$50,000 more coming from taxes, if the Hold Harmless money is allocated this way, and the DPW would have \$50,000 less coming from taxes. It could help being able to satisfy the amount of taxes needing to go to the DPW, particularly if the amount of delinquent taxes increases. This will be discussed prior to setting the tax rate.

New Business: No New Business

Other Business: No Other Business

Executive Session: Entered into executive session at 8:18 PM for a personnel matter. Came out of Executive Session at 8:34. No action taken.

Adjourn: Joanie moved to adjourn, Bob seconded. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,