**TOWN of BRIDPORT**

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2019**

PRESENT: Joan Huestis (Chair), David Bronson, Tim Howlett, Mike Lawton and Matt Lawton

Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Irene Zaccor (Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (DPW Foreman), Jim Craig (Collector of Delinquent Taxes) H.Kent Wright, JoAnne Kenyon, Tom Broughton

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Joan Huestis.

**Public Comment**

H. Kent Wright spoke again about his concerns about the Masonic Hall.

**Secretary’s Report**

David moved to accept the Minutes from the March 19th Selectboard meeting, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

SB Orders for $81,607.28 presented. Matt moved and Mike seconded to approve Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed.

**DPW/Road Report**

All roads have been graded and gravel is coming this week. Dusty would like to have a policy for boring under the roads.

**Old Business**

**Security System** Selectboard decided they need to speak with Rick Scott to find out more information about his quote.

**Masonic Hall** David presented new contract for the Masonic Hall. Joan made a motion to strike #11 from the contract and have the town pay for toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags and cleaning supplies. Also, to raise the price to $75 for town residents and $125 for non-residents. Tim seconded the

motion. Motion passed. Discussion continued on Insurance for the hall, the matter was tabled until next meeting.

**Delinquent Tax Policy** David presented a new policy for the collection of delinquent taxes. Joan moved to approve the policy, David seconded. 1-aye, 3-Nay, 1-abstain, Motion did not pass.

**Dog Policy** Discussion was had on the low number of registered dogs. It was decided that the Town Clerk would draft a letter to everyone in town to register their dog. It was decided to table a new dog policy until next meeting.

**Office Closure** The Town Office will be closed April 22-29th for renovations to the closet.

**Lawn Contract**  Tim made a motion to sign the DeGray’s Contact, Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Culvert Committee Report** There will be a meeting April 10th with Brent Rakowski and John Ashley. After this meeting there will be more information.

**New Business**

**Confirm resignation of Steve Bourgeois** David moved to confirm Steve’s resignation as Lister and Assistant Zoning Administrator, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

**Lister vs Assessor** Tabled until next meeting.

**Town Agent** Tabled until next meeting.

**Planning Commission Position** Joan moved to appoint Pierre Bourdeleau for a 3 years, term ending in March of 2022, Matt seconded. Motion passed.

**Assistant Zoning Administrator** The Selectboard received two letters of interest for the position, Jerry Forbes and Steve Decarlo. Tim moved to appoint two trainees, Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Facebook Page** Julie asked to setup a Facebook page for town information. Mike made a motion to set up a Facebook page, Tim seconded. 3-aye 2-abstain, Motion passed.

**Homeward Bound Contract** Joan motioned to sign the contract for the coming year, Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**LEMP** Joan moved to sign the Emergency Management Plan, Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Collection Box at Barrows Park** The PTO would like to have a collection box for bottle returns to collect money for school trips Matt motioned to approve collection box on town property, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

**Tim Howlett Use of Town Land** Matt made the motion to allow Tim Howlett to rent the land near the Town Garage +/-10 acres for $600 a year for 5 years, Mike seconded. 3-aye, 2-abstain, Motion passed.

**Masonic Hall Insulation** Matt made a motion to have Black Diamond Builders insulate the Masonic Hall, David seconded. Motion Passed

**Conflict of Interest Statutes** David gave out information on Municipal Conflict of Interest.

**Other Business**

Sign Solid Waste appointment paperwork.

Order porta potties.

Sign Fire Warden paperwork.

Joan moved to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,