

Appleton Select Board
10/25/2016

- 1 Call to order (Fenner, Beckett, Wiley, Costigan)
2. Reminder meetings are recorded.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of 10/18/2016, Costigan. Second, Wiley. 3-0-1 (Beckett abstained due to absence during 10/18 meeting.)
4. Sign Warrants (AP 37: \$53,469.94/AVS. AP 38: \$39,428.04/general expense. AP 39: \$2,734.96/payroll.
5. Job Descriptions for Employees is progressing, according to Fenner.
6. Town office closed 10/27/2016 for Bureau of Motor Vehicle training from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
7. Motion to appoint webmaster Lucy McNaught, Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.
8. Appointment of EMA Director. Fenner has called D. Grierson. Waiting for return call.
9. Building permit appeal: Debbie and Mike Smith are appealing the permit for a riding ring for the Lanpheres on Gurneytown. Motion to appoint Marc Lorraine to Board of Appeals for one year, Costigan. Second, Beckett. Unanimous.
10. Amend purchase order maximum for roads and bridges. Fenner: "You did work on the Whitney Road should have had a purchase order because the value was over \$1,000." There was a culvert in that bill and it was claimed from stock so it was assigned zero dollars on the bill. I'd like to know when you bought it." Review of last fiscal year's purchase orders showed every purchase order was made for state wages. Stage wages were not followed. Wiley: "Every single one here is stated state wages." M. Starrett: "I'm just telling you everyone was aware of what the prices were" in reference to charging separate equipment rental fees on the invoices submitted after purchase orders were approved. P. Beckett: "Should we have purchase orders for a job or should we have it for vendor. From my point of view if we are going to know how much job is going to cost we need the combined." Motion to decrease PO maximum to \$500, Beckett. Second, Costigan. Unanimous. C. Starrett: "You do whatever you think you have to do." Fenner: Small emergencies will be under \$500. M. Starrett: "Is this per vendor?" Beckett/Fenner: affirmative, per vendor. Fenner: "We need a better budget for the year so we have a better grip on here we are going to (conduct road work)." Wiley: "It can't just be a PO of 'not to exceed.'" C. Starrett: "No way in hell I'm going to go over a p.o." C. Starrett: "What I'm saying is if you want a way to estimate this out you need to find a way to pay \$3,000 isn't going to cover it. (That is a reference to the stipend the road commissioner receives.) Costigan indicated it's the role of an elected official and indicated members of the select board spend hours each week on various paperwork, research and filing. There is no separate fee. It is the responsibility of the elected official. Fenner: "To me an estimate is what you have been doing." C Starrett: "I usually do this in my head so I can put myself where we don't go over this po."
11. Road Commissioner: Driveway permit for 10 Peabody to sign. Grading Town Roads: "I'm not getting too far with grader. If you're willing to set back and wait.

He's (Lucas Construction) working in Searsmont for \$110 per hour. I don't know anyone else who has graders. I don't have anyone I would call to grade because you are not going to get the quality. Most people (contractors) are telling me to take a flying leap because there is no one to work IF you're willing to forget the weight situation we can probably (Get Lucas for the job). He's not willing to get that answer (of the weight of the equipment).

M. Starrett: (on 311) "Not willing to let it go at state wage."

C. Starrett: "This is a new issue because nobody wants to work for these state rates anymore. They're too low. The only reason he (Lucas) is doing the \$91.50 is a favor."

Curtis then said Lucas indicated "If they want to screw with me I'll go somewhere else." Fenner: "We do have a contractor who will do that for less."

12. Brush cutting: C. Starrett: "Mike Pease will let us know in two weeks if he is ready to do it. I don't have time to oversee inmates." Fenner: We do have a complaint.

13. Other: Public Comment Motion to go executive session for a legal matter, Costigan. Second, Beckett. (3-0-1, Wiley absent during vote). Executive session, adjourn. 8:35 p.m. No vote taken.