

Select Board Meeting
Appleton Town Office
August 10, 2021 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Scott Esancy, Marci Blakely.

MEETINGS ARE RECORDED.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2021 MEETING Motion to approve, Beckett; second Esancy. 4-0-1/Garrigan (absence)

APPROVE WARRANTS \$24,068.87 A/P Warrant Town Expenses #12, \$5,264.12 Town Payroll Warrant #10, \$59,724.28 AVS Payroll Warrant 11

PUBLIC COMMENT David Perkins and wife Heidi discussed an offer to sell Dorie Getchell's Sherman's Mill Pond property, 4 acres, to the town for waterfront access and a park. Prent Marriner (acting fire chief) stated this is an underserved area with regard to water supply for the fire department and a hydrant there could help. Per Costigan, any liability is covered by the Maine Tort Claims Act (via MMA). Motion to pursue interest of purchase and policy use development, and means of purchase, moved by Beckett; second by Esancy. 5-0-0

ROAD COMMISSIONER

SELECT BOARD

ARPA FUNDING UPDATE FROM COUNTY MMA wrote that the funds to be dispersed in August is postponed until September.

Costigan in communication with Andrew Hart who is the Knox County Administrator and

Clarified the funding uses, pros and cons, below,

Hart: Funds can be used to incentivize COVID 19 vaccine.

Motion to move forward with application for this purpose moved by Beckett, second by Costigan. Lack of interest. Will table for this week and seek further information from surrounding communities.

Hart: Public water access is not considered detriment to public health.

Hart: Public health relative to increasing pay for First responders, EMT, Fire Department with COVID funds is allowable.

Motion to pursue county application to recover payroll costs for public health workers Costigan, second Beckett. 5-0-0

Hart: Pay for public sector employees (clerks) supported by Act, rewarding staff who worked through pandemic. Motion to pursue application for premium pay rewarding staff who worked through pandemic moved by Costigan, second Blakely. Unanimous.

Hart: Covid funds can be used for Broadband but with other federal funds available, towns are encouraged to not use COVID funds for this purpose. Motion to pursue application to apply for Covid funds for broadband installation on secondary roads not currently planned for installation by Beckett, second Blakely. Unanimous.

Motion to pursue application to improved drinking water infrastructure at town office and fire station by Costigan, second Beckett. Unanimous.

Motion to apply for capital investment for physical plant change to this building for covid barriers moved by Costigan, second Beckett. Unanimous.

APPOINT ACTING FIRE CHIEF Motion to appoint Prent Marriner as Acting Fire Chief

Until the existing Fire chief is able to resume his duties moved by Beckett, second by Garrigan. Unanimous.

NIMS TRAINING FOR SELECT BOARD MEMBERS (AUG 25) National Incident Management training, in response to a national incident training at Knox County EMA Office Rockland August 25th 12 and 5 PM. Majority of Board members available for the 5 PM training.

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR NEW CMP STREETLIGHTS AGREEMENT Motion to authorize chair to sign agreement with edit to remove Fishtown light made by Beckett, second Esancy. Unanimous.

ZOOM DISCUSSION Possible to resume limited Zoom meetings based upon comfort level of the Board. Discussion regarding zoom visits versus moving meetings to a different night of the week that the office is not open to limit traffic.

PINE GROVE TREE CUTTING PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST Costigan, Esancy and David Bragg met to discuss Gushee Tomb and tree removal plan to prevent damage, crane set up, and logistics for removal/disposal and timeline. David Bragg can devote a day in September to begin. Price discussed \$3,000 to initially start and would look at other trees that were deemed dangerous. Purchase order previously issued for this amount for this tree work a few years ago; due to storms, the work was not conducted. Motion to issue purchase order to Bragg Tree Works for \$3,000 for work in Pine Grove Cemetery, second by Esancy. Beckett reviewed the budget and not enough allotted for tree work. Costigan suggests looking at undesignated funds. Table for next week to enable budget review to designate funds.

Nolan Steele Forrester with Robbins Lumber examined area around Sumner Tomb and determined a root fungus is the cause of rapid deterioration of trees in the area of the tomb.

TRIO CLERK SOFTWARE DISCUSSION AND PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST Dog Licenses currently managed by spreadsheet. Trio clerk software handles this need. \$2,000 for license, plus \$700 installation, \$480 annual maintenance, Funds available in the budget. Motion to propose purchase of the Trio Clerk Software Beckett, second Garrigan. 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Tri County Meeting: Thomas Pease is the new President.

Broadband: Will require new installs to use router provided by Tidewater.

School Board: Moving forward with rental of the Lincolnville property.

OTHER Esancy, brought forward concerns regarding speeding from community members. Began drafting letter to Representative Pleucker and Sheriff Carroll. Also discussed with Knox County Sheriff employee Tim Davis. There is an opportunity to hire extra shifts at a rate of \$50/hour for a 3-hour minimum to address immediate speeding concerns.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn Garrigan, second Beckett. 5-0-0.