



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

September 8, 2015 Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Selectboard Offices

Minutes

Board Members present: Chairman Dick Wagner, Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Finance Committee: Joe Boudreau, Paul Dunlevy and Tom Wisnauckas

Present: Administrative Assistant Peg O'Neal, Correspondent Elodi McBride, Charlene Baiardi, RJ Beaudry and Katrin Kaminski.

Packard Park donation: RJ Beaudry gratefully acknowledged the new park benches to be placed in Packard Park. RJ wished to donate a do- it- yourself park bench kit. The Garden Club accepted the donation.

Appointments:

Jeff Cranston sent letters of interest for the Assistant Building Inspector and the Emergency Management Director appointments.

- **Assistant Building Inspector:** Building Inspector Charlene Baiardi recommended Jeff Cranston as Assistant Building Inspector. Dick moved to accept Jeff Cranston as alternate Building Inspector to fill out the term of the vacant position. Evan Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Emergency Management Director:** Dick asked the Police Chief about this position and is waiting for feedback. This will be revisited.

Green Community: Charlene Baiardi recommended that Worthington become a Green Community. Some points of discussion: the stretch energy code will increase the price of building and remodeling a house; the town is limited to owning fuel efficient vehicles; rebates and energy efficiency will drop energy costs. An informational meeting will be scheduled.

STM warrant: Finance Committee and Katrin Kaminski

- 1) FY2015 bill received late from John Dearie for 2 1/2 hours: \$125.
 - 2) FY2015 EMT training bill received late for Mike Dewey: \$1,449.95.
The Treasurer will be asked which Health plan the new employees had chosen. There may be a sufficient balance to cover both of these requests.
 - 3) Defense fund for Kennedy suit is exhausted. Next bill will be paid out of legal expenses.
 - 4) Disposal hours have been worked out.
 - 5) Police department will move money from training expenses to patrol budget.
 - 6) Increasing bonds costs on Treasurer and Accountant are minimal and are paid.
 - 7) Bridge petition has to go on as submitted. \$32,000 is requested. \$65,000 is needed. Experts need to be at the meeting to explain increase in costs and DOT requirements.
- Tom Wisnauckas, member of the Finance Committee, made a motion not to recommend that the town take from free cash or vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 to rent or install a temporary bridge on Sam Hill Rd. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Finance Committee had posted an official meeting and thus conducted Finance Commitrr business at our meeting.
 - Evan made a motion not to recommend that the town take from free cash or vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 to rent or install a temporary bridge on Sam Hill Rd. Charley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Special Town Meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2015.

Tax Title: A tax foreclosure maintenance account will be funded by the tax title account to cover expenses on foreclosed properties.

Treasurer: Alan Kidston was hired as Treasurer. Former Treasurer Barbara Miller requested a pay rate of \$21 per hour to train and assist the new Treasurer and finish her FY2015 duties. This was agreed to.

Bond Rating: To secure a bond rating, three consecutive audits are required. It will be prudent to sign Tom Scanlon up for three years of audits. It will cost the Town \$2,000 to hire an actuary to come up with a number for an OPEB estimate.

ACTION ITEMS and DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing: Discussion: Authorizing the Selectboard to expend MassWorks grant money, if awarded, for the Sam Hill Bridge Replacement Project. Evan made a motion to authorize to expend money received through state and federal grant programs. Charley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dick moved to close the public hearing. Evan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: August 11th and 25th draft minutes were reviewed

Correspondence:

Joseph Frost amended appointment letters were signed

Allan Kidston's appointment letter was signed

CHA 75% Design Phase authorization request for review: Peg will check on this. DOT computer system is down.

Kinnebrook Rd bridge discussion – no supporting paperwork: Mark Devylder did an inspection report, an unapproved rating report on Kinnebrook Rd Bridge. Repair work is needed. Funds could be available from Sam Hill Rd Bridge grant if awarded.

Gladys Severance Dodge grave: Pat Kennedy and the Historical Society are doing some investigative work.

Katrin Kaminski has the plot keys.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

MassWorks Grant Application submitted – including letters of support:

Selectboard

Representative Kulik and Senator Downing

Town Residents: Pete and Lennie McLean, Jane Christensen, Richard Mansfield and Tom Spiro

Thank you note from Nancy Grossman

MBI Last Mile Policy

JP Welch re: North Cemetery washout

MEETING NOTICES

September 21st HRMC meeting

Adjournment: Evan made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Charley Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

Recording Secretary