



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

January 05, 2016 Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Selectboard Offices

Minutes

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

Present: Administrative Assistant Peg O'Neal, Correspondent Elodi McBride, Finance Committee Joe Boudreau, Paul Dunlevy, Alex Lak, Jeff Manley and Tom Wisnaukas; and Leslie Figiela.

Hilltown Olympics:

- Leslie Figiela, a Representative of Hilltown Olympics is looking for support from the town, the townsfolk and the kids. This last year was the first year in 36 years that Worthington wasn't represented. They are asking for at least 20 to 25 kids at the ages of 4 - 14 years to participate at \$12 per child. The event will take place on Sept.24, 2016 in Goshen. Leslie will visit RH Conwell asking for attendance as well as submitting an article in the Country Journal. As soon as she knows the exact figures needed, Leslie will contact the Selectboard.

Finance Meeting:

Discussions on Special Town Meeting Warrants:

- The Planning Board will present the solar bylaw at the annual town meeting. It was suggested that the Planning Board look into Wind bylaws as well.
- Legal Expenses: \$7,500 has been used out of \$15,500 in the regular law account. If the motion to dismiss does not happen, the suit could drag on for years at a cost of at least \$20,000 per year. \$10,000 will be taken out of Stabilization and transferred to the Conwell account.
- It was suggested to compile phone expenses into a single account and not charge it to the Building Expense account in FY17.
- Money could be moved from the Disposal Works account to Disposal Labor if additional labor time is needed.
- There will be a separate warrant for the \$96,918.20 needed for the bridge construction, to be moved from Stabilization to a new account called Kinne Brook Bridge. They will move \$14,400 out of Stabilization account into the Highway Maintenance account to replenish money taken for design work. An additional \$2,010 will be needed to pay the design.
- An Automated Logic bill from FY15 for \$720 was never received until three or four months ago. The amount will be transferred to the FY16 Conway Building account.
- An Alarm monitoring bill at the fire department for \$180 from December, 2014 was received. This will be taken out of the Fire Department Expense fund.
- Broadband: The Finance Committee is waiting for MBI's negotiation with WiredWest to conclude before they complete their report.
- The vote for a moderator to fill the remainder of departing moderator Sean Reagan can only be done by ballot at annual town meeting. A temporary moderator from the floor will moderate at the town meeting. Ron Rushford and Eliza Lake has expressed interest.
- The town accountant's estimated receipts are done; budget has been closed out. Jane still has to look at transfers.
- The Special Town Meeting will be held on January 26 and the Draft warrant should be ready by Friday.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION:

Minutes:

December 8th and 15th draft minutes were signed.

December 22nd minutes were reviewed.

Correspondence:

Quarterly report approval letter to Patricia Dervan was signed.

Chapter 90 Reimbursement request for \$18,000 was signed.

Thank you letter to Sean Reagan was signed.

North Cemetery Accounts: Dick moved to close out the Rolland Cemetery Trust Account #500498.00-\$157,216.28 with the assets to be transferred as follows: Rolland North Cemetery Trust #500495 for \$132,216.28 and the Rolland North Cemetery Trust Restricted #500493 for \$25,000. This will be keeping with the original amount and intent of the Rolland will, while at the same time enabling the Town to pay the \$5,495 and \$5,632 amounts to be transferred from the North Cemetery Fund as approved at the past two Annual Town meetings. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Custodian: RH Conwell's Principal told Peg to run the ad for the custodian and she will interview the candidates. Microsoft 10 updates. Computer technician John Dearie is recommending that Microsoft 10 be updated.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Transfer Station Attendant information from HRMC: Numbers of attendants from all the Hilltowns were noted. Paul Dunlevy was asked to sit in on the interview for the new Dump employee.

Town Hall septic update: Peg will withhold 5% of the final payment until work is completed.

Cherry Sheet Update

DESE letter to GRSD

Evelyn Newell's letter of complaint to the Assessor's office was noted.

Brian Dodge's court date will be on January 11 at 9:00 A.M. at the North Hampton Housing Court.

George Durante (Mass Works) is coming to Town

Draft Drinking Water Protection Law

Moderator Candidates update.

Adjournment: Dick made a motion to adjourn at 9:07. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary