



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

December 15, 2015 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, Paul Dunlevy and Ryan Neuhauser

RH Conwell maintenance:

Ryan Neuhauser provided an update:

- Wally Fritz has been snow plowing the school playground gratis. Wally has agreed to contract with Cork Nugent, Highway department, if necessary. If Wally is inexpensive enough, Ryan may be able to hire him as an individual contractor. Cork would have to submit the bill separately to be written off on the school account. Ryan will ask his rate and go from there.
- After a report that one of the pumps for the septic system was bad, Ryan called Don Washburn to have it checked out. One of the pumps showed moisture in the motor. If it is taken out now, and sent out to be rebuilt the cost will be \$3,000 to 5,000. If the pump fails, it can be replaced with a much smaller pump. There is redundancy, so if the pump fails the system will still operate. This will be talked about later in the spring.
- After complaints of certain rooms not heating up, Ryan called John Dearie who put in a new auxiliary power unit in and updated the software which produced good results. After more complaints, Ryan checked the room temperatures on Saturday morning, which showed normal readings. During school hours, Ryan noticed that there was only one thermostat for the rooms that were reported cold and that all those doors were open. He closed all the doors and pushed the occupancy button. One hour later, the temperature was up to 71 degrees.
- There was no water in the basement and the new tiles around the chimney were dry. There is still water in the tank room. He will pull the other conduit in the IT room this summer.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION:

Minutes:

December 1st draft minutes were signed

Sam Hill Road Bridge Alternatives Analysis: Discussion ensued. Item 3 is preferred Choice. The Selectboard now need to see more detail.

Moderator Candidates: Several candidates were discussed including Eliza Lake, Kevin O'Connor and Randy Zucco and Bart Niswonger. The Town Moderator may be elected as a temporary moderator. Peg will give all the candidates a call to explain the position.

WiredWest: Charley requested that the Board could show support for some sort of shared ownership of WiredWest. The Board will wait until the Finance Committee comes to a decision about Broadband.

Hazardous Tree: Mayer Kirkpatrick had called about a tree that has the potential to topple wires. He will be advised to call the Tree Warden.

Electrical Services: The Treasurer and Accountant each agreed to chip in \$200 towards the cost of an electrical upgrade.

Gateway Assessment: The town has not been billed for the Gateway Assessment. Dick will call Attn. Leyla Taylor to get her opinion.

Driveway Permit: Charles Ryan applied for a driveway permit. The Tax Collector signed off and the Highway Supervisor signed off with stipulations. Evan made a motion to approve the driveway permit as submitted. Dick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Disposal Attendant: Paul Dunlevy requested that the Selectboard make a motion to fill out a vacancy announcement for the position of Disposal Attendant. Peg will post a job description.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Hall Septic Upgrade award notification: Town Hall Septic Upgrade bid opening:

Septic Upgrade Bid Opening:

- Sage Engineering, Westfield: \$26,450 was awarded the contract. The Board signed a copy of the agreement. The firm stated that the upgrade will be completed in two weeks.

RH Conwell School: The state and local police requested keys in case of a lockdown. Keys and swipe cards were discussed. The swipes should be recording people who swipe their cards.

Adjournment: Charley made a motion to adjourn at 8:40. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary