

Selectboard Minutes
August 20, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:04pm

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Alan Vint, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Warrants were approved and signed; Payroll: \$9,174.71; Expense: \$15,104.49

Minutes of last meeting were approved with minor changes, 3-0.

Mail reviewed.

The Minutes of the August 1, 2012 open meeting were approved on motion by Noreen, 2nd by Alan, vote 3-0.

Police Chief Tom Austin was present regarding additional complaints of speeding through the center of town, the posted speed is 30mph. Tom suggested obtaining larger signs and having them posted closer to the center and moving the current signs further away from the center. That way vehicles will have additional warning of the speed limit and hopefully this will slow traffic down. Alan said he had spoken with Skip, Highway Superintendent, and he would allow Matt Radwich, a police officer, to take a couple hours off to conduct radar patrols on occasion.

Michael Feldberg spoke of logging and water tankers speeding during the middle of the day.

Alan wanted to know if a heavy truck exclusion could be another way to slow or reduce the truck traffic and if there is a weight rating for the road. That will be investigated.

Tom advised that Bob Hoynoski has applied for a position with the Police Department. Tom recommended him for appointment. Bob would have to complete the 260 hours of training in Springfield and then do 40 hours of "ride along" before he could become an active member. The cost of the school is \$1,100 and Tom has that in his budget. Noreen motioned to appoint Bob as a police candidate, Alan, 2nd. Vote was 3-0 to appoint Bob.

Ed Vivier told the Board Cody had passed his EMT test and the Town now has 5 EMT's. he also said the townspeople are surprised at the quick response and number of people that show up when they respond to a 911 call.

Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, had the Board sign off on Chapter 90 work on Chipman and Clark Wright roads. There was a general discussion about Chester Road and applying for a STRAP grant for repairs. Skip is planning on using a new approach in his grant application, he will be grinding, heating and laying in place the old road top and then applying a topcoat of asphalt. This will be considered a "green" way of repaving and he hopes this time the plan will be approved.

There was also discussion of obtaining larger speed limit signs for the center. He was also okay with Matt doing some radar patrols once in a while as time would permit.

Skip also had a complaint about dogs that got his chickens and killed 9 of them. He has spoken with the dogs' owner and hopes to have this straightened privately.

The Board addressed the letters Alan had written in response to the 2 complaints Mary Wheeler had written to the Attorney General in regard to an Open Meeting Complaint. On motions by Noreen and 2nd by Alan both letters were approved on a 3-0 vote.

The Board then discussed the solar installation at the Town Hall. Eric Weiss had recommended the proposals submitted by Paradise Energy. Discussion centered on the proposals costing \$59,400 and \$49,200 and the pros and cons of both. The higher proposal would necessitate cutting some of the previously allotted monies from the Green Grant but would deliver a much higher energy return. On a motion by Mitch to accept the \$59,400 proposal, 2nd by Noreen, the vote was 3-0 to accept the proposal. As Chair of the Board, Noreen signed the proposal.

Alan had a conversation with Jonathan Silverstein, Town Council, regarding acceptance of service regarding the Harry Pease Road situation. Jonathan would be able to accept the legal papers without having the Town served personally. On a motion by Alan, 2nd by Noreen, vote was 3-0 to allow Jonathan to accept service.

Noreen said she has been playing "telephone tag" with a prospective Veteran's Agent and hopes to have an answer by the next Board meeting.

She also mentioned the Board should think about meeting every other week on a permanent basis. That will be discussed further at another meeting.

Eleanor Doyle of the Middlefield Fair discussed the recent fair. The Health Agent was strict but all the vendors passed the inspections but Eleanor thought she was a little overbearing. It is difficult to get vendors to come to the fair and Eleanor would like to keep them all coming back.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Mitch 2nd, vote was 3-0 and meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:
Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser

