

Selectboard Minutes
April 16, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:06

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

On a motion by Noreen, 2nd by Alan, vote 2-0 to certify the Senate Primary being held on April 30th, voting from 7am-8pm.

Board member Mitch Feldmesser arrived at 7:10.

Warrants were reviewed and signed. Expenses: \$22,642.45; payroll: \$10,065.34.

Skip Savory, Highway Superintendent, advised the Board he had discussed the installation of concrete pads at the Post Office with the current Postmaster. They agreed the pad would be installed between the existing stairs and set back so as not to interfere with snow removal nor be in the way of customers. After discussion with Skip, the Board agreed and signed a letter authorizing the Post Office to install the pads.

Skip also discussed setting up an account to be used to upgrade the electrical service at the highway garage, he would fund it with the scrap metal he accumulates and then sells. He also recommended that a wall be poured at the Transfer Station so the boxes would be more accessible for users throwing debris in and not leaving it on the ground. He will obtain a price for a wall. He would pour the base that would be needed to have the boxes sit on.

Also, Skip reported he was over on his snow budget by almost \$5,000, the Board on a motion by Alan, 2nd by Noreen to allow up to \$5,000 in overspending. Immediately, Skip realized an error and the amount should have been \$6,000. The Board re-voted on a motion by Alan, 2nd by Noreen 3-0 to allow up to \$6,000.

The Emergency Management meeting was postponed to a later date.

Fire Chief, Ron Radwich, met with the Board. The dept received a \$3,497 Forestry Grant from the State. The money will be used to purchase fire fighting shirts, rakes, backpack water tanks and other tools. Also, the dept. will be taking the Fire Fighter 1 course starting in May and running through November, he will have about 18 members participating, 4 still need to take the 1st Responder's course. Hinsdale, Becket and Peru will also be involved and the training sites will vary between the towns. The members will car pool and Ron requested they be reimbursed for mileage. He also mentioned he is joining the Mass Call Volunteer Assn. through Berkshire County. He has an article to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) requesting a fund to put aside money each year for the eventual purchase of a newer tanker.

Minutes of the March 25th and April 1st meeting were approved on separate motions by a 3-0 vote.

The Pre-Town Meeting is to be held on Monday, 4/29 and the Selectboard meeting will be moved to Wednesday, 5/1. The State Senate Primary is on Tuesday, 4/30 and no other business can be held in the auditorium. Also, there is a Planning Board Hearing on Thursday, 5/2.

There will be posted a Selectboard Meeting on Friday, 4/19 at 8am. This meeting will then be adjourned to go into Executive Session to speak with Town Counsel regarding the current law suits.

The warrant for the ATM was reviewed and the expenses for the Treasurer Tax Title's Legal fees were increased to \$15,000. Worthington wants to leave the Gateway Regional School District and that will increase the education costs of the remaining towns. All of the member towns will have to vote in favor of Worthington leaving otherwise they will remain a member unless they petition the State Legislature. All other dollar amounts were agreed to. The Warrant was then edited and signed by the board.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Alan 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes.

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser