

TOWN OF MONSON

"A town where friendliness is more than just a word"

October 24, 2019 – Select Board Meeting

Present select board members: Eric Vainio, Tyler Adkins Town Manager, Daniel Swain.
Townspople –Bobbi Crockett, Dee Adams

- 1) Meeting opened at 7:00 PM
- 2) Select board reviews warrants and unapproved meeting minutes.
- 3) Eric Vainio officially opens meeting to public comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobbi Crocket reminded Daniel that the brush still needs to be cut away from the signs. She also asked who will be in charge of making sure that the snow removal is done when Daniel is not in Town. Daniel stated that he will continue to rely on other people to keep him up to date on weather conditions and that he will also be in close contact with the plow contractor. Bobbi then asked if the Smith animal issue has been resolved and Daniel stated that they have until November 8th to get rid of the animals.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Eric Vainio brought up the following concerns:

In the past, putting away the salt and sand has taken about a week, this time it has taken over a month and it's still not done. There will be several days of rain in the near future and this will cause the salt/sand to freeze if it's put away wet. Daniel explained that the sand was delivered on time, but the salt did not get delivered until September. As for the rain, they purchased a large tarp to cover the mixture and keep it dry until Chris can finish putting it in the shed. He also stated that Chris will be working with the contractor to load the sand into the truck and will be able to assist with any frozen chunks of sand.

Eric feels that Chris should not be helping to load the sand as this contractor is being paid quite a bit more that Herricks was and Herricks loaded it themselves. Daniel explained that Chris will only be helping for a short time, until Chad gets his own loader. He also explained that Chad will be helping the town do a lot of things that have previously been Chris' responsibility, such as

keeping the sides of the bridge open on the Elliotsville Rd and cleaning up the turn-arounds. Eric stated that more discussion on the matter is needed.

Eric then mentioned that the siding on the gym is coming off again and that there is still a lot of work to be done on the municipal Building in order to make it ADA compliant. He wondered if the wheelchair ramp will be done before winter. Daniel stated that it will not be done by winter and that he's hoping to hire an engineering firm to help design the ramp.

The following questions were then raised regarding the accounts payable warrant:

How much money has been spent on truck repairs this past period? Daniel replied that about \$5,000 has been spent his period.

Where was the gravel used that was purchased from Lloyd Kelley? Daniel replied that some was used for the grading and fixing the areas in front of some driveways due to the paving.

Which signs were purchased from the Town of Shirley? Daniel stated that the signs are for an autistic child on Water St.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Dee Adams expressed concern about Daniel's lack of communication regarding the Summer Fest signs, the purchase of screws and lumber for the back stop, moving the Recreation Committee stuff from the Gym closet to the basement and changing the combination to the gym lock. After a short discussion, the selectboard stated that everyone should try to talk and work together. Eric expressed that Dee and Bobbi do a lot for the recreation dept. and that the linkage in the lost communication needs to be addressed. Dee asked where she should get screws for her project and Daniel told her she could get them at any hardware store with which the town has an account.

Tyler then asked who is in charge of the organization of the closet at the gym. Dee stated that she and Bobbi have organized the closet multiple times and people keep moving things around and putting the tables and chairs back dirty. Tyler then reiterated that lack of communication seems to be an issue.

Dee then stated that the Hunters Breakfast will be held on Saturday October 26 from 7am – 9am. Proceeds will be donated to the Bicentennial Committee.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – The Festival Committee is working on the Snow Roller event and will ask Phil Diolio if the Fire Department would be willing to be in charge of the bon fire.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

VANDALISM AT THE GYM: Daniel stated that some kids had sprayed concentrated drink mix on the walls, floors and toilets at the gym. The back door was open but possibly due to a homeless teenager who may have been using the gym. Evaughn Holyoke knows who the kids are and Daniel and possibly a Sherriff's Deputy will be speaking to them. There will be no more open gym in the evenings until further notice.

Eric Vainio asked if there could be a padlock installed on the back door. Daniel did not know but will check with the insurance company.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING UPDATE: Daniel stated that Jim Bohrer had been frustrated with the recycling trailer due to the fact that when he opened the trailer each week, the recyclables were unorganized, and bags of trash were thrown in there. The trailer is now closed off and will be donated to the Legion. The recyclables are now going in the compactor for when Fiber Right is up and running. If the Fiber Right facility is not operating soon, the Town will make a new plan for recyclables.

Tyler Adkins asked what materials are getting recycled now. Daniel said that it's mostly just cardboard. Tyler noted that people don't know what's recyclable or where to put it and that the Town needs to find out what can be recycled and continue to recycle. Daniel will find out more information.

COMMUNITY VISION MEETING: Daniel suggested that since to Libra projects are winding down there should be a Community Vision meeting before the next selectboard meeting. Anyone could attend the meeting and make suggestions about what they would like to see in Monson. He suggested November 7 as a date so the meeting could be advertised. The meeting date was set for November 7 at 7:00 pm.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Daniel informed the selectboard that when the Town foreclosed on a Water St. property and the property was later sold, the paperwork had not been in proper order. The attorney for the buyer sent a quit claim deed to clear up the matter and requested that the selectboard sign the deed. The deed was signed by the selectboard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

