

Select Board Meeting

August 20, 2020

7:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were Mark Farkas-Fact TV, James Trimble, David Bemis, Denise Randall, Darlene Wyman, Matt Perry, Janet Perry, Dan Taylor, Donna Currier, April Lyman, Bonnie Hitchcock and Dennis Mirante.

David called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda: There were no adjustments.

Minutes of the prior meeting: David made the motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Public comments: Dennis commented that while driving around town, he observed that the roads were in good condition and the Valley Cemetery Road project looked good. He is pleased with the work that Matt and Eugene are doing.

Boards and Officials: Darlene stated she had received an email with an interim tax rate for the educational tax. However, this would involve sending out two tax bills. The board discussed the possibility of sending out the tax bills in October. The board also discussed if the educational tax rate is not received by the second week in September, we may have to send out two bills. Darlene will contact the tax department to see if the educational tax rates have been set yet and when we will expect to receive them. Darlene will call a special meeting to set the tax rate as soon as we receive the educational tax info.

The mail was reviewed.

The warrant was reviewed and Jim asked about the calcium chloride. Matt stated it has been ordered, but we have not received the bill yet. Denise asked Matt if he needed the copies of the invoices for Valley Cemetery Road. Matt has already made copies. Denise asked if the wiring on the Freightliner was the last invoice for a while. Matt stated the check engine light was on so it is in the shop again. Denise asked about the bill from Staples for \$211.00. Darlene stated it was for more time cards and highway department logs. The warrant was then signed.

Roads: The winter sand bids were opened. There were two bids. Cersosimo Industries bid for ¾ inch winter sand was \$8.25 per yard if the town picked up and delivered and \$15.75 per yard delivered. Eastman Sand & Gravel bid \$14.00 per yard delivered. David made the motion to accept the bid of \$14.00 per yard delivered from Eastman Sand & Gravel. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Matthew reported the paving on Route 35 was completed,

the stone lining of ditches on Valley Cemetery Road has been completed and there was no damage from last week's storm.

Executive Session: At 7:20 David made the motion to move into executive session to discuss a legal and personnel matter where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the town of Athens at a substantial disadvantage. Matt was asked to stay. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. At 8:00 David made the motion to move out of executive session. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

Denise made the motion to pay Bazin Bros. for the paving when the bill is received. A warrant will be printed for the select board to sign. David seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

There being no further business, David made the motion to adjourn. Jim seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk