

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
November 1, 2017
Town Hall/ 5:00 PM

Minutes

Members present: Selby Turner, Steve Stata, Rusty Spaulding.

Others present: Sarah Noble, Paul Zera, Debbie Spaulding, Mary Labrecque, Joyce Tuck, Carol Michaels, John Yartz & Everett Dubuque (Animal Control Officer.)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Steve Stata.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- No additions
- Everett Dubuque moved up from #14-- Received 8-10 complaints on Janet Soavi's 3 dogs (2727 Main St.) According to town ordinance, 3 complaints is considered 'nuisance dog'. Continual barking, left outside, neglected. Dogs were unregistered until prompted by Dubuque & Sheriff. Noble to send certified letter to the effect that if it continues, town can remove dogs. Town to contact Franklin County Humane Society-- Without arrangement with humane society, town can decide how to adopt dogs.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- No need.
- Steve Stata-- TDI update- Stata met with attorneys & Mitzi, seeming very open to the concept of taxation. Governor's office seems not so open minded on taxation.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2017 & OCTOBER 10, 2017

- **Motion by Spaulding to approve minutes of October 4, 2017, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to approve minutes of October 10, 2017, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**

4. WARRANTS FOR PAYROLL AND PAYABLES

- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 10/17/17 payroll in the amount of \$2740.22, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 10/31/17 payroll in the amount of \$2647.99, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to approve 10/19/17 EFT payable in the amount of \$655.74, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 10/19/17 payable in the amount of \$232,948.66, 2nd by Turner--All in favor**
- **Motion by Spaulding to approve 11/1/17 EFT payable in the amount of \$406.10, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**

- **Motion by Spaulding to approve 11/1/17 payable in the amount of \$48,332.08, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**

- **A portion of paving & seawall costs are grant dollars, so town will have reimbursement.**

5. MONTHLY BALANCE & BUDGET SHEET

- Noble to ask Betsy Howland about how to allocate grant dollars into correct GL..

6. RICHARD LABRECQUE PENALTY

- Labrecque was issued penalty after filing homestead in a timely manner (2/28/17), he also did not benefit from a state payment on his taxes. Labrecque should have penalty waived.
- **Motion by Stata to waive penalty, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.**

7. ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

- Turner- Seawall is poured.
- Yaratz- Started spraying concrete with sealer to slow down curing process & sprayer stopped working, will be back 11/2/17.
- Jim Smith, Yaratz & Turner found another section of seawall & embankments that needs replacing near Ann McKay.
- Yaratz to finish culverts in spring, so there is no open roads during winter/plowing.
- Turner to consult Better Roads Program.
- Paul Carson wants 'Hidden Drive' sign, boards stands firm on previous decision.
- State did striping on road.
- Turner hoping to get Pouliot to fix potholes on New rd., Main st., Bruley rd.

8. DISCUSSION/DECISION ASSISTANT/HOURS

- Noble was trying to be budget friendly by having minimal assistant's but things have backed up and feels it is necessary to up Carol Michael's hours to 16 weekly and add Mary Labrecque as assistant treasurer with 4-6 hours per week.
- Noble to remind of increase during budget time.

9. SPEED/TRAFFIC SIGN UPDATE

- Turner waiting on Joel English to contact him when he has availability.

10. EXTERNAL UPDATE

- Stata- No update on Julie LaPlume.
- School board offered 'scope of work' paperwork they received from Sullivan, Powers & Company, Stata to contact.

11. REAPPRAISAL- UPDATE

- Spaulding- Vickery and Stearns have few site visits left. Labrecque & Spaulding have Sunset Rock Campground done, as of 11/1/17 Labrecque & Spaulding have done 126 sites at Lakehurst. Spaulding & Labrecque
- After pushback about lister's doing evaluations on campgrounds prompted comparison data as follows:
- Listers (Spaulding & Labrecque)
Approximately 20 hours combined (50 site visits/data entry)= \$300.00
- VT Appraisal company
Approximate price for same scope of work(50 site visits/data entry)= \$4250.00

VT Appraisal told listers they were glad to not have to do the campground, because they originally thought it would just be looking up trailers in the NADA book, but they had no sales data, which Lakehurst had been collecting over the years. Listers remeasured all campers, add-ons, decks etc.

The last time to town did a re-val they assessed 182 out of 240 incorrectly as they have no sales data for campgrounds so have no way to set values.

12. DISCUSSION OF 911 ADDRESSES

- Tiedgen originally offered to work with Vickery, but realized it was more work than originally thought. Stata to speak with Tiedgen about whether he wants to forfeit 911 coordinator position.
- Yartz suggested to bring issue up to fire company, being it is in interest to them.
- Turner & Noble willing to work together on getting 911 addresses fixed.

13. CANNON UPDATE- None.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- Tuck questioned having flagpole fixed. After library property being surveyed finding flagpole is on library land BUT owned by town, board decided to submit letter stating the pole to be turned over to library.
- Light pole outside needs repair--To call power company.
- Zera wanted to formally thank Library for another great haunted house.

Motion by Spaulding to adjourn meeting at 6:12 PM, 2nd by Turner--All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Noble, Selectboard Clerk

Selectboard approved on:

Steve Stata

Rusty Spaulding

Selby Turner

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