Minutes: February 3, 2020

Attendees: Betsy, Nancy, Neil, Don, Cris, Randy

Gary R, Sammie D, John S, Eileen L, Susan Martin, Bob B., Karen McC, Shorty, Rachel Nelson, Matt, Caitlin

Absent: you

7:00 call to order

Betsy announced that the minutes will be approved at the next meeting that you had a family emergency

Public Comment:

Sammie Desrochers told of plans for Youth Rec for the year ahead. See attached.

Shorty: The Lt Governor, Kathy Hochul, stopped into the local Dem meeting and offered to help with the dangerous Route 30 and Rt 8 Road situation. Being an important route from all directions, it should be repaired. Shorty was in contact with DOT Utica about it, also. He is hoping things might start to improve. Betsy reported that Tracy Eldridge, Hamilton County Chairman William Farber, Betsy and Utica DOT had a meeting also about it.

Rachel Nelson (she works for LIFT) reported that she works for the 2020 Census and they are looking for workers in Hamilton County. The county needs 200 workers. Pays $20 per hour and $.58 per mile.

Highway: New Dodge truck is in, Sander put on today. County radio will be installed soon.

Town groomed last week – not much snow left. The roads are getting groomed. The 70% voucher for grooming signed and mailed in. Randy is amending club vouchers because of not much grooming. He doesn't want to overpay and have to send money back to the state.

Job application ad for Senior Mechanic was put in paper with wrong info (Randy confessed that it was his fault) It was corrected before it went to print in all but one paper. It was put in Legals and classified ads. No one has applied yet. Nancy will try to start up the old Town Facebook page and put the ad on that page.

Buildings: No issues

Old Business:

ROW 175 – HWM was marked. Betsy read a letter (attached) that will be sent to ROW deed holders. Betsy has a list of names. The letter will be posted in the Town Shadowbox and on the website so it won't be missed by those we aren't aware of who should get the letter. Shorty pointed out the date was wrong for Monday of Memorial Day weekend. It will be corrected to read 5/25/2020. Neil moved the letter to be sent, Cris seconded and all was in favor.

Verizon Towers: Betsy explained that Young and Sommers is also Verizon's attorney and we had to get a different attorney only for this case. He (I didn't get his name) will review the contract and get back to Betsy.

Potenia Management Group Contract is complete for the lighting. The work will be done this week.

New Business:

Consolidated Health District was over the 2019 Tax Cap due to the fly car/ALS. Nancy made a resolution that the town board is now aware of the problem of being over the tax cap. Don seconded and all were in favor.

Standard Work Day: Betsy read from the NYS Retirement paperwork (attached) Neil made a motion to accept the Standard Work Day info, Nancy seconded and all were in favor.

Next Meeting falls on President's Day. It will be changed to Wednesday 2/19/20 at the Library at 7:00. Neil will try to make it back in time from the AOT meetings in NYC.

Kathy Aird is due for a step increase (2/1/20). This was not budgeted in the 2020 budget. The increase will be about $357.60 more for this year. Neil moved to give Kathy this step increase, Cris seconded, all in favor except Don who abstained because Kathy is his sister in law.

Transfers: Randy explained about the truck purchase. The amount of transfer is the difference between the sale of old trucks and the amount needed for the Dodge truck purchase. Motion Nancy, Seconded by Neil all in favor

Motion to pay bills Nancy, seconded Cris all in favor.

Public Comment:

Karen McComb reported to the Board that the library got a SALS Construction Grant in the amount of $5,000 for the replacement of the stairs on the east side of the library. This can be used whenever Randy and the Highway crew can do it.

Round Table:

Cris asked Neil if he got any information about the Copays from NLH. He is still working on it.

Neil is going to AOT meeting is NYC and he will bring back any available information he can get to the Town.

Cris asked for there is any word from Verizon on raising our current tower by 15 feet. Bob Benkovich said that Verizon and American Tower is working with the APA about this and when a permit is issued by the APA, Bob will issue a local permit. Also, the mayor is pushing for an LP generator up there. Don asked why the generator can't be on the bottom of the hill and run wiring with other electric up the hill.

Betsy reported that she went through old boxes of papers this weekend. Wondering about the Mountain Bike trails that we had worked on many years ago. Randy said the road trails are fine (Perkins Clearing not possible due to logging and log trucks other areas (ask Randy) have been logged and have huge ruts). Don asked about using the snowmobile trails. Snowmobile bridges made with boards close enough to be safe if the UMP is changed. Betsy will check with the Chamber and Village to see what info they still have about these trails.

Motion to adjourn: 8:00 Neil

Don second… all in favor.