

Minutes
West Rutland Selectman Meeting
Monday, August 10th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown and Jayne Pratt

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette and Seth Pietryka.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by John with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Chet seconded by Jayne to approve the agenda with the addition of Truck purchase under action items. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from July 13th, 2020 meeting. Jayne seconded. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: none

Action Items:

- A) **Drinking Water Loan Documents** - This \$730,000 loan is for the Pleasant Street Water line replacement. Some of this loan will be rolled into a grant based on available funds. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to sign the loan agreement. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to sign the resolution and certificate. Motion approved. Motion approved.
- B) **Audit 2020/21 Contract** – The price remains the same at \$18,400 with Sullivan and Powers. Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to have Mary Ann sign next year’s audit contract with Sullivan and Powers. Motion approved.
- C) **Fuel Bid 2020/21 Award** – We received bids from six companies: Proctor Gas, Getcha, Johnson Energy, Sam’s U Save, Irving and Suburban Propane. Mary Ann suggested we accept the lowest bids: Sam’s U Save oil at \$1.45 and fixed diesel at \$1.55. Irving Energy at \$1.119 for propane. Chet made to accept the lowest fuel bids as recommended by Mary Ann: Sam’s U Save oil at \$1.45 and fixed diesel at \$1.55 and Irving Energy at \$1.119 for propane. Jayne seconded. Motion approved.
- D) **Truck purchase** – Seth and Mary Ann discussed the accident on Clearwater Blvd. A worker from ECI hit Seth’s truck with a loader. Seth was not injured but the truck was totaled. We are awaiting the check from the insurance agency in the amount of \$32,467. Seth has priced out some new trucks. He thinks a one ton truck would be a better replacement for their department. They can add a sander and help with snow removal etc. Quote from Rutland Auto Group for a RAM 3500 at \$51,020, G Stone Ford F-350 Dump \$49,199 Ford 250 crew at \$37,244 and Autosaver Ford for Ford 350 at \$46,578.

Motion made by Chet seconded by Jayne to purchase the Ford 350 Dump from Autosaver Ford at \$46,578. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

a) Town Manager Report

- Audit completed – will need a single audit
- Large number of absentee ballots 350+
- Lots of calls on the increase on property tax bills from the education rate.
- Working on a Digitization CARES Grants for land records
- Looking at Water/Sewer rates for next month
- Bid opening next week for Pleasant Street water line project with construction either this fall or spring
- Elm Street generator installed
- Training on water meter software upgrade
- 35+ resumes for highway position
- Spreading grindings on Boardman Hill

Board Member Concerns:

Chet – house abandoned at 653 Main Street, Tyminski has a number of cars in the lot check with zoning on capacity and dumping of fill. Question on rescheduling town wide yard sale.

Approved Orders: The board approved the pay orders.

Adjournment: Chet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm and Jayne seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette