

**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
POWNBOROUGH HALL
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

All attendance was on-site.

SELECTBOARD: John Rzasa, Gerald Lilly, Allan Moeller

STAFF: Michael Henderson

PUBLIC: Dave Probert, Sonia Lilly, Shari Lilly, Steve Lilly, Dean Lilly, Gary Blau, Trudy Foss

1. CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman John Rzasa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Rzasa led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Third Selectman Allan Moeller made a motion to sign and approve the minutes of the September 29 meeting. First Selectman John Rzasa seconded and the motion passed 2-0.
4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Gerald Lilly asked if the generator had been fixed. Steve Lilly stated it had not and it is still not working. John Rzasa made a motion to accept the warrant. Gerald Lilly seconded and it passed 2-0.
5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY – Discussed the foreclosed mobile home at 1088 Middle Road and Allan Moeller said he still has not spoken with Jim Davis. John Rzasa offered that the Select Board could talk with Dirt Diggers to find out if they would be interested in the demolition.
 - b. DEMOLITION PROJECT – Progress on the demolition of 540 Gardiner Road is moving along as it should.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. WATER DEPARTMENT – Trudy Foss spoke and said they had a sanitary survey done in September and it was highly recommended replacing the chlorine filtration as they are usually replaced every 20 years. Ours is 24 years old. Trudy brought up that there are two wells and one of the pumps is not running. Either the pump is malfunctioning or the well is dry. She said she is intending to call Sunoco to evaluate the pump. She also offered that there is a third well that has never been set up. Once the pump is evaluated and if it is not working the town will have to either replace the pump, drill further, or set up the 3rd well. Gerald Lilly asked by we use Sunoco. Trudy responded that it is who the town has used and Gerald asked if there are any cheaper vendors. John Rzasa stated it is okay to stay with a consistent vendor. Trudy presented two

quotes to the Select Board to replace the unit (pump). The more expensive option would be to upgrade the read the meter remotely. Allan Moeller asked if this was something that was needed to be done immediately. Trudy offered it would be good to do as we've been without for 28 days. John Rzasas made a motion to purchase the pump with the digital option for \$4,848. Allan Moeller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

- b. NEW BUSINESS PERMIT – John Rzasas said he needs to go through the information in regard to the new business permit application from Nature's Summit and meet with the planning board chair. John Rzasas made a motion to table this. Allan Moeller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.
- c. VACANCIES
 - i. Wally Staples has resigned from his role as EMA Director.
 - ii. Linda Biden has resigned from the Planning Board effective October 20. John Rzasas made a motion to accept Wally Staples and Linda Biden's resignation. Gerald Lilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0.
- d. APPOINTMENTS – Planning Board Chair Jeff Pierce previously requested Patty Stewart be appointed to the Planning Board and provided the appointment form. Gerald Lilly made a motion to appoint Patricia A. Stewart to the Planning Board. John Rzasas seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads –
 - i. Allan Moeller said that the town has begun purchasing winter sand. He also brought up that the gears of the sand & salt shed are malfunctioning. He said he will call Kevin. He also provided the price for salt and sand; salt is \$52.86 a ton and sand is \$15.50 a yard.
 - ii. Allan Moeller also said he heard a rumor that Seabreeze may purchase Goodall Landscaping. Gerald Lilly said he noticed the roadside mowing is not getting as wide as they used to.
- b. Transfer Station – Gerald Lilly said things are going well at the transfer station. He will get in touch with John Deere to service the mower.
- c. Fire Department – Steve Lilly is working on a proposal to purchase a new tanker. He said the need is for something that will last Dresden for more than 30 years. He has spoken with a new vendor on what is needed. He said there is a lifetime warranty on the body, and a 10 year warranty on the body for \$268. Gerald Lilly asked if Steve had any idea what the town could get for the 2 trucks. Steve offered that the tanker might go for \$35,000 and Engine 6 could go for \$3,000 to \$6,000. He said the annual service is coming up but will skip the test for the tanker and Engine 6. The FD will conduct a pump test on all trucks in Nov. or Dec. The cost is \$750 for each truck and \$300 for just the pump test. It was brought up that there are issues with Gerald's hydrant and is beginning to crack. Steve Lilly asked what type of insurance policy the town has. Michael Henderson said if Steve stopped by the office they could call MMA together. Steve Lilly asked if the town could increase the limit to \$1,000 without Select Board approval. Gerald Lilly said that is fine.
- d. Town Office – Michael Henderson offered
 - i. The town has issued about 300 absentee ballots and they are being returned regularly. The town is still holding the Greenwood check for the ladder truck. Steve Lilly said he sent the check as is and will get a credit on our next bill.

9. CITIZENS BUSINESS –

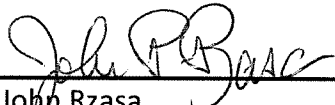
- a. Dave Probert said he is capable of repairing the damaged stones at the Mayer’s cemetery. He has offered to volunteer his time but is asking for reimbursement to repair the stone. Gerald Lilly said that sounded like a good plan. Dave Probert asked if he could get some gravel. Allan Moeller said he could get gravel for him. Dave Probert said nine stones were damaged. Allan Moeller will get ahold of Dave in regards to the gravel this week.
- b. Shari Lilly asked when she would be able to go back to work at the Town Office. John Rzasa asked if there was something she could not do by being at the office. Shari said she used to make copies and mail notices from the office.


10. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS


- a. John Rzasa made a motion to enter into an executive session. Gerald Lilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The executive session was entered into at 7:50 PM. John Rzasa made a motion to exit the executive session. Gerald Lilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The executive session was exited at 8:29 PM. John Rzasa offered to the public that the Select Board has reviewed several applications and they are going to schedule interviews for next week.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Allan Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gerald Lilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned 8:31 PM.

Approved By:


John Rzasa
First Selectman


Gerald Lilly
Second Selectman


Allan Moeller Sr.
Third Selectman

Select Board