PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD and ASSESSOR MEETING
Dresden Town Office
Thursday, August 30, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER –Trudy Foss, 1st Selectman, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Allan Moeller, 2nd Selectman, asked what the Pitney Bowes invoice was for. Michael Henderson, Administrative Assistant, explained that Pitney Bowes was the provider of our postage meter and there are two invoices. One invoice is for credit the town received for postage in the month prior and the second is to apply to a reserve account so that we can avoid using credit in the future.

   Allan asked why the invoice from White Sign was so high. Michael explained that the invoice was for 5 Type II barricades for $316.75, 8 28" reflective cones for $127.84, and $87.35 in shipping to replace barricades and cones that were lost, stolen, or damaged during the October 2017 wind storm. The cost of cones and barricades is included in the FEMA project for requested reimbursement.

   Allan also mentioned that Scott Mullen was spending too many hours a week mowing the town properties. Scott is only allotted 6 hours a week to mow lawns and he consistently takes reports more hours than that weekly. Dwight Keene, 3rd Selectman, said that it was important that the work get done even if it takes a little longer and that weed-whacking adds time. Allan responded that the work getting done is important, but that the Town was paying for more hours, but not all of the work was getting done such as the Fire Station which was not being mowed regularly though it was an expectation of the job.

   Allan motioned to approve and sign the present warrant. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.
3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Select Board meeting with be on Monday, September 17, at the Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm. The Dresden Town Office will be closed Monday, September 3rd in observation of Labor Day.
4. ABATEMENT – Trudy explained that John Woodwards property was being abated for 2017/2018 taxes. There was a bard on the property that was torn down several years ago, but the Assessor had only been notified recently. The property owner will be abated the cost of taxes on the bard for the 2017/2018 taxes and will be removed from the tax bill going forward. Allan motioned to approve the abatement. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.
5. MIL RATE – Allan asked how low the mil rate could be set. Trudy said that the mil rate could be between $18.10 and $18.30. Trudy recommended only $18.10 and said that this mil rate would include at $9,675.82 overlay. Allan motioned to set the mil rate at $18.10 for the 2018/2019 tax year. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.
6. TAX COMMITMENT – Trudy motioned to commit $2,252,255.56 of property taxes for the 2018/2019 tax year. Allan seconded the motion all approved.
7. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS – Allan mentioned that while grading he noticed a new building that was too close to Glasheen Road. The Select Board may need to grant a variance and the issue will appear on the September 17th agenda. Going forward the CEO, James Valley, will check the foundation on all new buildings. James will be at the next Select Board meeting to answer questions.

   Michael asked that $100.00 be added to cash on hand at the town office for making change. Allan motioned to approve the request. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.

   Dwight mentioned that there are lights burned out at the Recycle Center. Allan suggested buying new lights at Sam's Club. Trudy asked Michael to change over Sam's Club membership to appropriate, current staff.
8. CITIZEN BUSINESS – None
9. ADJOURNMENT – Trudy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

APPROVED BY

Trudy Foss | Dwight Keene | Allan Moeller Sr.

SELECT BOARD