

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

11-22-2023

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Herb Bates, Vondell Dunphy, Dave Gilbert, & Jo-Ann Brown.

Present: Christine Rowe, Ernest Turner, Tracey Coolen, Brenda Coolen, Denise Bemis, Joan Koegel, Mike Cray, Garth Norris

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Barrows - Flag Salute

Announcements: Town Office will be closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving.
Trash will be picked up Thursday.

Public Access: Mike Cray voiced concerns on getting roads clear after 1st storm of the season. He was under the impression that equipment was ready to go, it was not. Have no experienced drivers. Worried someone could get seriously hurt.

Garth asked about applications for drivers. He knows of someone who is interested.

Herb made a motion to take Rowe Abatement out of order, Jo-Ann second. AIF Vondell made a motion to abate Christine Rowe's valuation by \$2410, Dave second. Vote 4 in favor, Herb opposed.

Reports:

Public Works – Tracey stated things did not go well with storm . Need help, shown how equipment works and what to do. Kendall Davis stopped by the Garage and offered to help out. Chain on Mack Truck needs replacing. Cost of new chain is \$1500. Jo-Ann made a motion to purchase the chain, Dave second. AIF Need to figure out turn around on the Davis Road.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Wal-Mart has dropped appeal of 2022 Property Tax Abatement denial. Was headed for a dismissal for many reasons. CO Beck found and patched hole in Gym roof. Water Pump at the Town Hall quit working. Gilman's Plumbing is working on it and also winterized the modular building. Have a request from a resident of the Weeks Road for a Children at Play sign. ATV's racing up and down the road. Have a request for use of the gym to put on a Children's Theater production. Would like to do it on the first weekend in April. This is when dances are held. Office employees would like to go to a four day work week. Provided Board with information from other towns who have already done this. Sump Pumps in the Boiler Room are not working. Needs to be addressed.

Other Committees – Vondell got a quote on refinishing the gym floor and stage area (13,765). This included painting lines for basketball and pickle ball. Sebasticook Valley Chamber Christmas tree project is next week.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Vondell second. AIF
- Diane found a signed copy of Drug Policy. No need to update.
- Housing Opportunity Grant – Palmyra's ordinance already complies with the law, no changes needed.

New Business:

- Dave made a motion to accept Liquor License renewal application for Feng Lee Gardens, Herb second. AIF
- Question on status of Public Works employees as it affects paid time off. Special Select Board meeting was set for next Wednesday, the 28th of November to go over this with employees.

- Brian recused himself from the Board to discuss Door Access System, Herb took over the meeting. Doors in both the Garage and Community Center are in need of repairs. May need to replace the Gym entrance door. Having trouble finding parts to upgrade current door. Door to Garage is not secure and may need replacing. Decided to pay Brian for work done to date and do more research and budget for replacement doors if necessary before doing any more on entry system.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:31

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla Jones