

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

11-08-2023

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

Present: Alan Hanscombe, Bob Brown, Travis Kitchin, Christine & Dennis Rowe, Tracey Coolen, Brenda Coolen, Denise Bemis

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

Announcements: Town Office will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans Day.

Reports:

Public Works – Sand Shed is getting filled up, waiting on more sand. Yard is cleaned up of White Goods and Electronics. Just need to get rid of tires. Pittsfield planning on taking them to BDS in Fairfield. May be able to get rid of tires for \$1 each. Herb will get back on this.

Animal Control - Pua, dog on the run for 5 months living in the vicinity of Walmart, was finally captured by ACO Russell Craft. Pua has quite a following on Facebook. He is now at the animal shelter in Skowhegan where he is being cared for and receiving training to possibly become a service dog.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Vondell spoke to Surveyor about land to be donated to enlarge Warren Hill Cemetery. Surveyor has had some issues so has not gotten to it yet. Hoping to get it done by the end of the year.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Library is in need of more shelving. Would like to use shelves in center of shelves along sides of wall in room 7 & 8. Not being used, could be easily removed. Board agreed to this. C.O. Beck is planning to come tomorrow to patch hole in Gym roof. Will schedule time with Harris to set up new Server. Treasurers Statement to date submitted.

Other Committees – Trunk or Treat went well. Continue to work on gathering items for Christmas tree project.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Jo-Ann second. 4 in favor, Brian abstained, did not attend meeting.
- Motion by Vondell to deny abatements to Hicks Pond Drive residents based on Appraisers recommendation, Dave second. Requests from Alan Hanscomb, Tamara Kitchen, Robert Ballard, Robert Brown, and Kristy Robichaud. Residents will receive explanation of denial. Vote – 4 in favor, Herb opposed. Denials signed by the Board. Request from Spaulding’s was not acted upon per recommendation. Dave made a motion to grant abatement of 49,960 in valuation to Pamela Weeks, Herb second. Even though Appraiser had no way of knowing condition of Dwelling, due to circumstances and amount of adjustment Board decided to grant abatement. Vote – AIF Jo-Ann made a motion to deny abatement to Dennis & Christine Rowe per recommendation of Appraiser, Vondell second. Vote – Brian & Vondell in favor, Herb & Dave against and Jo-Ann abstained. After much discussion it was decided to get more information.

New Business:

- The Town does not have a signed copy of current Drug Policy. Board wanted time to look over policy before signing.

- Dave made a motion to accept contract with Bolsters Rubbish Removal, LLC for Curbside Trash pickup, Herb second. Sullivan's went out of business effective November 1, 2023. Bolster's agreed to finish out year of contract at the same cost. Contract will go to February 29, 2024. Vote - AIF
- Brian reported on new entry system. Two doors to Community Center completed. Waiting on parts to do Gym entrance. Garage doors also need to be done.
- Need to be thinking about 2024 Budget and set up workshops.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:36

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla Jones