

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, September 14, 2017
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: L. Castle, Clerk; S. Grimm, Auditor; J. Muniyak, Treasurer.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: H. Childress moved to approve the minutes of the 8/24 meeting; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Treasurer Muniyak brought accounting recaps from August. Tomorrow (9/15) is tax due date; she will be in the office from 9-12 am and 1-6 pm.

We had been paying unemployment for a former employee, but VLCT insures us for that, and will reimburse the Town for our prior payments (approx. \$4,000). We will also receive our \$9,905 reimbursement for the Dayton Hill Road project from VT Better Back Roads, which has been past due.

The paperwork for the lease-purchase of the backhoe has been finalized, and the transaction should be complete once Town's attorney finishes his review.

Town Lands: The cemetery task force will be presenting options for cemetery work at our September 28 meeting. The task force now has a fourth member, Kelly McIlheney.

The Building Committee had a team meeting with Penney engineering about electrical demand, in preparation for delivering a package to the estimator. The Committee has another site visit scheduled, to Lincoln Gap.

The Board is tentatively scheduling a road tour with the Road Commissioner on Saturday, September 30.

Road Foreman: The Cargill salt contract proposal has arrived. The 2017-18 contract price is ten dollars per ton reduced from 2016-17: \$68.68 per ton for 200 tons. T. Redfield moved to purchase standard de-icer salt at \$68.68 per ton with Cargill; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

H. Childress moved to exchange the Town's forklift for \$400 of welding services received from Bill Lyle; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The crew has been doing some roadside trimming as needed. The Garron Road project has been making good progress; the road crew has participated in that construction, and the contractor will deduct the crew's wages from their project billing.

Solid Waste: One of the road crew members will be available to work Large Waste day. We will begin the day with four dumpsters on site.

Correspondence:

- VT Department of Health inviting us to complete a questionnaire about our attitudes on local and state policies about tobacco, alcohol and marijuana.
- Credit Union of VT statement for public funds account.
- Request from Schoenberg Salt & Chemical for purchase and accounting contacts.
- VLCT notice on town health officer training.
- Keyser Energy notice of additional fuel taxes due.
- Notice that 18 kids participated in last summer's swimming lessons. H. Childress moved that the town pay Gail McGann a total stipend of \$350 for last summer's swimming lessons (\$100 has already been paid by checks from non-resident families, for a Town remaining balance of \$250); T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- e-mail from VLCT about proposed Senate bill mandating that each community provide its own primary police coverage. T. Redfield and H. Childress plan to attend one of the VLCT informational meetings.

Board Orders: H. Childress moved to approve the board orders as presented; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Treasurer Munyak will withhold payment on the photocopier lease pending clarification of lease price.

Fence Viewer: The Board reviewed our minutes from Saturday's field viewing of the Bowen/Sheridan property boundary. The clerk will send these minutes to Town's attorney for his review.

Equipment Purchase: The Board reviewed, and Chair Fenton signed, all documents pertaining to the lease-purchase of the JCB backhoe. The first "payment" is in the form of the trade-in of the Town's existing John Deere backhoe. H. Childress will meet with attorney Kupferer on Friday to finalize all documentation.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk