

## **Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Special Highway Meeting • November 5, 2020**

**BOARD PRESENT:** via Zoom: Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon. At the Town Office: Terry Redfield, Carl Haynes, Neil Russell, Buddy Russell SB therapy dog.

**TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT:** At the town office: Bill Reed - Road Commissioner

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** At the town office: Jim Mars

**CALL TO ORDER:** T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

### **HIGHWAY DISCUSSION:**

- A. Winter Sand Samples/Quotes/Suppliers** - Bill reviewed samples he brought us and went over the two that were in our price range. There was a lengthy discussion on the gravel and past practices for buying winter sand. The discussion included the following points and observations as well as the Road Commissioner's recommended supplier for this year.
- Normally we get 2000 yards.
  - We have paid for 500 yards with Jim so far.
  - We have about 600 to 800 yards left from last year.
  - We put our order with Chet McLellan on hold.
  - We are looking to put up an additional 1000 yards.
  - Road Commissioner recommends we buy the 1000 yards from Chet McLellan and we test the 500 yards from Jim on the roads this year with the hopes of it working well so that we can buy all our sand locally next year.

Each board member shared their thoughts on the approach to buying this year's sand. That discussion centered on price and buying local vs sticking with a supplier and material that the Road Commissioner is confident will work.

Carl moved to purchase an additional 1000 yards of sand from Jim Mars, Sr for the price of \$9500 to replenish our winter sand. Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes - Neil, Carl. Opposed - Patty, Heather, Terry. Motion failed.

Patty moved to follow the recommendation of the Road Commissioner and purchase up to 1000 yards of winter sand from Chet McLellan at \$11.50 a cubic yard. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes - Patty, Heather, Terry. Opposed - Neil, Carl. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion of Purchasing Policy** - There was a brief discussion about

our purchasing policy and the idea of amending the purchasing authority of the Road Commissioner for items like winter sand, in order to avoid delay in procuring products we need to get on order well before the season starts. The board was amenable to revisiting the policy at a future meeting to determine if the town could benefit from making some adjustments to bring it more in line with current practices.

- B. Discussion of Bulk Purchases (DEF, Greases, Oils)-** Bill presented a credit application from Brenntag Lubricants and requested that we move forward on completing the application so that we can begin purchasing our DEF, Greases, and Oils in bulk from Brenntag at a significant savings over the single use packaged products we are currently purchasing.

Neil moved to ask the treasurer to fill out the Brenntag Lubricants credit application for us. Patty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:** (North Street) - Complaints continue about smell coming from the in-town farm on North Street. There are pigs, turkeys, and chickens, and neighbors are continuing to lodge complaints. The board has no authority to do anything about this issue. They have asked the Health Officer to visit the property. The Health Officer has visited and found no discernable health issues.

**BOARD ORDERS:** Terry moved to approve board orders as presented. Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any):** none

**ADJOURN:** Neil moved to adjourn at 8:32pm, Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk