

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday November 22, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Todd Tyson, Rodney Hoyt, Judy Howe, Mariah Lawrence, John Echeverria, Maryann Caron, Chase Ackerman, Jonathan Bicknell, Judy Tucker

Town Hall Questions- Judy Howe

Is there a budget for table cloths for the Town Hall? Looking close to \$500. Selectboard asks Howe to get a price from Nancy Howe. Howe states that she used her judgement when someone was asking to book and couldn't afford the rate. Lights upstairs need help. They are dark and confusing. McPhetres asks if the furnace cleaning ever happened? Not yet, but they are talking about a date.

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

Larry's truck is down again. Hoyt is unsure what to tell the Selectboard for a budget for diesel fuel. He's not sure if it will continue going up or stay the same. Hoyt thinks the maintenance on the truck budget needs to go up between \$1000- \$5000. O'Brien asks about our dump truck that we ordered. It should be in by February 2023. Hoyt asks Caron if there is a grant available to help with the covered bridge repair.

Library Update- Mariah Lawrence

Asks the Selectboard if they decided on joining the library's Strategic Planning Committee. They ask if they can come to interviews and meetings and Lawrence states that yes that would be great. Lawrence will find out December 20th if the Library received a sustainability grant. Lawrence also has applied for a grant that will fund the after school program.

First Branch Ambulance- Chase Ackerman

Ambulance contract is due to expire December 31st, 2022. They are 3 years long. Exact same contract except the date changed and the price changed. New contract has a \$9.00 increase which increases for the year total to \$8589. Fuel budget was doubled for the ambulance service. Supplies have increased and are hard to find staff as well. Significant pay increase in this new budget to try to retain people as well as get people. They are still behind in services they are offering that other towns offer due to lack of staffing. Hoping that this budget is increased enough that it won't increase the following year. They do about 65 runs a year in northern Tunbridge not to include the aid to southern Tunbridge and not to include home visits.

Trails Litigation Update- Selectboard

There is a hearing coming up for Monday, December 18th at 10:30 in Court Room 1 in the Chelsea Courthouse so right now we are in limbo waiting for the outcome of the litigation. Cilley will find out from our attorney if there is public comment.

Other Business:

Maryann Caron, Grants Manager updated that we applied for an EOC grant and will find out next week. This is a 50/50 match. Total grant was just over \$100,000. Caron briefs on a few different grants that we have. Todd Tyson states that he and Henry Swayze will be applying to some grants for solar. The Selectboard asked Caron to pursue getting the blinking speed signs. Liquor License-Liquor license was approved.

Snow Removal- Cilley will reach out to Chair Mullen to see if Andy is interested. If not, Cilley will reach out to Mike Barnaby. If no interest she will post the job opening.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk