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**Town of Ira**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: January 24, 2023**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Jeff Davis, David Kerstetter, Madeline Kerstetter, Benjamin Kerstetter, Gennett Kerstetter, Barbara Pulling, Norm Cohen

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Nathan made a motion to approve the agenda, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Nathan made a motion to approve & sign the 1/24/23 warrants for bills. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

Review Minutes: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/20/22, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

**Business and Administrative**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<p>Barbara Pulling &amp; Norm Cohen – Declaration of Inclusion consideration</p> <p>Review, approve and sign the warning for the annual town meeting</p> <p>Authorize Deborah J. Perry, Treasurer, to pay payroll and payroll taxes during 2023 as required</p> <p>Final review of ATV amended ordinance and adopt</p> <p>CLA 85.87% and COD 18.71%</p> <p>Town Garage</p>	<p>Barbara Pulling and Norm Cohen presented the Declaration of Inclusion for the select board to consider adopting. Nathan opened the floor for discussion. David Kerstetter presented information referring to article 3 of The Constitution of the State of Vermont and the conflict he sees between The Declaration of Inclusion and article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Vermont ensued. The select board heard everyone and took no action.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to approve and sign the warning for the annual town meeting. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to authorize Deborah J. Perry, Treasurer to pay payroll and payroll taxes during 2023 as required. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to adopt the amended Snowmobile and ATV ordinance. Karen will publish the notice in the Rutland Herald and post at the designated areas for public review. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.</p> <p>Karen explained the 2022 equalization study results. A CLA below 85% will necessitate a town wide reappraisal.</p> <p>Getting prices on a sand/salt shed and working on a design for an addition to the town garage.</p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b>		none
<b>Clerk Report</b>	<p>Town Hall – rental for 2/4/23 Community Potluck dinner</p> <p>Town report update</p>	<p>Rental agreement done for the 2-4-23 Community potluck dinner.</p> <p>Report is going to the printers on 1/25/23</p>
<b>Highway Business</b>	<p>Certificate of Highway Mileage</p> <p>Grants in Aid project – Cross Road</p>	<p>Signed the certificate of highway mileage. Karen will submit to VT Trans.</p> <p>Karen contacted the Grants in Aid coordinator at VT Trans. The emergency culvert repair that needs to be done on Cross Road (segment 28801) will be covered under our 2023 Grants in Aid award. The culverts are available and Fabian Earth Moving’s estimate for the work is \$10,475.00. Nathan made a motion to move</p>

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	<p>Grants in Aid: Equipment Purchase – Letter of Intent</p> <p>Posting roads</p> <p>Road Employee Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General update</li> <li>2. Equipment update</li> </ol>	<p>forward with the emergency culvert repair on Cross Road. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to sign the Grant in Aid Equipment letter of intent to purchase a leaf blower with a State maximum award of \$5,600 with a cash match of \$1,400 or 20% of the equipment cost. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.</p> <p>Not going to post the roads. Karen will submit the annual form.</p> <p>Filled soft spots during the thaws and winter road snow removal.</p> <p>The new lights have been installed on the truck. Milton CAT is taking a grader in on trade. Jeff will contact Jeff Slade for a time to go look at it.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
<b>Public Comments</b>		none
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs to Town Buildings</b>	<p>Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> <p>Town Garage door – ordered 12/22/23 from Ski Door</p>	<p>None</p> <p>The new door is four to six weeks out.</p>
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	None	none
<b>New or Other Business</b>	none	Jim Moore and Bob are working on getting the school house painted this summer.
<b>Executive Session</b> (legal, personnel, real estate)	none	none
<b>Adjourn</b>		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Bob 2 <sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.
<p>In my capacity as a member of the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on January 24, 2023</p>		