

**Town of Ira**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: November 17, 2020**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Debbie Perry, Bob Toppin, Jeff Barden called in, Christine Hoard, VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, called in

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Warrants for bills: Bob made a motion to approve the warrants for November 17, 2020, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

Review Minutes: Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/15/20, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

**Business and Administrative**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
<b>Select Board</b>	VNA & Hospice – Petition for Social Services request at annual Town Meeting	Christine Hoard spoke on behalf of VNA and their concern with gathering the required signatures during the rise in COVID cases. Bob made a motion that the board will waive the signature requirement for 2021 annual town meeting only for agencies that had a petition for an article last year, so long as the amount requested is the same or less than requested in 2020. They must submit a letter requesting the same dollar amount.
	FY22 Budget	A petition will be required if the agency is requesting more money or if an agency did not submit a petition last year. Jeff 2 <sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.
	Annual Town Meeting (March 2021)	Discussed the FY22 budget. Researching some highway numbers.
	FY22 Better Roads Grant program	Bob made a motion to act on ACT 162 and vote via Australian ballot for all items brought before the residents at the annual town meeting in March 2021. Jeff 2 <sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.
	Town Road speed limit	The town will not submit an application for a FY22 grant.
	Town Garage/Salt Shed/Fire Department - update	Complaints about speeding on Birdseye Road  none
<b>Highway Business</b>	Update on highway equipment	Screens for the sander are in.
	Winter Roads	Nathan made a motion to pay Jeff Davis \$250 a month for six months as compensation for being in the CDL pool as a backup CDL driver as a town employee. Jeff 2 <sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.
<b>Treasurer Report</b>		FY22 budget 5.b. on the agenda

<b>Clerk Report</b>	Town Report – items due by December 16 <sup>th</sup>  USDA Compliance review	Select board members and employees filled out compliance review questionnaires and Karen will send out.
<b>Lister Report</b>	none	none

**Committees and Open Public Comments**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>
<b>Public Comments</b>	none	none
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs to Town Buildings</b>	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspections:  Furnace cleaning: Town Office- the door switch needs to be replaced -service postponed part on back order 9-29-20.	Town Hall: Heat pump was set for the winter, repointed brick, light was put in the window. Town Office: fence was repaired, reflector by the driveway was fixed.  Still waiting on.
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	none	none
<b>New or Other Business</b>	none	none
<b>Executive Session</b> (legal, personnel, real estate)	none	none
<b>Adjourn</b>	7:30 pm	Bob made a motion to adjourn 8:10 pm, Nathan 2 <sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.
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 November 17, 2020		