

**Town of Ira  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Date: December 15, 2020**

**In light of the COVID-19 outbreak the meeting was held via telephone conference call allowed under Act 92. The public was provided the call information as required on the agenda.**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Debbie Perry, Bob Toppin, Jeff Barden, Lyle Jepson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Warrants for bills: moved to 5a on the agenda because meeting remotely.

Review Minutes: Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/17/20, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

**Business and Administrative**

| TOPIC                   | DISCUSSION  | RESOLUTION  |
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| <b>Select Board</b>     | <p>Authorize a board member to review and approve orders on behalf of the entire board issued through 3/31/21.</p> <p>Lyle Jepson- Chamber of Economic Development of the Rutland Region</p> <p>FY22 Budget</p> <p>Annual Town Meeting (March 2021)</p> <p>Awarded the Municipal Planning Grant</p> <p>Town Garage/Salt Shed/Fire Department - update</p> | <p>Nathan made a motion to appoint Bob Toppin of the Ira Select Board to approve and sign orders for bills for operating expenses until 3/31/20, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.</p> <p>Lyle Jepson spoke about the regional marketing initiative and the goal for all towns to participate at \$1 per person.</p> <p>New agencies asking for money to be included in the budget need to submit a petition to be place on the warning and ballot.</p> <p>Discussed and worked on the FY22 budget. Budget meeting scheduled on 1/5/21 at 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Karen is attending a webinar on Thursday about holding a remote informational town meeting and Australian ballots and on Friday she will find out about the informational school meeting.</p> <p>Grand funds awarded \$6,547</p> <p>Awarded the Municipal Planning Grant</p> |
| <b>Highway Business</b> | <p>Highway equipment update</p> <p>Winter Roads update</p>  | <p>Jeff made a motion to reimburse John Capen the \$555 for work done on the truck by Haley Riley. The screens for the sander would not fit. They have to be returned and the correct ones ordered.</p> <p>Nathan will talk to David Kerstetter about the bill from John Capen Trucking and about getting brush cut.</p>  |

Approved 1/5/21

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|                         | Work on Birdseye Road this past summer  | Bob will talk to Charles Bowen (Quality Paving) about a bill for hauling material to Birdseye Road.                   |
| <b>Treasurer Report</b> |   | Discussed FY22 budget under 5c.   |
| <b>Clerk Report</b>     | Town Report – items due by December 16 <sup>th</sup><br><br>Grant from <u>Center for Tech and Civic Life</u> – for elections administration | Articles are coming in for the report.<br><br>Received \$5,000 to purchase items for the administration of elections. |
| <b>Lister Report</b>    | none  | none  |

### Committees and Open Public Comments

| TOPIC   | DISCUSSION   | RESOLUTION  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Public Comments</b>  | none   | none  |
| <b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs to Town Buildings</b>  | Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspections:<br>Furnace cleaning: Town Office- the door switch needs to be replaced -service postponed part on back order 9-29-20. | none<br><br>Part still on back order.   |
| <b>Cemetery Committee</b>   | none   | none  |
| <b>New or Other Business</b>  | none   | none  |
| <b>Executive Session</b><br>(legal, personnel, real estate)   | none   | none  |
| <b>Adjourn</b>  | 7:30 pm  | Nathan made a motion to adjourn 7:40 pm, Jeff 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 December 15, 2020 |  |   |