

Town of Ira
Special Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: July 12, 2022

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Debbie Perry, Sara Meling, Mary Ann Black, Cindy Wragg, Steve Pietryka, Dick Pietryka, Tina Graves, Angela Lundrigan, Bill Lundrigan

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Review and approve agenda: Bob made a motion to approve the agenda, Nathan^{2nd} passed unanimously.

Warrants for bills: Nathan made a motion to approve & sign 2 6/30/22 warrant for bills. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.

Review Minutes: Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/13/22, 6/21/22 & 6/28/22, Bob 2nd passed unanimously

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
<p>Select Board</p>	<p>Road Employee FY22 Grants in Aid – project/bids</p>	<p>The board addressed the group Sara Meling, Mary Ann Black, Cindy Wragg, Steve Pietryka, Dick Pietryka, Tina Graves, Angela and Bill Lundrigan if their presence at the meeting was about the road employee and the rumor that John had been fired. The group said yes. Before any discussion started the board said that John had not been fired and asked the group if anyone had read the special select board meeting minutes from 6-28-22. No one indicated that they had read the meeting minutes from 6-28-22. The group asked where the meeting minutes are posted. The board said the town website. Nathan then read aloud the meeting minutes from 6-28-22. The board then opened up the floor to hear from the group. They asked what expectations the board has of the road employee going into the fiscal year. The board explained that the road employee will have to be able and willing to apply safety measures when working on town roads and be able to pick up more workload. Utilizing the Cat backhoe to do more jobs in house and pricing our and coordinating projects with sub-contractors. Thus, not having to pay a sub-contractor to do some of these things and relieving the select board of being in as much of a road commissioner position. Giving more responsibility to the employee. Steve Pietryka asked who the board would hire to replace John. The board said that they would not need to hire anyone. Jeff Davis the backup employee could be moved into the role. Cindy Wragg, Dick Pietryka, and Steve Pietryka became argumentative with the board about conflict of interest, qualifications of the current back up employee, and asking more of the road employee. Bill Lundrigan said the board had told John he had to choose between the town and the farm. The board referred to the 6-28-22 meeting minutes. Stating that that was not true. Sara Meling mentioned her incidents with the town truck when the road was being plowed. The board said the safety concerns from her had been dully noted at an earlier meeting. Nathan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the road employee at 6:30 pm pursuant to Title 1, Section 313 (a)(3). Deb Perry was invited to attend. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>The board moved out of executive session at 7:23 pm. In executive session the board called John and left a voice mail message that they had not heard from him by July 1st and since there was no communication from him to the</p>

		board he must not want to continue as a road employee. The board and Debbie discussed the hourly pay for the back up employee moving into the main employee position. The board called Jeff Davis and discussed the expectation for the main road employee and if he would be willing to move into that position. Jeff will think on it. The board will call him at the next regular meeting for his decision.
	FY22 Grants in Aid -project/bids	Tabled until the next regular meeting
Treasurer Report	Fiscal Year End	Tabled until the next regular meeting
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Public Comments	none	none
New or Other Business	none	The grade blade pistons need more work than expected.
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	none	Voted and passed to move into executive session to discuss road the employee Pursuant to Title 1, Section 313 (a)(3). See above
Adjourn	7:40 pm	Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Bob 2 nd 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 July 12, 2022		