

**Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: September 21, 2021**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Jeff Barden, Steve Pietryka, Larry Taggart
 Meeting called to order at 6:00 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 the 9-21-21 warrant for bills. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.
 Review Minutes: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/17/2021, Nathan 2nd passed unanimously
 Recording: Nathan Hewitt

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	<p>Appoint member to Select Board</p> <p>Municipal Planning Grant update (Town Garage/Salt shed/Fire Department building)</p> <p>Traffic Ordinance update</p>	<p>Nathan made a motion to appoint Steve Pietryka to fill the vacancy on the Select Board. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Public Works Facility Scoping Study was presented. Discussed how to proceed and researching improvements that could be made at the current site of the town garage for highway equipment, personnel, and winter roads material. Nathan will call Craig from Otter Creek Engineering to get dates he could come to a special meeting to explain the Public Works Scoping Study and answer questions.</p> <p>Karen handed out a draft of the traffic ordinance for the board to look over and review at the next meeting.</p>
Treasurer Report	none	none
Clerk Report	Petitions for Social Service agency annual funding request	<p>Bob made a motion to waive the signature requirements for the 2022 annual town meeting for agencies that had a petition for 2020 or 2021, so long as the amount requested is the same or less than request in 2020 or 2021. They must submit a letter requesting the same dollar amount. A petition will be required if the agency is requesting more money or if an agency did not submit a petition previously. Waiving the requirement is due to the uncertainty of the COVID virus. Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.</p>
Lister Report	none	none
Highway Business	<p>Update on highway equipment</p> <p>Town road brush cutting/removal</p>	<p>Nathan suggested the board consider budgeting for a mower for the new backhoe in the next fiscal year.</p> <p>The tree warden is working on the hazardous tree inventory. Bob made a</p>

	<p>Prospective FY22 Grants In Aid projects</p> <p>Salt/sand for winter roads</p> <p>West Road and Route 133 intersection project</p>	<p>motion to have Jeff Davis and Benjamin Kerstetter to another 8 hours of brus cutting. Finishing the West Road down to the intersection of the Cross Road and cutting back low hanging branches up to 14' high on the other roads. Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.</p> <p>David Kerstetter is working on the culvert inventory.</p> <p>Bob and Karen are working on it. Waiting for a quote from Casella Construction.</p> <p>Bob is working on it.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Public Comments	none	none
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP	None
Cemetery Committee		Trimmer is in for repairs.
New or Other Business	none	none
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	none	none
Adjourn	7:09pm	Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 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 September 21, 2021.		