

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:30 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

Meeting called to order with all 3 municipal officers present. Greg Sawyer, Dan Hester and Patty Barber were also present for short periods of time.

Board reviewed warrants and signed with no changes. Municipal officers wanted to compare Gene's dates of plowing with Shea's. Cory said it was 20 storms.

Board reviewed minutes and accepted as read.

Patty – thanked the board for holding a public hearing on the rail to trail issue. Questioned the straw poll that was taken, was it just Hiram residents that could vote on it? Eric explained that the straw poll that was taken was to only give the board an idea of how the people felt that were present. With those present it was very clear that they were in favor of pulling up the tracks and having a trail. Patty asked how town votes work? Town votes are taken for town budgets, ordinances and special funds at a town meeting not a public hearing. How do petitions work? You have to get so many signatures of registered voters from the town and then it would be placed on the next annual town meeting. Can the board refuse to place it on the warrant? No, not usually unless it would create a danger or health hazard to the townspeople. Karen explained the Public hearing process to Patty.

Dan – here for the Soldiers Memorial Library – Building repairs:

- 1. Chimney bricks are broken and the screen needs to be replaced. (contractor mindful of the slate roof)**
- 2. Painting needs to be done on the white trim**
- 3. Stone color paint needs to be on the bottom part of the building to touch it up**
- 4. Cellar entrance needs to be repainted**
- 5. Stairways need to be painted going into the building**
- 6. Main Entrance door needs to be rebuilt in order to stop water from going into the downstairs bathroom when it rains – Need to clear through Historic Preservation first.**
- 7. Addition to SML – would add a bathroom upstairs – also needs permission from HP**
- 8. Municipal officers will contact David Stanley or Scott Kruse to give a price on painting – must show proof of insurance.**
- 9. Stacy burner service will cleaned the furnace sometime next week.**
- 10. Can ask Richard Metcalf, Kris Bridges, Brandon Perry for quotes on the chimney work**

Greg – paving proposals from Carroll Materials – plan on doing Durgintown from SH rd to Derby Barn Rd and Triptown Rd from Rt. 160 to Oxen Ridge.

There is 1700 feet on Hiram Hill that Greg will get 4 quotes on to turn back to gravel.

Speed sign – Bad shape – can't haul it have to trailer it. Not sure worth fixing
Serious damage done by the snowplows this winter. A lot of roads have been torn up.

Perry Perkins – sent a letter to the board with an excerpt from the hunting law book about hunting near trails that are on public property, stating that hunters cannot fire off guns within 300' of trail. Perry was concerned with the trails potentially being put in. Marylou called the Game Warden for clarification. Game warden stated that it is private property not the towns or the railroads property. So if not posted it would still be open to hunting.

Tearcap specs out to bid – Karen states she would write the specs up to put out to bid.

Cable meeting April 24th at 6 pm. At Cornish town office.

Burn Permits – Eric is the town Fire Warden – James does not want to issue permits anymore so need to look for a deputy on the So End to issue permits.

Board signed the special town meeting warrant for May 4th.

Terry stated that Aaron Sabine had been served the letter by a York County Deputy and then he called the office and stated that when he was arrested his truck was parked at the SHFD and was cleaned out by someone before his mother was able to come pick the truck up. All of the fire department items and some personal items were removed from his truck according to Aaron. Board stated to continue with an insurance claim on the items.

Municipal Officers signed the payroll rates sheet for 2023.

Ask Porter about a new speed sign – check prices.

Board signed the School budget warrants for posting.

Terry and Emma – will contact Scott Kruse and David Stanley for painting and Kris Bridges, Richard Metcalf, Brandon Perry for chimney work.

Board signed the Personnel Policy changes under attendance for storms etc.

Flags for the streets – Cory and Jamie will put them up on the South End just before Memorial and Eric will get help and do the East End.

Emma asked permission to accumulate comp time until she goes on vacation in October to Mississippi and would like it pre-approved so she doesn't have to ask every time she may have overtime. Board approved.

Marylou asked to go to the annual town clerk treasurer conference in Bangor. She said they are addressing the LD290, BMV, INF & W and law changes. Asked to go up the night before and stay at the hotel 1 night. Board approved.

Emma and Marylou are attending a training on May 22nd – customer service.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted Terry Day