

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES
& PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

November 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:30 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

Public Hearing - Eric opened the public hearing at 7pm to discuss the emergency use of the \$14,396.38 from the Road Reserve Account for the shoulder work on Durgintown Rd. There were no questions or comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:01.

The meeting was called to order with all three board members present. David and Darby Crowley and Greg Sawyer were all present for a portion of the meeting.

The board accepted the minutes for October 18, 2023, and signed the electronically approved warrants for October 26th and November 2nd and 9th and signed the warrants for this week.

Trafton Way – the Crowley’s were in to discuss the need to repair the bridge over the brook on Trafton Way. Several of the property owners have offered to donate funds to the town to help with the cost of the repair. Discussed replacing the planks with 6x6 pressure treated boards. Mr. Crowley stated the material would be \$4,000- \$5,000 and that he had spoken with Jesse Stacey regarding doing some of the work alongside the road commissioner. They figured 3 days to complete the project. Need to contact Jesse to see about the project and verify we can accept private funds for specific road projects. Greg felt the project would require roughly 24 yds of crushed gravel to bring up the approach.

Road Commissioner

1. Emma shared new forms for the road commissioner to use for 2024, everyone approved them.
2. New Settlement Rd – would like to get bids based on the specs. Need to review specs at next meeting to devise bid sheets.
3. Notch Rd – Andrew Zelman is having Days Logging cut several large trees of his that are in the right of way. Greg stated several stumps will need to be ground; Cory suggested renting a stump grinder.

Plow Station 2 – 60 Main St – Eric is still looking for contractors. If unable to find a contractor, Eric said he would plow.

Hiram Fire Department Policy – Board adopted the policy after final review.

Town Forest – Gould Farm Rd- Walt Pugsley may be interested in harvesting the lot beginning in January of 2024. He has insurance but we need to research the railroad ROW and crossing the tracks. Marylou will contact Nate Moulton.

Chief Pay – reviewed the options presented to the board from prior conversations. The board approved option two – Station One Chief/Dep \$ 1,458.36, Station Two Chief/Dep \$1,833.36 and Single Chief \$4,708.28.

Veterans Monument - Stephen Lyons has requested to have family members added to the monument that is at SML. Marylou gave a brief history of the monument. When the monument committee disbanded in

2007, according to the document found, they passed on to the HHS the paper records and funds. The HHS has no record of acceptance or denial of this. No one has found any criteria for placement on the stone, Karen offered to research this.

Generator – The generator at the Town Office has not been serviced since installed in 2021. Cory offered to look into getting a price for servicing the generator.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylou Stacey