

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

August 8, 2022

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, David Persons, Ronald Bocash
Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie
Town Clerk: Absent
Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth
Secretary: Melissa
Visitors: NWATV

David made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/25. Ron seconded. All in favor.

1. Cathy provided information for the SB to set the tax rate. SB prefers to have the whole board present to discuss the tax rate and set it together. Proposed rate is up 6.79% from last year. The Tax Rate raises money to cover the voter-approved budget for calendar year 2022, and local agreements for veterans and the Community Center.
2. Moe said the new truck is supposed to go to Viking today. Cathy reported on financing. Total invoice is \$156,217. Note from bank for \$105,650 is at 2.25% for 3 years, or 2.45% on 5 years. This assumes a \$50,567K deposit.

Gavin made a motion to lock into Peoples Trust 3 year note for the 2023 Freightliner in the amount of \$105,650 and use \$50,567 from the equipment fund to fund the remaining balance. Ron seconded. All in favor.

3. Moe said the ditching on Juaire is done, as per the Grants-in-Aid requirements.
4. Gavin says that Dennis Dodd would like some clean up done from the ditching done near his place. It's ok to spread the dirt on his pasture.
5. Juaire project has a change order based on a ledge elevation difference from the original plan. We are on hold with the project, awaiting Ruggiano's structural engineer's review to ensure the change will provide proper stability. FEMA added another requirement about flood plains. Cathy has been communicating with federal and state officials to meet FEMA's conditions and requested that Melanie check the Fairfield Land Use and Development Review Regulations regarding flood plains
6. Moe says the sidewalk plow is at Champlain Valley Equipment for repair.
7. 550 truck had to be towed. The fuse box and wire harness are corroded. \$4500 to replace. It's running now but the faulty parts were not replaced. Order the parts.
8. John Deere tractor has an issue with steering when running the arm mower. Have Tom look at it.
9. Moe would like to build a room for the pressure washer beside the sand shed. \$1700 for parts and they will build it themselves. Go ahead. Price propane and an electric heater for the room.
10. The culvert near 1789 North Road is scheduled to be replaced on August 22 and will require a 3-day road closure. We are waiting on the temporary easement being signed by Bruce Branon.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Select Board.

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11. We are almost \$39K over budget on paving. Wait until year end to see if we need to take out any or all of the Paving Fund CD which is \$65,585.
12. Budget is at 67% year-to-date. Keep watching.
13. Received an anonymous complaint about an unnamed road. Unclear where the issue is located or whether this was a result of winter or summer road maintenance. Without more information about the location, there isn't much that can be done.
14. Question about if the Menard Rd extension was "thrown up" by the Town or if it is still a Fairfield Town Road on the maps. No one recalls the trail being thrown up. Cathy to verify maps for Menard Rd. and Duffy Hill Rd.
15. Review of the deed for land deeded to the Town in East Fairfield.

David made a motion to approve the warrants with the exception of \$75 from EJ Prescott. Ron seconded. All in favor.

David made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded. All in favor.