BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

PRESENT: Mr. Roland Sickenberger; Chair and Mr. Eric von Bleicken; Vice-Chair
ABSENT: Mr. Brad Merkel, Clerk and Mr. Ronald San Angelo, Town Administrator
ATTENDEES: Highway Superintendent, James Daley

Called Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2024, as written made by Mr. von Bleicken – second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS – CAPITAL PLANNING & HOUSING AUTHORITY

Motion to appoint Martha Brunelle to the Housing Authority as recommended by the sitting Housing Authority made by Mr. von Bleicken; second; Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

Motion to appoint Kevin McGovern to the Capital Planning Committee as recommended by the sitting Capital Planning Committee made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

MASSDOT – PHASE I & II – ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING

Mr. Daley was in attendance this evening to discuss the additional engineering that is necessary for the above-mentioned projects. The is above and beyond the original scope of work. With that understanding and no further discussion the following motion was made:

Motion to approve the additional engineering work associated with Phase I & II and to further expend an amount of up to $77,750 for said use made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

MASS DOT – MUNICIAPL PAVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

Mr. Daley spoke to the merits of this application. The state will provide all necessary funding for roadway improvements from the West Brookfield Elementary School to the North Brookfield town line. The work includes milling, sealing, paving and shoulder work. The work is in excess of $400K and the board thanked Mr. Daley for all of his efforts. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion to approve and sign the Municipal Pavement Program Project Contract as presented by Highway Superintendent, James Daley made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

POTENTIAL EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – DISCUSSION TABLED

PROPOSITION 2 ½ OVERRIDE – Discussion

An informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th beginning at 6 PM at the West Brookfield Elementary School. Mr. San Angelo will be doing a presentation to all interested residents.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Motion to approve and sign the Treasury Warrant No. 24 P 17 and 24 W 17, dated February 22, 2024, in the amounts of $81,702.97 and $97,630.92 respectively made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. von Bleicken spoke briefly about the possibility of limiting trash haulers in the town. Mr. Sickenberger was fine with Mr. von Bleicken looking into the matter; however, he (Sickenberger) is in favor of free enterprise.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra

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Brad Merkel, Clerk