

Town of Sweden, Maine
Selectmen's Meeting
September 9, 2014

Attendance: Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, Lori Bennett, Eric Gulbrandsen, Peter Malia, Sarah Rose, and DJ Curtis.

Wayne Miller called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of August 26, 2014 with corrections. Lori Bennett 2nd the motion; it was passed 3-0.

Wayne made a motion that the board go into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405(6)(e) meeting between the municipality and its attorney at 6:04 pm. Motion 2nd by Kristin and approved 3-0.

Wayne made a motion to resume the regular meeting at 6:14 pm. Lori 2nd the motion and it was approved 2-0.

Wayne made a motion that the winter road contract with Molloy Energy be terminated. Lori 2nd the motion and was approved 3-0.

Peter Malia, the town's attorney, stated that at the last meeting the Selectmen authorized him to continue talking to Mr. Molloy regarding winter road issues and nothing was resolved.

Wayne made a motion that he resign as Chairman to the Board of Selectmen and Lori Bennett take over the chairperson position. Kristin 2nd the motion and it was approved 2-0.

Wayne made a motion that Lori Bennett being the winter road person, be allowed to talk to Troy Morse regarding the Winter Road Contract. 2nd by Kristin and approved 2-0

Peter Malia discussed the Santamanna's tax case with the Selectmen.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report.

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

Eric Gulbrandsen reviewed his CEO report with the Selectmen stating there had been several building permits issued for Hardscrabble Road, Smarts Hill Road and Knights Hill Road.

Eric discussed the road name issue with Mr. Cadman on Woodbury Road with the Selectmen.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

No report.

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

No report.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Lori reported she talked to Maine Line Fence regarding guard rails for Hardscrabble Road near Marr Road., and that Stephen will meet with them next week.

Stephen has ordered culverts, reported Lori. Ditching and culvert work will begin shortly, she also reported.

Wayne said he talked with Mr. Fox regarding road side mowing and told Lori that Todd Sawyer in Waterford has special equipment for road side mowing.

Lori suggested that roadside mowing be added to the Selectmen's Annual Agenda for June. Wayne said also add the cemetery mowing in May or June. Lori said she would give this information to Julie McQueen for updating.

Wayne asked Lori about the Fern Drive and Tapawingo road signs. Lori said they need to be put up and they will try to get them up soon.

Next week Fern Drive will be closed from 9/15/14 to 9/19/14 to repair bridge. Lori asked about putting up a road closed sign. Wayne agreed as a courtesy.

Wayne asked Lori about the lock on the salt shed. She said she would check on it.

Wayne also said he has No Trespassing signs to be put up around the salt shed.

Administrative Assistant:

DJ gave Profit and Loss reports to Selectmen. Also discussed special town meeting date and warrant.

Old Business:

Alberta left a note regarding note from Sue Black asking about needing a new tie bar for the flag. Wayne will ask Warren Noble to do. The Selectmen agreed to pay Warren \$25.00 to do the job.

Wayne made a motion to fix the flag pole for a cost of \$25.00 motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

Sarah has formally given her resignation as Treasurer/Tax Collector as of September 30, 2014 to the Selectmen, reported Wayne.

Wayne made a motion to accept Sarah's resignation; motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

New business:

Lori and Wayne interviewed DJ for position of Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Wayne made a motion to appoint Alberta Ridlon as motor vehicle agent. 2nd by Lori, approved 2-0.

Wayne made a motion to abate real estate taxes in the amount of \$16.14 for ViaSat Communications as recommended by the town's assessor, 2nd by Lori and approved 2-0.

Communications:

Mail:

Public Hearing notice for Timber Harvesting was received.

MMA letter regarding board member voting was received.

Lori made a motion to go into executive session M.S.R.A. 405(6)a for personnel matters. 2nd by Wayne, approved 2-0 at 7:05 pm.

Wayne made a motion to resume Selectmen's meeting at 7:15 Lori 2nd the motion and approved 2-0.

Wayne made a motion to pay for training for Treasurer's position at \$12.00 per hour for new Treasurer to come out of Treasurer's pay. 2nd by Lori and approved 2-0.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Lori 2nd the motion, approved 2-0 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Diana J. Curtis
Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen