

Monthly Board Meeting
January 13, 2011
@ Norway town hall

PRESENT

Supervisor Judy Gokey
Council Craig Gillespie
Perry Siver
Scott Crossett
Hwy Super. Howard Eaton
Town Clerk Lora Grower
Absent James Rachon
Planning Board Lauren Watson
D.C.O. Robert Kemler
1 other

Motion made by C. Gillespie and seconded by C. Crossett to bring meeting to order at 7 pm.

PLEDGE.

Motion made by C. Siver and seconded by C. Crossett to accept reports.

Motion made by C.Siver and seconded by C. Gillespie to accept minutes.

Motion made by C.Crossett and seconded by C. Siver to pay bills. Hwy. 1-9 General 1- 15

Resolution # 1 of 2011

Accept MVP as Health care for 2011

Motion made by C. Crossett and seconded by C. Siver

ROLL CALL

Craig Gillespie AYE

Perry Siver AYE

Scott Crossett AYE

Motion made by C. Gillespie and seconded by C. Siver to accept the Evening Telegram as official newspaper.

Motion made by C. Siver and seconded by C. Crossett to accept reimbursement for mileage as .51 per mile in 2011.

Resolution # 2 of 2011

Budget Transfers

From: DA5110.4 Street Exp.

To: DA5142.4 \$702.02

From: A1620.4 Building Exp. \$2,673.33

To: A1410.4 Clerk Exp \$285.83

To: A7140.4 Rec. Exp. \$331.02

Balance left in A1620.4 \$2056.48

Motion made by C. Gillespie and seconded by C. Crossett to accept budget transfers.

ROLL CALL

Judy Gokey AYE

Craig Gillespie AYE

Perry Siver AYE

Scott Crossett AYE

Resolution # 3

Motion made by C.Crossett and seconded by C.Siver to go forward with the grant for the skate park. Which would be located behind the swings, and it will be 90' x 100'. We should here from the grant in late November. So this wouldn't be put in until 2012.

ROLL CALL

Judy Gokey Aye

Craig Gillespie Aye

Perry Siver Aye

Scott Crossett Aye

Resolution #4

Motion made by C. Crossett and seconded by C.Siver to accept M&T bank as the official bank for the town.

ROLL CALL

Judy Gokey Aye

Craig Gillespie Aye

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Perry Siver Aye

Scott Crossett Aye

Motion made by C.Crossett and seconded by C. Gillespie to accept \$100.00 a day per diem for attending conferences, Mileage, and rooms will be paid for separately.

Due to the mistakes and delays with the wind towers Iberdrola ended up paying the extra that was due to Delaware Engineering. There is an extra \$50,000.00 that will be placed back into town accounts.

Judy showed everyone the banners that have been ordered for our town. She also spoke of a couple of grants for the town lighting for the ball field and a skate board park for the kids.

Judy would like to have a band in the park this summer. Judy will call Bob Lynn and see if he will play. There will be food and drinks it will be on July 15, 2011.

Lauren and Judy had a teleconference call with Nacerta on the wind towers. Lauren has written up a summary about the problems and conditions that came up while working on the wind towers. Lauren also stated that he has spoken to Laurence Construction. They are busy right now building a home for someone and asked if the town could wait until spring for them to put the shutters on the church. The board said that would be fine. Lauren also said the church needs another circuit in the kitchen. The board approved it and told Lauren to call Randy Goggins as he is a licensed electrician.

Judy showed the board a news letter that Russia printed out in their town, Judy would like to do something like that for our town, but for now we are working on a news letter to be sent out soon.

Judy spoke about the equalization rate. Our town is 72.5%. Our population has increase to 814. Judy would like to have a reevaluation done which would help lower our school tax. If we could get our rate up to 100% and do a spot check every year that would keep it up at 100%. The cost for the spot check every year is between \$4,000.00 and \$9,000.00. Judy is going to talk with Fairfield and see if this is something they would be interested in. We could offset the cost of this if another town would do this with us.

The board discussed the new truck that the town would like to purchase. Judy would like to stay local. Howard will get truck specs together and Lora will place and ad in the paper

Stating that the town will be accepting bids on a new truck. The board and Howard have decided to trade out the Volvo.

Dog Control officer Bob Kemler said he is about done with the dog census, but has had a lot of complaints from the town's people about the increase of dog licenses. The board discussed the prices and has asked Lora to call other towns and see what their prices are. Prices haven't increased since 1978.

Bob also asked why the taxes didn't go down, but up. Taxes were suppose to go down by 2%, but instead went up by 1.2%. Judy didn't have an answer, but did say that she would find out what happened and why there was an increase. As Judy said the wind mill money was suppose to lower our taxes.

The case pending against the town was mentioned. More paper work was received and sent on to our Insurance carrier.

Judy spoke about the H.U.D. grant. Laura Oswald from Laberge called and said that our income level for our town is to high and not enough poverty housing. The board doesn't really want to put any more money into this. Judy is going to check and see how hard it would be for us to write the grant ourselves. We would have to pay someone to do an income survey. Judy and Lora are going to try to write the grant.

Motion made by C. Siver and seconded by C. Crossett for meeting to adjourn at 9:16 pm.

Submitted by,
Lora Grower/ Town Clerk