

Town Of Mercer
Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes-Draft
May 28, 2020

Present: 1st MO Ricky Parlin, 2nd MO Gary Mosher, 3rd MO Dari Hurley, Yolanda Violette (Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasure) Tammy Lamphere (Minutes) Gerry Redlevski (Budget Committee) Barbara Van Burgel (Budget Committee) Vern Worthen (Budget Committee) Jason Juskewitch (Budget Committee),Joel Lamphere. Non-Resident: Joe Lewandowski (Winter Roads Contractor)

Citizens Inquires: Tammy Lamphere approached the board with an idea of a Food/Craft/Service Swap. Tammy and Darcy Welch were looking to use the MCC ball field to host the swap. It would open for Mercer Residents to come set up a table to display their goods or services and either swap or accept donations. It would be held on a Sunday for 2-3 hours. The MO board liked the idea and suggested that the parking lot be used instead of the ball field. Tammy and Darcey will have more info at the next meeting. Joe Lewandowski ,the Winter Roads Contractor, gave the MO an update on his equipment. Joe has purchased a 2.5 yd loader, 3 plow trucks with sanders from Mercer Sand and Gravel, a sander for his pickup and is picking up a 4th truck in Vermont. He spoke with Kyes Insurance on his bond and was told he would hear from them on May 27, 2020. The MO will wait on having Joe sign the contract until the bond is in place.

Old Business:

-Assessing: Fran explained that the input of information was finished and final figures will be available soon. We have reached 91% with the Homestead Act so this qualifies the town for 100% reimbursement.

-Boundary Line Agreement: Waiting to hear from Mr. Zulieve.

-Blue Sky Labs: Adult use form signed. It is now in the hands of the State of Maine.

-MCC Gutters: No installation at this time. When the contractor arrived to do installation, he realized that there was not a solid outside wall to screw the brackets to.

-Grading the Roads: There has been a few complaints about the roads not being graded. All the roads are to be graded. Ricky will contact Mercer Sand and Gravel. Yolanda mentioned that there should be a consideration that MS&G might not have time to grade. **VOTE: 3-0** to hire MS&G to grade.

There was a few areas that will need gravel.

1. WSRR: At Jordan Richards property, there is a need for gravel. Ricky and Joel dug up 2 old, useless culverts and installed new. The town did not have the correct size culverts because when the old ones were dug up it was obvious that they could not be reused. Joel gave the town 2 15"x20' culverts and asked that they be replaced at some point.

2. ESRR: At the entrance to the transfer station there needs a load of gravel.

Corson Rd

Tibbetts's Rd-passed Clifford's Driveway

Decker Rd

Hampshire Rd-as far as the power runs

Bacon Rd-as far as Bean Rd

Brown Rd-to the turn around

WSRR- to Joel Lamphere's mailbox

Wills Rd

Rome Rd- hold off

Elms St-all except but by Indian Stream

Residents of Pond Rd are concerned about rocks sticking out of the road. Dari was going to ask a resident of the road if he would be willing to remove them with his excavator. There was a question of liability insurance and coordination. Ricky wants to talk to Donnie about the rocks. Joel asked that Elm Street be graded before he continues to do ditching. If it is not graded, he is just scooping up useable material.

-Town Culverts: All the culverts have been moved to the Salt Shed by Ricky and Donnie. The MO would like security cameras purchased and placed at the Salt Shed. Ricky appointed Dari to purchase one. **Vote 3-0**

-Scholarship Letters: 3 letters were presented to the 2nd and 3rd MO.(1st MO could not vote because he was related to one applicant) Each read them, discussed their choice and it was decided that Dillion Hendrix would be awarded a \$200 scholarship from the Ethel Springer Scholarship Fund.

-Work Contract: Dari requested an end date. Joel agreed to June 14, 2020 with the understanding that it would be extended depending on the grading situation.

-Budget Committee: Barbara Van Burgel was appointed the Chairperson of the 2020 Budget Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Somerset County Budget Info: Corvid 19 is hitting Maine hard financially and there will be no LRAP money. Ricky is very concerned and would like to wait until July/August before spending. Gary was concerned about the warrants that passed at the Annual Meeting and what the town is obligated to do. He will contact MMA for answers.

-Bikes for Books: Lebanon Masonic Lodge #116 is asking the town to support their program. It's a wonderful program that encourages children to read!!! For each book that a child reads, they are able to enter their name in a drawing for a new bike, helmet and t-shirt. Last year, over 4,000 books were read! In the past nine years, there has been 290 bikes and helmets awarded.

Ricky suggested that the town donate \$100, Dari seconded it. **VOTE 3-0**

-Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Application: signed

-Veterans Exemption Widow Application: \$6000 approved to a resident who submitted it.

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-Mail: Abandoned Property Check returned by the State.

Approval of Warrant: \$100 was added to warrant for the Bikes for Books. Gerry's hours were approved after the question of total works worked as Assessor. Gerry worked from home for a total of 10 hours but only charged the town for 8 hours.

Approval of Previous MO Meeting Minutes:

-April 23, 2020- Vote 3-0

-May 14, 2020- Vote 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 pm.