

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – April 23, 2018

Present: John Strasser, Richard Bielefield, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Fire Chief and EMD Allan Clark, John Colony

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board reviewed and approved the expenditure of \$4,280.00 for five windows to be replaced on the street side of the Crapo Building by C&S Dunn, Inc.

The board received a letter from North Country Council and their willingness to do car/truck counts on roads in Sugar Hill. Jennifer will follow up and the board would like counts done on Route 117 and Route 18.

The board reviewed the information to change the streetlights to LED. The total cost of the project is \$9,892 with a rebate from Eversource of \$4,000 for a net cost of \$5,892. The investment would be returned in less than two years. The equipment has a 20 plus years life with a 10-year warranty. The board did not budget for the light conversion in 2018 but will for 2019.

The board discussed correspondence from the Town Attorney in regard to Northern Pass and Margo will follow up.

The board received a check from Primex for repairs to the fences at the Sunnyside Cemetery. The Cemetery Trustees also received a donation from the Leader family for help on the repairs and recovery after the October storm.

The board received the 2018/19 costs for Workers' Compensation (-7.1%) and Property Liability (-2.7%).

Jennifer advised the board that the furnace that heats the kitchen and the second floor at the Meetinghouse must be replaced. Jim Keefe is getting prices including the conversion to propane.

Jennifer will contact Holly in Franconia to set up a Tri Town Meeting to discuss items like the Transfer Station etc.

JOHN COLONY met with the board to update them on the Profile Cable Consortium meetings that John attends as Sugar Hill's representative. The Consortium voted to hire an attorney to help with negotiations with the cable company. They have also asked for a review of the finances of the consortium that are held by the Town of Littleton. John and Margo will both be attending a meeting that will discuss cable and broad band.

CHIEF CLARK met with the board to update them on both Fire Department and FEMA progress. The FEMA process for the July 2017 storm has been long and arduous. Chief Clark brought in the huge stack of papers filed to date. No towns in the State have received any money

yet. Last years Hazardous Mitigation Paperwork has been filed and we should expect the \$6,000 reimbursement from the State. There is a requirement to update the town Emergency Operations Plan and this is a \$7,000 grant with a \$3500.00 match that must be completed in 2018. Chief Clark would like Chief Mancini to take on this project and the board agreed to his request. Chief Clark has stated that he will file for the October 2017 wind storm. This will cover the highway department wages both straight and any overtime for the debris removal etc. The last grant is through the State of NH Hazardous Mitigation and will cover 75% of the cost to replace culverts on Hadley Road and Pearl Lake Road with box culverts.

CHIEF CLARK advised the board that he and Doug Glover would be traveling to Florida to inspect the new fire engine. Once that is done the truck will be driven to Desorcie Emergency Products in St. Albans Vermont for final preparations. The department hopes to take delivery around the first week of May.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 meeting seconded by MR. BIELEIFELD. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday April 30, 2018, at the Carolina Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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