

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Selectman Spencer reported that some patch work has been done on the parking lot of the Library, but some areas of concern were not done. He will be working with the road contractor with some preliminary work on the West Range Road culvert repair and will address the parking lot issue with him at that time.

Marilyn Swan, the Town Librarian reported that the Library has received a Children's Literary Grant of approximately 120 children's books. They will be distributed throughout Town, to the Library, Elementary School and daycare facilities.

The Veteran's memorial plaque missing from the Elm Street bridge is going to be replaced. Currently the wording of the former sign is being researched.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Eldridge reported that the PTO is sponsoring several events throughout November and encouraged community support. There will be a yard sale, a craft fair and a 5K walk/run.

Selectman Spencer will be meeting with the road contractor this coming week. Among other things, they will travel throughout Town to delineate areas that need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Selectman Eldridge continues to work with a local contractor to obtain a cost estimate to replace the Town's salt shed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 8th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge has been contacting many local officials and professionals in an effort to resolve the emergency medical response issue facing Effingham. The current provider is no longer able to transport patients, therefore a replacement service must be found. He is concerned that there seems to be few options and has invited a local firm to come in to provide some general advice. The Board voted unanimously to reject all prior bids submitted for ambulance service.

The three stand alone heating units at the Library/Town Hall are being replaced with propane units and the bathroom electrical strips will be replaced as well. Selectman Swanick reminded the Board of “Smart Start” incentives for energy efficient improvements, given the upcoming installations.

A plumbing firm has presented an estimate for resolving the lack of hot water at the Municipal Office Building.

Selectmen continue to try to find someone to shovel snow when necessary on the grounds of municipal buildings. The Library trustees believe they have someone willing to shovel there. Selectman Spencer has priced snow blowers and found that lower priced units are about \$900.

With other projects becoming very time consuming, the Board conceded that crack sealing of roadways will have to be put off until next year. They will work on project specifications during the winter.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge has drafted a “Rules of Order” manual for the Board of Selectmen.

A resident wishing to address the Board about overdue taxes presented himself. Since there was no public present at the meeting it was not necessary to call for a non-public session to discuss the circumstances surrounding his delinquency and his proposed resolution.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Ron Evans, the road contractor attended for his monthly update meeting with the Board. The discussion included grading of gravel roads and particular issues on individual roads. Ron reported that since paving has been completed on the third phase of Town House Road, he has about 3 more days work there. They also discussed extensive work that needs to be done at the large culvert on West Range Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman