

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Monday September 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order by S. Pilcher at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance: Steve Pilcher (chair), Paul Low, Bill Martin, Marikate Kelley, John McNerney

Members absent: none

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Wayne Mackenzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Kelley wanted to check on the community meeting on schools. S.Pilcher says we have announced the meeting on FPF, the town website, and it will be on the sign board. It will take place at Monkton Central School on 9/30/21 at 7:00pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

APPROVE MINUTES

J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by B. Martin. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

B. Martin moved to approve AP10920 in the amount of \$32,762.24. J. McNerney seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. M. Kelley abstained.

B. Martin moved to approve PR10927 in the amount of \$8,561.09. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS

BURR – DOYLE CURB CUT

S. Pilcher noted that as per our recently adopted policy, driveways must meet state driveway standards. This was added as a condition on the curb cut.

J. McNerney moved to approve the curb cut. P. Low seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. B. Martin abstained.

DISTURBANCE OF SURVEY PIN IN ROW – MACKENZIE

The town put in a culvert and knocked out a corner survey marker. B. Martin noted that in his experience, replacing the marker could cost about \$350. Needs to be marked outside of town's ROW. B. Martin will follow up with the surveyor. The property owner will not be responsible for the cost.

BUDGET STATUS

A few points of interest: \$21,000 paid to sheriff, but only \$13,000 collected in fines. The Town Highway Department did get a big grant for paving. \$192,000 for Mountain Road culvert. There was a big budget for equipment repair, but only about 10% has been spent. Will ask Shane to come in and talk about salt and sand for the winter.

MATERIALS for SCHOOL COMMUNITY FORUM

S. Pilcher created the materials, a series of slides for the information session to be held on Sept 30th at 7 PM at MCS. They show info about the district merger, superintendent proposals, a timeline of events from the merger to present. The forum will include a Q & A period.

IT SERVICES

The Town will maintain its relationship with Dominion Tech as least in the short term and is anxious to get the Russell Memorial Library computers registered with Dominion Tech.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

The grand opening for the new town offices is on Saturday, October 2 from 10:30-1. Another requisition from Naylor and Green is awaiting more documentation. The Select Board is working to resolve issues with the Russell Memorial Library: the shared septic and well with the old Town Hall, and proof of family lines. The town attorney is in contact.

There was discussion about babying the old Town Hall through the winter until the voters can determine its future. P. Low suggested winterizing the building and shutting down the heat to reduce or eliminate costs. S. Pilcher says there is a lot of work to be done there.

There was discussion about the sign for the New Town Hall, with a draft sketch shown.

OLD BUSINESS

MONKTON FIRST RESPONSE AND ADDISON COUNTY SHERIFF

No action taken.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken.

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

The Town Clerk is working on this.

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

Google drive is the plan once a credit card is secured.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Martin signed a standard grant agreement for \$14,800. Part of the municipal roads program.

Old town mower offer stands at \$10,000.

NEXT MEETING

Monday October 11, 2021 at 7pm at the new town offices.

B. Martin made a motion to adjourn. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.