

December 10, 2020

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Supervisor Matthew Hicks; Town Councilmembers: Matthew Rathbun, Kenneth Quick, Thomas Cosey and James Bradt; Town Clerk Jenny Martelle; Town Constable Ray Boyea;

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor; Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo; Town Accountant Joel Carpenter; Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell; Sole Assessor Victoria Hayner;

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ryan Pedone

Councilman Cosey moved and Councilman Rathbun second to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting. Carried: 5-0.

BUDGET OFFICER REPORT: Town Accountant Joel Carpenter prepared and submitted the financial report for November 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Councilman Quick moved and Councilman Bradt second to adopt Resolution No 56 to Amend the 2020 Budget. Carried: 5-0

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor Vicky Hayner prepared and submitted a report for December. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Supervisor Hicks advised the Board that the garbage problem on Route 40 has been cleaned up. There were no permit issued or complaints for November to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell prepared and submitted a report for November 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Due to possible Covid exposure Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor was not in attendance. Supervisor Hicks read a report for November prepared by Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor. Dekalb Road and Holcombville Road have been ditched and the water problems fixed. Cold patching on the roads has been done. The chipper had been serviced. Culvert tubes have been cleaned. Dirt roads have been graded. Councilman Rathbun stated that the 5 ½ weeks of paid time off for DPW was incorrect and it more like 7 weeks.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: The average usage per day was 31,866 per day or 956,000 for the month of November.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Hicks opened the Public Hearing for the Fire District Contracts at 7:00 pm. With no questions or public comments the hearing was closed at 7:01 pm. Councilman Thomas Cosey moved and Councilman Rathbun second to enter into the Fire District Contracts. Carried 4-0. Councilman Brad abstained.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Hicks discussed the Lamont Engineer report on the Town Hall. Upon review and discussion Supervisor Hicks asked for two Councilman to form a committee to oversee the project. Councilmen Rathbun and Bradt volunteered. Supervisor Hicks suggested that he ask Harrison Steves if he would be interested in a clerk of the works position for the project. The Board agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: John Freed asked questions regarding the annual contribution that the Town makes to the Pember Library. He asked if the Town had an agreement with the Library or was it an open contribution. He informed the Board that he has submitted FOIL requests to the Library and the request denied as the Library Board informed him that they are not subject to FOIL. Mr. Freed recommended to the Board that they contribution not be made without a contract or agreement with the Library. Supervisor Hicks stated that the Board is in the position to stop funding if there is no accountability and said that the matter would be discussed with the Town Attorney.

**AUDIT OF BILLS: ABSTRACT 12 DECEMBER 2020**

DA Highway Townwide	164-173	\$3,482.84	Councilman Rathbun	Councilman Bradt
SW No Gran Water	101-107	\$2,222.23	Councilman Bradt	Councilman Quick
A General Townwide	221-244	\$8,668.16	Councilman Quick	Councilman Cosey
SL1 Mid Gran Lights	24-25	\$ 588.92	Councilman Cosey	Councilman Bradt
SL2 No Gran Lights	22-23	\$ 353.85	Councilman Cosey	Councilman Bradt

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Rathbun moved and Councilman Bradt second to go into closed session to obtain legal advise from Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo via phone. Carried 5-0. Councilman Quick moved and Councilman Cosey second to return to the regular meeting.

ADJURNMENT: Councilman Quick moved and Councilman Cosey second to adjourn to the Organizational Meeting January 14, 2021. Carried 5-0

Attested To:  
Jenny Martelle  
Granville Town Clerk

