

## **Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes November 29, 2021**

**Present:** Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Dyann Anderson, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Joe Freeman, Tim Biggs and Amanda Jamison.  
Present via Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Motion** by Steve: To approve minutes as amended from November 22<sup>nd</sup> Select Board meeting and place on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman reported an accident this morning at intersection of Route 137 and Stevens Road. Jim asked when Budget Committee will review fire department budget. Steve said not this week, most likely next week. Steve will let Jim know when. The volunteer firefighters are now cleaning up and getting rid of stuff in firehouse.

**Public Works:** Travis Price said Ryan, new Public Works employee, had training on plow truck and then plowed in storm. Travis will do more training tomorrow with Ryan. Travis has showed him all the roads in town. Travis would like to get fuel in the new tanks, but they need to be wired first. Ron will call Jason Marks to let him know Public Works garage addition is ready to have office and bathroom wired and find out if he'd wire the fuel tanks. Steve followed up on insurance for Travis's tools. The town needs to provide MMA Risk Management with a few things. He asked Travis to provide a list of tools and their reasonable value. Steve suggested there be a written agreement on record between town and employee that Travis is leasing the town this list of equipment at no cost. Elaine asked if Ryan will be bringing his own tools? Travis said at this point he didn't see any need for him to bring his own tools, but that maybe in the future if Ryan had a tool that would help with a specific job, that he may bring that. Ron said he would like to see the trailer on High Street gone, since it is right next to the road and impacts snow plowing. Ron has sent homeowner a letter about the trailer and talked with homeowner. Steve will call Bill Kelly about the trailer and the cars parked along edge of road on Mill Street. Travis reported there is a van parked at Beaver Hill Road turn around, which makes turning the plow truck around very difficult. There is also a trailer parked along Beaver Hill Road too.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,138.48 and the first A/P Warrant in the amount of \$9,433.99 and the second A/P Warrant in the amount of \$314.76 for a total of \$9,748.75. The ending checkbook balance is \$491,456.78. Dyann reported that Kate Flynn from the Freedom Community Historical Society would like to get money from sale of baseball caps. Dyann will check with Cindy about this. RHR Smith and Company would like to schedule audit for the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Select Board agreed to have Dyann send charitable organizations their donations approved by the voters at Town Meeting. Dyann said the checkbook is balanced through October. She has sheet to fill out for those employees that would like direct deposit for their paychecks. Dyann said the Simple IRA payments are all up to date.

**Motion** by Steve: To have Ron sign letter so Dyann can send back to RHR Smith and Company. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

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**Motion** by Elaine: To approve Treasurer's report and pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,138.48 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$9,748.75. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott is on vacation.

**Citizen's Issues:** none

**Correspondence:**

**"The Municipal Risk Manager – Fall 2021":** Ron pointed out that coming in February 2022 that if someone doesn't have a commercial license, rather than just studying for the test and taking it, one will now need to take a course prior to taking the test. He said this may make it more challenging to find qualified people.

**Motion** by Ron: To go into Executive Session for a Legal Matter 1 MRSA 405(6)E at 6:58pm. At 7:35pm Select Board resumed meeting.

Select Board discussed 2021 wages.

**Town Official Reports:**

**Budget Committee:** Next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Solid Waste:** Joe Freeman reported he is no longer going to Montville to pick up trash. He will now go to the landfill every other week.

**Old Business:**

Discussion about trash being left on the side of the road on both N. Palermo Road and Route 137. Elaine will send a letter to person dumping trash on the N. Palermo Road.

Travis brought up about the mailbox that is too close to the road on Davis Road. This impacts snow plowing by not allowing a wide enough path for snowplow and wing to plow the road. Select Board reviewed Policy #19 "Road Maintenance and Mailbox Policy". Select Board agreed that it may be necessary to add to policy "a reasonable distance, as determined by Public Works Director, from center of road to side of the road to be kept clear".

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison