

Town of Lebanon-Town Board Meeting Minutes-December 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Tank at 7:02pm.

Roll call by Clerk Schoenrock. Present: Mary Schoenrock, Don Laughlin, Al Tank, Jeff Handschke, Lynn Tank.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on 11/15/21. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Resident Pete Gerndt was present and requested that the snow from the town hall parking lot be pushed to the north so it doesn't block his drainage ditch. Board members assured him that this will be corrected as the new snowplow drivers weren't aware of this and they will be informed.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve all building permits as presented. Motion carried.

Jeff Handschke reported he still has not received a call back from Gold Cross concerning the wrong population number for the town on the contract. He stated he will go down to Gold Cross in person soon to get this corrected. The contract for Gold Cross was signed by Al Tank and this will be delivered by Jeff Handschke.

Report from Manawa Fire Board included that the production of the tender truck has been moved up to January 2022. Report also included that both the fire department and ambulance had a large increase in calls in 2021. The fire department has 92 calls so far in 2021 and the ambulance had 364 calls. The average response time was 9 minutes.

Update on the Broadband Tower is that the tower has been erected.

Al Tank met with Lee Robbert to review the town's building permit fees. This will be tabled as the notes from that meeting were unavailable.

Al Tank reported that the Church Rd public meeting went well. Discussion was held on why the asphalt on the hill on Church Rd is disintegrating. Thoughts are that it was a bad batch of asphalt in that section. The residents at the meeting were very receptive to provide us some letters. The pointers of what to include in the letter have been posted on the website and Al Tank will deliver letters to those who expressed an interest but did not have internet access. Jeff Handschke reported that Doug Casey has the Prahll driveway on his list to assess and will let us know once he gets the assessment completed.

Snowplowing update: Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to hire Matthew Bennett as another driver. Don reported that the truck is back in Plover and they discovered a camshaft issue. The new fuel tank was put into the other truck and the first check of the fuel filter showed a clean filter. Al Tank will hold a snowplow driver meeting soon and will possibly have someone come to speak with them about snowplowing techniques. Discussion was held on what will be used on the roads: chip/salt, sand/salt, or straight salt and it was decided that the small truck will have straight salt in it at all times and sand/salt in the other trucks.

Discussion was held about adding another bay onto the town hall now that we have 4 trucks plus other equipment. Al Tank will pursue contacting companies to get design options. Discussion was also held about erecting a smaller cold storage unit behind the town hall as a possibility.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to certify all poll workers as listed for the calendar months of January 2022-December 2023. Motion carried.

Mary Schoenrock reported that the first calculations for 2020 showed no revenue loss in regards to the ARPA funding but this was all based on the interim final rule. This could all change once the Final Rule is issued by the Treasury Dept.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to proceed with hiring InterQuest to assist with setting up the .gov email addresses. Motion carried.

Items to include in the newsletter are alerting residents about plowing snow across the roads, the dates/times for tax collection, need for county volunteer drivers, and that the tower has been erected.

Supervisors Don Laughlin and Jeff Handschke audited the town's 3rd quarter receipts. No discrepancies were found.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to allow Chairman Al Tank to call a special meeting and issue emergency payment if necessary. Motion carried.

Correspondence: All was informational only. No action required.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to pay all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schoenrock