

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli
Others Present: Debbie Calnan, Amber Holland, Bruce Busa, Raymond Eilers, Tom Deblois, Tammy Deblois, Forrest Hicks, Ruth O’Hearn, Normajean Marchegiani

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Approval of Agenda:

Helyn moved to accept the agenda as written. Jim seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 01/10/18, as amended and corrected. Jim seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking Balance	\$ 519,799.61
Owed to School FY 2017-2018	\$ 562,638.72
Water Account	\$ 61,454.92
Sewer Account	\$ 63,188.51
General Fund Balance	\$ (42,839.11)

David asked Amber questions about a possible reappraisal. The Town of Readsboro may have to do a reappraisal.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

Helyn reported that Mary King is coming in next week to discuss what is happening with the school budget and that the budget will not be in the Town Report for Readsboro. There will be informational meetings here at the Readsboro School concentrating on the changes in the school budget.

The vehicles on Canal Drive have still not been removed. Helyn will call the towing company again.

Old Business:

New Business:

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A) Sign Lease Agreement for New Copier Contract – Discussion & Action

Tabled due to not having the contract at this time.

B) Flooding on Tunnel Street - Discussion & Action

Norman Wilber, Public Works, was not able to attend the meeting tonight as he is out plowing. Norman has communicated with Amber, and the decision was made to attempt to thaw out the culvert tomorrow. If special equipment is needed to unthaw the culvert, the Selectboard will hire someone to do this. There were plans to change out the culvert some years ago, but it was held up because a property owner did not grant an easement to the town. The property owners have since decided to grant the easement. The culvert will be taken care of in the spring. ANR will have to look at it before it can be replaced. Mr. Busa stated that the tree that needs to be removed is on his property and that it is okay for the town to remove it. The Selectboard asked Mr. Busa to put in writing any concerns they may have about their Tunnel Street property before the work begins. Ray Eilers mentioned that there needs to be another catch basin there as well. There was a discussion on the fact that photos were taken clearly demonstrating that the water was coming off the mountain that caused the flooding and not backup from the frozen culvert.

C) E-Enable Contract - Discussion & Action

Amber explained the details of the new server needed. The current server will be seven years old as of May of this year. The contract is for daily monitoring of the seven computers that use the server all the time. The contract is tentatively for \$5,000.

Helyn moved to try the E-Enable contract for one year at \$3,948,000 beginning July 1, 2018. Jim seconded. So voted. David voted no.

Hearing of Visitors:

Ruth O’Hearn informed the Selectboard that there is a displaced resident from the elderly project who cannot reside in his residence for a period of time as the apartment is still wet from recent flooding. The gentleman is temporarily staying with Ms. O’Hearn’s daughter; which is not an ideal situation as there is no shower available for him. Representative Laura Sabilia for help. It was recommended to her that by Laura Sabilia that the Town’s health officer be involved. The owner of the property was saying that the apartment was fine, and they have no more liability in it. Ms. O’Hearn stated that the sheetrock is still wet. Ms. O’Hearn contacted State The owner of the property has decided that they will fix the apartment. Helyn will call the town’s health officer tomorrow to look into the matter.

Work Session on FY19 Budget:

The Selectboard worked on the Revenues, Treasurer’s and Clerk’s budget, Zoning, Cemetery, Highway, Fire Department, and Appropriations.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

The Selectboard signed the orders/bills.

Adjournment:

David moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Helyn seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

January 17, 2018

Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
January 17, 2018
Approved: January 24, 2018