

January 7, 2016

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Farlan Behunin, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Alyssa Thompson, Lisa Varga, Ashley Coombs, Carla Saccomano, Kirk and Marianne Hoffman, Jack Pollock, Claire Johnson, Hannah Karlsson, Peg Smith, Steve Cox, and Rebecca Harris*, Dennis Bertucci**, Jacque Koenig***.

Pledge of allegiance

Farlan was sworn in as a new member of the Town Council.

There was not a quorum of people present at this meeting who were at the November meeting and could approve those minutes. They will be approved when Pete is here. Gladys made a motion to accept the December 3 minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Bill, Gladys, and Steve.

Cindy Wilson has resigned her position on the Council and we need to fill the **vacancy**. We will post a notice for two weeks. Anyone interested in being considered should notify Judi in writing by February 1. The Council will appoint a replacement.

Rebecca (*arrived) led a discussion on our need for **new EMT's**. Carla Saccomano is committed to taking the class to be held in Richfield beginning in either January or February, and they are hoping to find more participants. Rebecca asked if the Town can provide financial support. (**Dennis joined the meeting.) Bill responded that we have budgeted for EMT training and would pay the course fee and expenses. Dennis said that we will have a shortage this summer, as some EMT's will be gone and Donna's term will be up, and we need to push for people to participate. (***Jacque Koenig came.) They are working on getting private donations to pay the EMT's for their runs. The money would be handled privately and not be passed through Town books.

Gladys made a motion to accept the bid as presented by Troy Pitts to build the **awning** over the west firehouse door as advertised. The estimated cost is \$1470. Farlan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion that we **adopt Ordinance 16-1**, amending the ZO to add recycling to acceptable public uses of land in the Town. Farlan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The **lease for Boulder Recycles** was discussed. Lisa stated that the BR Board needs to meet to approve (or not) the new draft sent by Mark. They agree in principle to what was presented and will review it as a body and vote on it in February.

Sam Stout sent a letter to the Council regarding a **new light** at the **Haws property** east of him which he feels doesn't meet the requirements of our ordinance. There was some discussion on whether the light was already there but burned out and the bulb was just replaced. The Council believes that is what happened. If that is the case, it was a legal non-conforming light which was replaced and is still non-conforming. Bill would like to review the ordinance to see if the replacement had to bring it into conformity. The light hasn't been on for probably ten years. Steve's impression is that any new exterior light has to have a shroud or cover. Section 1012 of the ZO was read. Bill feels it should be treated like a new light and should conform to the requirements of the ordinance. Steve reported that Sam was told by Kay Brooks of Garkane that it was a totally new fixture. The last time he changed Farlan's light, Mr. Brooks told him that Garkane will put in exactly the same thing they are replacing. Bill will call Garkane and find out what their policy is. He will talk to them about our ordinance and ask what they did for the Haws light. He will also find out the cost of making it compliant.

Our **Independence Day celebration** will be held this year on Saturday, July 2. We will discuss the options for food and a band at the February meeting.

After some discussion, Gladys made a motion that we leave this year's **Capital Improvements List** the same as last year's. Farlan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Farlan asked who is responsible for fixing the Lower Boulder road—is it the pipeline company's responsibility or are we going to patch it? They are supposed to patch the holes but can't do it in the winter. Farlan will patch them during the winter. Steve had talked with Precision who said they will come back in the spring to fill the holes they've created with asphalt and the County will chip seal. Or, if we want to do the repairs as part of a bigger project, the contractor will give us the money to do it all. We'd like them to do their patching and we'll do the chip sealing. Lisa stated that the Lower Boulder Road edges have been broken and asked if that will be fixed. Farlan said road base needs to be put down before replacing or extending the asphalt. He would rather see Precision do their patching and we'll do the chip sealing when they're through. When spring comes, we'll make a decision on what will be best. We'll do what we can with the money we have. Gladys suggested that Farlan find out what needs to be done to get the roads up to par, find out how much money we have, and get with Brian Bremner to decide how many miles we want chip sealed and how many coats we want. Brian, Farlan, and Precision should get together to decide how to proceed.

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Gladys reported that she hasn't found a solution for the playground stairs yet. It may be cheaper to buy new equipment than to just replace the stairs. We may be able to have a contractor build new ones. Gladys will ask Sully to shovel the walks when it snows.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Farlan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk