

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

August 1, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Leonard Espie
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:00pm
The Mail, Manifest, Signature and Action Folder were reviewed.
Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The board approved the minutes of July 11, July 18, as well as non-public of July 18, and the Work session minutes of July 25. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$54007.37

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief Warden

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

3 sealed bids received for Stevens Road Culvert Replacement Project. Bids opened and read aloud to public. A Representative from Eckman, Matt Stasalovich, was present. Eckman Engineering will review and Selectman will approve.

#1 Jake Dawson's Excavating and Utility Services, LLC bid \$163,430.00

#2 Edwards Concrete and Excavation LLC bid \$85,000

#3 G. W. Brooks and Son, Inc. bid \$268,478.

Selectman Meisner asked Matt if DES regulation for tier 2 waterways reflect permitting. Matt replied no. Selectman Meisner asked who is responsible for compliance. Matt replied wetland permits are already issued by town therefore town would be responsible but will confirm. Selectman Meisner asked if jobs included cranes. Matt replied yes. Selectman Meisner inquired what if pilings are needed. Matt replied that would require a change of order plan. Selectman Spencer asked Matt about a timeline on Snow Road and would like a copy to post for residents. Matt showed the selectman a similar estimate for Granite Rd bridge.

Selectman Spencer announced he will not be present at next weeks Selectman's meeting. The bid will be confirmed at 3PM work session with Selectman Spencer present. The regular meeting will be at 5PM without Selectman Spencer.

Selectman Spencer will advertise sale of Fire Warden's old forest truck, not to be confused with the 1931 Chevy that will never leave Effingham.

He also met with committees about budgets.

Budget Committee due to meet August 8, discussion will include cost of living raises of 2% across the board except for exemplary performance. Funding for road projects will also be discussed.

Clarification was made to the "Road Agent" discussion and stated roads are the Selectmen's responsibility.

Selectman Espie reported a culvert was cleaned at dam near bridge. A letter was sent to resident to remove beaver dam, resident was compliant to request.

Roads and Bridges:

Culverts: Molly Philbrick Road sleeves won't work on this area, more discussion needed with engineers. Estimates needed for Pine River Road and Philbrick.

Cold patching is ongoing.

Primary road project for 2018: Green Mountain Rd and Champion Hill Rd were looked at by F. R. Carroll Inc. A 4 year project is in mind as it is a main throughway through Effingham. Focus on reclamation and culverts. More numbers will be needed for next meeting. Resident Steve Regal wanted to know what's going on with Drake and Jones Roads. Selectman Spencer reassured him that they are still in plan they just need more estimates and discussion.

Elm Street awaiting estimates from Eckman, Cheryle added plans have been received August 1. Selectmen added their frustration with communication with Beckman.

CONTRACTS

Roadside Mowing Contract awarded to Richard L Eastman for 15,000 2017 and 15,000 2018. He will be available to start Monday August 7, 2017. Selectman Meisner made a motion to accept and all were in favor.

Winter Road contract has been advertised

Snow shoveling contract needs changes because of the proposed purchase of a snow blower, Selectman Meisner will purchase.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:

Granite: Town attorney will need to be contacted for advise on how to disburse town owned property..

Fire Warden Dick Thompson announced the arrival of new forestry truck on July 31, 2017. A 1997 2 ½ ton all wheel drive with 12600 miles on it. It will be needing a paint job at a later date. The truck is fully insured. All the selectmen thanked The Warden for his time and effort involved in obtaining truck.

Selectman Espie noted the Lord's Hill Fire Station will need to be heated and will be checking on prices for a monitor heater as an alternative.

There will be a non public meeting with Town Administrator Claudia Lamphier about disposal of Town owned property at 3:30, August 3.

Cheryle will follow up on cement skirting.

Awaiting estimate from Brookside Plumbing for hot water heater at fire station. Cheryle will follow up.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Resident inquired about pilings being included in estimate. Selectman Spencer explained process by Stoney Ridge estimate. Selectman Meisner added he had asked Eckman representative as an "in case scenario".

Resident Tom hart asked about time table on Snow Road and permits expiring. Selectman Spencer replied Eckman's schedule is tight but the company is not concerned with schedule. The Selectman added he would like to improve the procedure in the future. Selectman Meisner will call Wednesday to see about getting a timetable or chart. Selectman Espie added the wetlands permit is still good and is only needed to remove culvert. Resident Mike Cahalane had concern with contract and time frame and suggested the town could put out ads for bids now. He also raised concern of the 2% raise across board where some may make more than others, Selectman Spencer noted the comment.

Resident Dave Strauss commented on road plans and a 4 year plan. Selectman Meisner explained the 4 year plan and ongoing building on that plan as projects complete.

Dick Thompson wanted to know when jobs are advertised and where. Cheryle replied where ads are posted. Mr. Thompson recommended going across state lines to advertise as there may be experienced contractors over border.

PROPOSED WORK SESSION FOR 4TH TUESDAY

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5PM FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON WHITE GOODS FEES AND INCREASE IN DUMP STICKER FEES. WORK SESSION TO FOLLOW CONCERNING 4 YEAR PLAN OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II (a-e))

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II(a,c))-Selectman Spencer made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Meisner seconded. Roll-call: Henry Spencer-I John Meisner -I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Spencer called non-public @ 6:45. The Board immediately voted unanimously to come out of non-public session. Selectman Spencer motioned to adjourn, seconded by selectman Espie. Public session reconvened at 7:20 pm.

Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Henry Spencer

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner