

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

September 19, 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: Selectman Spencer read the list of items from each folder to the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

The board approved the minutes of Sept 12, 2017, on site minutes of Sept 13, and post work session of Sept 7 meeting. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$316,155.02.

Selectman Spencer reminded all those in attendance to follow rules of conduct for meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

G. Thompson remarked how comments have been made by Selectman about Edwards and contractors.

Selectman Spencer responded he hasn't aware of any negative comments.

R. Augenti asked if there was a plan to clean culverts because Granite Road needs cleaning.

Selectman Spencer replied they can notify contractor to look at them. Selectman Meisner stated there may be liability issues for using fire dept to clean out culverts, will check into it.

Mr. Augenti also stated his displeasure with the job the mowing company is doing in town as a tax payer and member of budget committee.

Selectman Spencer replied the work was looked at and agreed it was inadequate in some places. They will be in touch with mower for improvements. Changes need to be made for next year. He added some places were redone and there is a need to cut back overhanging branches.

Mr. Augenti also stated as a zoning board member he was taken aback by letter received by Selectmen about interactions with ZEO.

Maureen Spencer speaking as General Assistance Administrator thanked those for previous donations and requested winter coats and accessories at this time, as well as kitchen items and personal hygiene items like toothbrushes and such.

S. Regal following up on Mr. Augenti's mowing comment agreed on the work being done by mower. He suggested partial or nonpayment until board is satisfied with work. Selectman Spencer is aware of situation and Selectman Espie agreed that holding back payment is a good idea.

Dick Thompson commenting on culvert cleaning said it used to be called pump training. Selectman Spencer will follow up with Dig N Doze for ones that need to be cleaned out.

Mr. Thompson asked where does money go for truck that was sold. Selectman Spencer responded into the general fund.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Highway Contractor Dig N Doze

The board wants a schedule to check culverts that will need to be cleaned out, Dig N Doze to coordinate with Randy Burbank to get started. Selectman will go out to see what needs to be crack sealed on Drake and Jones Rds.

Did N Doze reported that it will be time soon for final grading. Selectman discussed culvert work on Molly Philbrick and Pine River keeping in mind beaver control when installing. Selectman Meisner will contact Eckman if more info is needed. Bonneyman Road has been completed.

Bob Battles conflicted with contract demands and wanted to know exactly what he needs to do.

Selectman Spencer requested for him to submit a list for review.

Discussion on new procedure for pay periods to be introduced to all vendors. Selectman Meisner made a motion to accept to hold payments for 7 days, or one manifest cycle to all vendors. Seconded by Selectman Spencer, all in favor.

### **PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

**September 26** to discuss Transfer Station fees final decision to set hearing, changes to roadside mowing, SB38 funds

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Sealed bids were opened for the 1972 International Fire truck**

**1. William Piekut..... 510.00**

**2. S.A. McLean Inc.....1001.01**

**3.Ricker Auto Salvage..2525.25**

**4.Robert McGlincey.....1159.00**

**Winning bid...Ricker Auto Salvage**

**Motion to accept bid by Selectman Spencer, seconded by Selectman Meisner, all in favor.**

**Municipal Buildings:**

*Fire Station:* Schedule work to begin fixing cement

Amerigas propane to be installed at fire station

*Library:* Bulk head and hand rail needs fixing.

Review information submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Straus asked Board if they had increases or decreases to budget for meeting. Selectman Spencer replied probably an increase.

P. Bartowicz mentioned no thru trucking sign on Champion Hill Road and there are trucks going up road. Selectman Spencer will follow up.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II(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 @ 6:35. Selectman Spencer made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Espie. at 6:50. Public session reconvened at 6:50 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:53, all in favor**

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**Leonard Espie**

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**John Meisner**