

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Straus asked if the EMS provider still plans to rent a building on Route 16 as was brought up at last year's Town Meeting. It was explained that the building was no longer available when our contract was signed.

Mike Cahalane explained that before the steel structure of the salt shed is attached to the support walls, he would like to confirm that the bolts that have been purchased conformed to the standards required by the manufacturer of the steel arch.

Fire Chief Burbank reported that the department recently tested hoses and some failed. He also reported that he has received an application for a junior member.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue call report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Paving has been completed at the transfer station.

Selectmen Spencer and Eldridge visited a town owned property to do a property inspection. The former owner has not vacated the property and the most recent court document called for a property inspection before a writ of possession was provided by the court.

Selectman Edwards had some questions about invoices presented by the road contractor.

The Budget Committee will be holding the first meeting of this budget season, tonight. Selectmen will be looking at the road maintenance section and may make some changes.

The Effingham Elementary School PTO is holding a yard sale on October 18th. Selectman Eldridge noted that the general assistance administrator may want to see what is left over to see if there are items left that may be usable by those in need in the community.

The Board's recognition reception will be held on October 14th.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of September 16th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer has not received word back from the company which was expected to do crack sealing.

Selectman Spencer and Police Chief Butts each followed up on allegations made by Carla St. Louis that the owner of the game preserve, a neighbor to her was shooting onto her property. They found no evidence of this.

Selectman Spencer plans to inspect a property on Town House Road which is dilapidated and has requested the fire chief accompany him. The owners of the land would like to tear down the structure which is in very bad condition, but another party owns the building.

Selectman Edwards is looking into placing stairs under the compactor doors to make it easier to dispose of trash.

Some dirt left over from road repairs will be removed from Corner Road following a complaint lodged by a property owner.

Selectmen asked Randy Burbank if he knew why there was a delay in EMS response to a call for service. Randy reported that all EMS units in the area were in use and the unit that responded was at Huggins Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

The road contractor has not been able to get to Snow Road to look over the deteriorating stonework area under the bridge. Selectmen decided to retain a local mason to do the work.

A letter has been written the Selectmen to request reimbursement of the fee assessed by BTLA for filing for a hearing to dispute property value. The request was denied.

The landscaper will be asked to clear the back lot of the municipal building of small growth so it does not become overgrown.

A culvert on Green Mountain Road needs to be looked at. Selectman Eldridge proposed the creation and adoption of a policy for culvert maintenance.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

none

The Board adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Selectman Edwards and Eldridge attended the Budget Committee meeting which adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman