March 26, 2025

6:02 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, Jim White, Vicki Winchell, Carlo Pellagrini, Christy Lewis, Michaela Grady

Selectboard:

* Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2025. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* An informational public hearing for the housing rehabilitation grant was held. Christy Lewis and Michaela Grady attended to answer any audience questions. They reviewed the grant process.
* One more quote was received for repairing the FD building for $8000.00. This was over $2000.00 higher than the bid received from Tony Arigoni. The repairs are being paid through an insurance claim with the deductible being paid out of the Building and Grounds account.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the bid and award the Fire Department building repair to Tony Arigoni in the amount of $5987.95. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Joan and Tim updated the board on the presentation given at the senior center with MVP/HMP team. This was held on March 15, 2025, with Andy Vecchio presenting. Another public presentation will be held on May 10, 2025, at the Senior Center. There is also a meeting scheduled for April 3, 2025, for any core stakeholders who missed the other presentation.
* Sharon Polumbo-Davignon submitted a letter to the board offering to stay in the accounting position despite Dave Fierro’s resignation. Sharon has been working for the town, only it was done under Dave’s accounting business.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to hire Sharon Polumbo-Davignon for $150 per pay period. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the business license for Roger Arigoni, dba RJA Auto Repair and Christodora, dba Manice Education Center. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the warrant for the town elections being held on May 5, 2025. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Pineapple Express, a license cannabis delivery company, has submitted information for the board to review. They would like to offer cannabis delivery in town. The board will review the information and discuss it at the next meeting on April 9, 2025.
* The board signed the MIIA forms for the health and dental insurance rates for FY2026.
* National Grid is refurbishing some poles in town.
* Proposed Chapter 90 funding for FY 2026 is $291,598.27.

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Jim White, Highway Department Superintendent:

* The highway employee who was out has submitted a doctor’s note clearing him to come back to work full time.
* Repaired the sewer pipe at the senior center.
* Painted the highway department bathroom and fixed the floor.
* Finished up potholes.
* John Deere loader had a problem – a loose connection was found.
* Working on the graders, truck 2, and one of the 5-ton trucks to get them ready for spring.
* Picking up branches due to a storm.
* Clearing out culverts.
* Chipper not back yet.
* The backhoe not road worthy and Is not worth putting more money into it. There are several hydraulic leaks. The small tractor is no longer in use either. Jim will check with the custodian at the school to see if he can use it there. The conversation is tabled until the next meeting so Tim can research the proper way to sell items.
* Mike asked Jim to look at a piece of road on North County Road that needs repair. Jim will check into it.
* Neil requested Joan get all the budget request forms together for the budget and entered into the spreadsheet. Copies should be given to all selectboard members as well as the finance committee.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* McLain Electric is coming up on Thursday to bid on the Assessor office wiring project. The town hall portion should be starting in April.
* Rabies clinic scheduled for April 12, 2025, 10-2 pm at the Fire Department.
* Website discussion was held. The goal is to make it more user friendly. The company Site123 costs $549.00 for updating it.
* Joan will be meeting with Dick Alcombright to discuss use of the towns allocated funding from the opiate lawsuit settlement. There are specific uses required for the funding therefore several towns are working together.
* There has been no response from the Bohl family regarding their fence they requested be repaired.
* Called all the accountant interviewees and let them know someone else was hired.

Public Comment: None

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.