

TOWN OF ORANGE

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

Present: Eric Holmgren, Sheila Stone, Kevin Wilson
Town Clerk Angela Eastman, Asst. Clerk Diane Waters

Guests: Steve Simpson (Grant Committee), Rycle Morales (SBA)

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chair Holmgren called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda: Eastman requested addition of a resolution for 2024 Planning Grant and the bank reconciliations.
3. Public Comment:
 - A) Out of respect to the passing today of our Highway Foreman John Barnes' wife, the Board decided to adjourn early by tabling the following agenda items:
 - 8. Discuss update on insurance policy
 - 9. Consider allowing permission for snowmobile club to access town property
 - 10. Review budget
 - 12. Discuss/consider road options for Tucker Road and Reservoir Road
 - 13. Consider setting dates for FY24 budget meetings
 - 14. Discuss personnel policy updates
 - 15. Discuss/consider changing Town Clerk/Treasurer position from salaried to hourly
 - 16. Discuss/consider approving previous meeting minutes
 - B) Steve Simpson stated the Grant Committee will need direction from the Selectboard on what grants they are interested in them applying for.
 - C) Rycle Morales, SBA Public Information Officer, explained how flood victims can take advantage of their services. He stated they do more than issue small business loans. They will be in the area until Oct. 12.
4. Set the Date for Animal Control Ordinance Public Meeting: The Selectboard set a date of November 27 at 6:00 p.m. for the public meeting. Eastman will send the ad to the paper.
5. Consider Signing Amended Grant Agreement for GIA FY23 and GIA FY24: On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously for the Board Chair to sign the grant agreement.
6. Consider Signing Amended Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant: On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Wilson, the board voted to authorize changing the contact person as Stone, with the alternate as Holmgren. Stone refrained from voting. On a motion by Stone, seconded by Wilson, the board voted unanimously to sign the grant resolution. Eastman stated she received the 2024 Planning Grant and needed the resolution signed. On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to accept the 2024 resolution.

7. Consider Signing Grant Agreement for Community Capacity Building Mini-Grant: Eastman explained that she applied for three grants which had already been approved by the Board. She has received approval of the Mini-Grant to hire a consultant to review energy projects for the Town Hall and Clerk's Office. On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to have the Chair sign the grant agreement.
11. Consider Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants: On a motion by Holmgren, seconded by Wilson, the board voted unanimously to accept the AP and Payroll Warrants.

Additional Agenda Item:

Eastman explained that NEMRC is ready to do the November-December 2022 and the 2023 bank reconciliations at a cost of \$145 per hour. They estimated they will need 1-2 hours for each month's reconciliations. Because the cost is within the present budget, the board will allow NEMRC to go forward.

17. Adjourn: The board decided to consider the tabled items at their October 23rd meeting. On a motion by Wilson, seconded by Stone, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Waters, Assistant Clerk