WORKSESSION

JUNE 15, 2021 2:00PM

Present: Supervisor Greg Hartranft, Councilor Garry Stanard, Councilor Ed Wavle, Councilor Margaret Rusaw, Engineer Ian Yerdon, Roger Dunsmoor, Town Clerk Sandy Austin and John Shehadi, from Fiscal Advisors.

Meeting started with the board signing vouchers,

Ian Yerdon went over the C2AE update.

Mt Pleasant/Batman-Distin WSA has obtained additional $124,000 in grant money and $56,000 in loan to cover the construction bids.

CR 6/ Maple Ave WSA, public hearing was held with positive reception. The vote is scheduled for August 17, 2021.

Town Hall Project: Public information meeting was held and it too had a positive reception. The town will go forward with forming a committee.

Full report on file in the clerk’s office.

John Shehadi from Fiscal Advisors, spoke to the town board in regards to combining 5 high interest rated water projects bonds into 1 lower interest bond. The board had discussion after Mr. Shehadi left the meeting. It was decided to put a resolution on the agenda for Thursday June 17, 2021.

Roger Dunsmoor presented the board with a quote for two new pickups. The board gave approval for Roger to go forward with the letter of intent. The board was also told about an Air Spade the highway department has. Roger explained that it is useful when digging around wires and pipes. Better than shovels. A sweeper truck will be coming in next week to sweep the roads that have just been stone and oiled.

The board asked Roger if it would be better to have the highway department coat the track in the park or hire it out. Roger said hiring out would be better. Garry Stanard asked Roger if he has heard anything from Riccelli in regards to getting the salt shed repaired from damage done during winter deliveries. Roger stated he has not heard yet.

Town Clerk, Sandy gave a quick update with the office status.

1. Extra resolutions for Thursday meeting:

 One for the public hearing for Mt.Pleasant/Bateman/Distin Rd, this meeting produced 2 more resolutions to be put on the agenda for Thursday’s board meeting June 17, 2021

1. Spectrum: still waiting
2. Committee for the town hall project has started and will hold meetings on the second Monday of each month starting with July 12, 6PM. Reports will be provided to the Town Board at the monthly board meetings.
3. Town clerk Sandy Austin requested that the town supply the supervisor, Greg Hartranft with a cell phone because it would provide better communication between the town’s people and the town board and make the supervisor more accessible. At this time when calls come in for the supervisor we cannot provide the caller with a time or phone number for them to contact him. This was met with resistance from the town board and no decision was made.
4. Park rules and fees were discussed heavy. Sandy Austin stated that it was not beneficial to pay someone to inspect pavilions before and after reservations. There has been nothing wrong with the way it has been being done. We had one party that left a mess; all others do a decent job of cleaning up after themselves. The issue is finding someone to come in and pick up and wipe down the pavilion areas during the week. We do not make money on reservations it is just a convenience for the people. The town will be creating a list of rules to hand out when reservations are made and the lessee will be aware of what is expected of them when they are renting a pavilion. Talk was had in regards to changing the fees to an hourly rate. Sandy Austin stated that if you rent a pavilion at a state park you are charged a basic fee and have access to the pavilion for the day.
5. Papers were handed out in regards to retaining the Bonadio Consulting Co. to counsel the Town of Volney with the COVID relief money. They would help and guide the town board with making the correct choices for the use of the relief money from the state. There was a councilor that felt the cost was not worth the benefit. No decision was made at this time.

Town Hall project was discussed. C2AE presented a contract proposal for the boards review. A town board member was not in agreement with continuing with C2AE as our engineer. There are different opinions of how to go forward with the project. There was talk about selling town land, having the building done as a design built and then sold back to the town. It was also stated that because this is a municipality that there are certain regulations that need to be followed. These issues will be taken to the town hall committee for further discussion.

Supervisor Hartranft presented the board with a bid to clean up the town owned cemetery on Emery Road. The board was in agreement and a resolution will be put on the agenda for Thursday June 17, 2021.

Supervisor Hartranft also requested that the board meet on a second Tuesday of each month to discuss any situations that should be addressed before the normal work session and board meeting. This will put the work sessions on the calendar every other Tuesday. This would start Tuesday June 29th, 2021.

Having no more business the meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L Austin

Volney Town Clerk