WORKSESSION

JULY 13, 2021 2:00PM

Present: Supervisor Greg Hartranft, Councilor Garry Stanard, Councilor Ed Wavle, Councilor Margaret Rusaw, Councilor Ariane Hamblin-Smith, Engineer Ian Yerdon, Highway Superintendant Roger Dunsmoor, and Town Clerk Sandy Austin.

Meeting started with the board signing vouchers,

Ian Yerdon went over the C2AE update.

Mt Pleasant/Batman-Distin WSA will have a 30 day waiting period after the town passes the updated resolution in regards to the maximum amount to be expended.

CR 6/ Maple Ave WSA, public hearing was held with positive reception. The vote is scheduled for August 17, 2021. Reminder letters will be sent out to the residents in that district. Town clerk said the Inspectors for the vote in August have been chosen and will be appointed on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Town Hall Project: First committee meeting was held Monday July 12, 2021. Greg Hartranft reported that the committee is reaching out and starting the process to build a new building.

Full report on file in the clerk’s office.

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

Extra Resolutions:

1. to get and maintain a cell phone for the towns Dog catchers: Responses: conversation in regards to why they would need a cell. It was explained that the current land line will be disconnected as of July 23, 2021 as the town will be going with a different company. The town clerk felt it would be more feasible, (and recommended by the state comptroller) to have a cell phone that could be passed from one dog control officer to another, rather than paying to put in a land line at each place of residence. Councilor G Standard said he will not vote for that and feels they should be able to use their personal cell phone, Town Clerk S Austin said it was not right to give out the dog controls personal phone number to the public anymore than the board members want their personal phone numbers handed out.
2. to accept the audit draft as the completed audit without being re written.
3. to accept Rich Coles resignation
4. to adopt computer use policy (eastern shores insurance compliance)
5. election inspectors
6. To start procedure and process of building a new town hall
7. to accept Bonadio as our agent for arpa funds Responses: it has been said the board believes the county may have a collective person to handle this and it may be cheaper in the long run. Still waiting, no resolution at this time
8. to transfer money from 68989.4 other uses to town board cont 61010.4 for value of project audit. $7500.00

Spectrum, new equipment has been delivered and should go live on Friday July 23, 2021.

ARPA (Covid Recovery Fund) was submitted on June 29th and we will receive $578,070, half to be paid this summer (2021) and the other half in the summer of 2022.

We closed the meeting at 2:32 pm to hold a special meeting and process the Resolution for the

 maximum amount to be expended. Resolution 2021-76.

The work session continued at 2:36 with discussion in regards to making policies and processes for the town. Supervisor Hartranft would like the board to get together to discuss these issues. Councilor M Rusaw said to do it now. Supervisor Hartranft would like to see a few changes in how the park reservations are handled. He also stated that there have been no more major messes left by the people renting the pavilions. The security deposits were brought up again and Councilors G Stanard and M Rusaw stated the town clerk was responsible to collect a $50 security fee from anyone renting the pavilions and then determine if the people would get their deposit returned to them. Town Clerk S Austin flatly said “NO, She or the clerk’s office would not collect security fees for this purpose. It is un-necessary. The current system has worked for over 10 years with little or no issues. Town clerk also stated that the town park was not created to bring in revenue but was there for the community. If the board was going to require security deposits they would need to get someone other than the clerk to handle them. The parks and recreation is not the responsibility of the town clerk. S Austin suggested going through codes and applying a fine if the area is not picked up to the board’s satisfaction.”

Supervisor G Hartranft made the decision to leave things as they are at this time and come back to this issue at a later date.

Having no more business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L Austin

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