

WORK SESSION

JUNE 25, 2020

A Work Session was held on the above date at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall, 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport.

Present were: Supervisor Annable, Councilmen: Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill

Discussions were as follows:

Reopening the Town Hall

Park/Splashpad Usage

Pavilion deposit - \$ 50.00

Budget

Handbook Changes

Justice Clerk position

Tax Collector position

Attorney

Union Negotiations

Reopening the Town Hall

Supervisor Annable stated that one consideration to reopening would be to have someone at the door to check all visitors, such as Cambria is doing. This would allow for contact tracing, if needed. The plan is to bring back everyone, full time after the July 4th weekend. The doors would remain locked with appointments for specific services. This will remain in effect until August 1st, at which time the situation will be re-assessed.

Councilman Hill stated that things need to open, he is ok with the plan as the residents still have the ability to take care of all business.

Clerk Boyler asked the opinion of the board to make available a program to pay dog licenses online. The cost would be \$1200.00 for the addition to the program. New licenses and those where the rabies needed updating would not be able to use the feature. The board decided at this time to not purchase the program.

Park and Splash Pad

Discussion as to if and when to open the splash pad, some towns had reopened their splash pads and others were waiting. If the pad would be opened, there are several rules and regulations that would have to be put in place. Social distancing would be enforced, sanitizers installed and limit the number of children to use the pad. There are some options as to what could be done:

Post the rules and if the public does not follow, the pad could be closed down, this could be manned or left to the discretion of the public.

Hire an attendant to monitor the pad with hours of noon to 8 pm.

Keep the splash pad closed for the season.

The board seemed to be in agreement to open the pad, with reduced hours, and see how the situation goes, with ability to close the pad if it becomes a problem.

Supervisor Annable attended a meeting at the fire hall to discuss the access road to the splash pad and pavilion. The Town had appropriated funds to help with the firehall parking lot, which the Supervisor offered to the fire company. He requested use of the driveway for those using the pavilion to transport handicapped and elderly persons down and back. He stated that the fire company wishes to put up a gate to eliminate issues with the neighbor. The Town would assume the liabilities, the company agreed to the arrangement.

The board agreed to increase the park deposit from \$25.00 to \$50.00. This will go to vote at the regular board meeting.

Budget

The sales tax notice has not been posted yet. The highway will only do necessary repairs this year, no roadwork and only use CHIPS monies.

Handbook changes

The medical buyout, for those who do not take the insurance will now be a payment of 10% for those hired from July 2020 on. The new court clerk is willing to be full time and does not need the insurance and will be offered the 10% buyout.

Trinity Doept will be replacing Katherine Hirner as court clerk, she will earn the same salary as Kathy and will enter the retirement system. She has one year to move to Hartland, if that does not happen then we would need to change the local law.

Health Insurance Buyout

RESOLUTION 71-2020

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to decrease the buyout for medical insurance from 33% to 10%, for all employees hired June 2020 on.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Meal Breaks

Meal breaks of one-half hour will now be paid.

Longevity schedule has now been changed to match the Union contract. Anyone retiring can now use 832 hours of unused sick time to sell for cash if they resign prior to retirement.

Executive Session – 7:25 PM

RESOLUTION 72-2020

MOTION by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Reed to enter Executive Session for the purpose of matters of employment of an individual and discuss contract negotiations

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

RESOLUTION 73-2020

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Huntington to come out of Executive Session at 8:00PM, with no decisions made.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia S. Boyler

Hartland Town Clerk