

## Hartland Regular Town Board Meeting November 14, 2023 at 7:00pm

The town meeting was called into session at 7:01PM by Chair, Kurt Nelson. Others present: Supervisor Don Acker, Supervisor Mark Girdeen, Treasurer Cyndi Kern, Clerk Polly Remick, Highway Patrolman RJ Duden.

The **minutes** of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting were presented by the Clerk. Motion made by Girdeen to accept minutes, seconded by Acker. Motion carried.

**Monthly bills** were presented. Girdeen made a motion to accept and pay all bills. Motion seconded by Acker. Motion carried.

RJ will look in to contacting our current Alcivia driver for more information on costs and delivery slips vs billing, and possibly look into switching to another company.

The **Treasurer's Report** – showed \$364,907.99 in the checking account. Total funds available \$364,907.99 less equipment outlay of \$36,379.57, road expense of \$217,895.19 Local Recovery Fund of \$41,002.64 and EI Grant of \$400 for an adjusted balance of \$69,630.59. A motion was made by Girdeen to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Acker. Motion carried.

### **RJ's Road and Road Work Report**

- Mowing is complete for the fall. RJ talked to Mark Sears, he is ok with us storing mower in his shed again for the winter season.
- Scrap pile and tires were hauled out of dump. Burn pile and ashes all cleaned up.
- More problems with GFL dumpster pickup. Something in their accounting is putting us into a suspended status. After multiple calls/attempts to resolve the issue, it is still an ongoing problem. RJ contacted Waste Management. They are available to service our area.
- Cedar Corp. sludge hauling began on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. They anticipate 400+ loads to be hauled. They finished up hauling on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. James from Purina is available to inspect the route with board members and patrolman whenever available. RJ marked out areas in the route in need of attention.
- All snow equipment is installed on trucks and ready for duty. RJ was out plowing on the Halloween snow we received. Everything went well.
- The boiler went down again in the shop. It was inspected and was determined fixing would not be the most cost effective. Replacement would be a better option. Contacted Comfort by Design as well as Ryan Mechanical for bids on replacement. Ryan Mechanical was ultimately awarded the bid and was here to replace the boiler.
- Received multiple complaints of a semi-truck/trailer parked for multiple days on 410<sup>th</sup> Ave. causing issues with farm equipment getting through that way. Kurt reached out to the resident to address the problem.
- Salt sand is hauled in and ready for the coming season. RJ is keeping an inventory record per the states request this spring. Price went up \$0.21 to \$14.14/ton.
- RJ was able to meet with Déjà vu Excavating regarding ditch work and (3) culvert replacement cost on 550<sup>th</sup> St. Brian estimates 2-3 days of ditching and 1 day to replace culverts \$10,000-\$15,000 total cost. We would provide culverts and end walls. RJ will reach out to surrounding landowners regarding field access points and possible minor dirt work outside of the ROW.
- RJ was able to meet with Quinn Motors and Ellsworth Ford regarding a town pickup. The availability for a new truck is quite slim. He will continue to watch the used market.
- Long range weather forecast is looking quite mild. We will be out patching and cleaning up brush/trees as long as possible.

The board will consider possible increase to salt/sand rates for 2024 at the December meeting.

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### Old Business

Chair Nelson provided the following bridge projects update –

- 490<sup>th</sup> Street – Operational meeting was held on October 5, 2023. The board decided to move forward with a bridge vs a box culvert for several reasons. See Operational Planning meeting for more detailed information.
- 570<sup>th</sup> Street – Five RFQ's were sent on September 15 2023 with a due date of October 4, 2023. Only one Statement of Qualifications was received back, from Ayres Engineering. Discussion about potential construction concerns and access to adjacent private property. The Clerk will resend the invitation to bid with updated information as to project timeline.

Ambulance Committee Update – None.

Fire Department Report – None.

Building Ordinance as revised in [August] is OK to be publicly noticed. Motion by Nelson, seconded Acker to move forward with publicly noticing and finalizing adoption of new language.

### New Business

Blacktopping of 550<sup>th</sup> Street - After a discussion about out-of-pocket costs for the town, it was determined that it would be in the town's best interest to pass on the \$26K grant due to the upcoming anticipated costs associated with the bridge projects and other road repairs/maintenance.

### Public Comment

### Correspondence

- The October building and/or sanitary permit reports was presented. [Clerk's note – information from the county regarding September permit activity was received after the October meeting, and will be presented at the November meeting.]
- Companion Animal Control Report – no calls in October.

### Upcoming Events

Next regular Town Board meeting December 12, 2023 7:00PM

Motion was made by Girdeen to adjourn the monthly meeting. Seconded by Acker. Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Polly Remick – Clerk