

Hartland Regular Town Board Meeting

August 8, 2023 at 7:00pm

Hartland town meeting was called into session at 7:01pm by Chairman Kurt Nelson. In attendance – Chairman Kurt Nelson, Treasurer Cyndi Kern, Clerk Polly Remick, Supervisor Mark Girdeen, Highway Patrolman RJ Duden, 3 residents/guests.

The **minutes** of the July board meeting were presented by the clerk. Motion made by Girdeen to accept minutes, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Monthly bills were presented.

Girdeen made a motion to accept and pay all bills with the addition of payment to Brian Webster for the months he is owed for time served on the board, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** – showed \$341,810.20 in the checking account. Total funds available \$341,810.20 less equipment outlay of \$43,903.67, road expense of \$220,284.20 Local Recovery Fund of \$90,747.64 and EI Grant of \$400 for an adjusted balance of \$(13,125.91).

A motion was made by Girdeen to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

RJ's Roads and Equipment Report

- Summer mowing is complete
- Spoke with Craig from Scotts Construction we are scheduled to have 650th chip sealed. He thought sometime in August.
- Having some issues with the CB radios in trucks not working. These are the main communication with the workers in the quarries. The CBs in both trucks were replaced and are now working properly.
- We were able to haul/spread rock again for 1 day. 195 tons spread where needed.
- Grader has been out touching up roads as needed.
- Fixing shoulders and washouts as needed.
- Hand patching is continuing weekly.
- Fall blade patching is set to take place the week of the 14th. We are scheduled for 330 tons of blade patch material and 10 tons of chips/sand for smear patching.
- Barry Brenner projects update.
 - The culvert we were going to install an end-wall on is now finished with rock.
 - The hillside that sluffed this spring is currently being fixed by an outside contractor. RJ chatted with the contractor and they assured him the road right-of-way would be clean and finished upon their completion.
- RJ would like to purchase a shop fan to help with air circulation while working on equipment. It would also aid in thawing out equipment in the winter months.

Old Business

Ambulance Committee Report - Mark reported that there will be a 7-8% increase from each town to cover ever increasing expenses for the ambulance service to remain in service.

Revaluation Update – Assessor Lisa Meyer delivered the assessed values book for 2023. She provided additional detail about the revaluation process and the new assessed amounts. Equalized value is up overall by 85%, partly because we haven't done any adjustments since the early 2000's. Residential values have basically doubled. Ag land is up 8-10%. Also the economic value of property is up 28% from 2022-2023. It is important to note that just because

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values have increased by these percentages does **not** mean property taxes will increase by the same percentage.

New Business

Chairperson Kurt Nelson reported that he attended the recent LRIP meeting. The WI Towns Association is administering the TRID and TRIP funds through the LRIP. Kurt is representing Pierce County on the selection committee. And while the Town of Hartland is not in the running this time for funds, there is some new money across the board that should result in about an additional \$39K to the Town. There will be an information meeting in December about 2024 funding.

Public Comment

Don Acker stated that Jay Acker will be attending Fire Department meetings and will be planning to provide updates to the town board at their regular meetings.

Correspondence

- The July building and/or sanitary permit reports (if any) were presented.
- Companion Animal Control Report – No activity or charges for the month of July.

Upcoming Events

Next regular Town Board meeting September 12, 2023 @ 7PM

Motion was made by Girdeen to adjourn the monthly meeting. Seconded by Nelson. Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Polly Remick – Clerk