

Hartland Regular Town Board Meeting June 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

Hartland Town meeting was called into session at 7:04pm by Chairman Kurt Nelson. In attendance – Chairman Kurt Nelson, Treasurer Cyndi Kern, Clerk Polly Remick, Supervisor Mark Girdeen, Supervisor Brian Webster, Highway Patrolman RJ Duden, Highway Maintenance Worker Don Manore, 3 residents/guests.

The **minutes** of the Board of Review meeting were presented by the clerk. Motion made by Girdeen to accept minutes, seconded by Webster. Motion carried.

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

Monthly bills were presented. Patrolman RJ Duden stated that the bill from the county highway department was incorrect. The board directed the treasurer to not pay the county bill until a corrected version was received for review with the June bills. Girdeen made a motion to accept and pay all bills with adjustments and corrections as noted on the list of bills. Motion seconded by Webster. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** – showed \$421,868.95 in the checking account. Total funds available \$424,367.16 less equipment outlay of \$43,903.67, road expense of \$256,636.97, Local Recovery Fund of \$90,747.64 and EI Grant of \$400 for an adjusted balance of \$(25,016.98). A motion was made by Girdeen to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Webster. Motion carried.

RJ's Roads and Equipment Report

- Don and RJ were able to make it to the Universal Truck open house to check out plowing equipment/truck setups. Also dropped off rotochains for rebuild.
- Peterbuilt truck was brought to county shop for rear brake replacement.
- Still need to get Peterbuilt scheduled for HVAC repair in Eau Claire.
- Trees have been pulled out of culverts on the creek road.
- RJ completed Pierce County Drug/Alcohol Training.
- Steering cylinders were rebuilt and reinstalled on the loader.
- Got out with the sweeper to clean up the hills that were still holding on to sand.
- We were able to get rock from Bisel Quarry for 1 1/2 days. Hauled and spread 575 tons.
- Finished spraying for invasives/brush on June 6th and 8th.
- County bridge crew was down to rinse and seal all bridges.
- Still out hand-patching weekly. Mostly caught up, just small breakups left.
- We are scheduled with Luhmans Construction for Dust Settler the week of the 19th. Price took a jump to \$1.25/gal.
- Plan to get mower out of storage next week. There are a couple areas with wild parsnip that would benefit from mowing early. Everything else will be mowed around July 4th to help protect the nesting birds.
- Would like to get a bid from Scotts Construction for chip seal on 650th Street from 320th north to V.
- Intersection of 170th and 670th. The driveway/footpath that cuts up the hillside is washing sand into the intersection. Everything has been swept back as of May 25th.
- RJ spoke with Barry Brenner on 5/15 regarding 370th Avenue. Mr. Brenner is concerned about the bank erosion caused from Xcel spraying herbicide and the town digging out the hillside last year under the Xcel power lines. RJ reached out to Xcel

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- to see if there was anything they could do to remedy the situation. Still waiting for the engineer to inspect and get back to us.
- Mr. Brenner is also concerned with the culvert near 370th Avenue and 490th Street causing erosion into his field. After inspection, a simple endwall on that side of the culvert should fix the problem.
 - Another thing to note on 370th Avenue, someone sprayed the road ditch/shoulder/right of way with a grass killing herbicide. The broadleaf weeds are coming back in; any heavy rains could pose a problem before vegetation is re-established. RJ will keep an eye on it.
 - Looking ahead to Aug/Sept. RJ would like to get a bit more aggressive with the fall blade patching if feasible. Blade patching is the most cost-effective way to maintain/rehab our existing roads. We normally shoot for 10-12 loads; RJ would like to shoot for around 20. This will help us out greatly with hand patching as well as setting up for better road conditions in the winter months.

Old Business

Building Ordinance Revisions – Todd Dolan of AllCroix Inspections was present to review proposed changes to the building ordinance as suggested by AllCroix. After some discussion, the board made decisions on changes to the building ordinance. The ordinance will be revised accordingly, posted for 30 days and become effective after the 30 day posting period.

Unpermitted Driveway, Duane Lorentz – RJ inspected the driveway removal and it was determined that the only work that was done was to remove the PVC pipe. The board directed RJ to tear out the driveway, push the rock on to Lorentz' property and bill Lorentz accordingly.

New Business

Driveway Permit, Theresa Houston – Ms. Houston presented the same application for a driveway permit as was approved last year. The work did not get done, so she is re-applying. The permit was approved and payment received.

Public Comment

Don Manore expressed his heartfelt thanks for all of the support and well wishes for his retirement.

Correspondence

- The May building and/or sanitary permit reports (if any) were presented.
- Companion Animal Control Report – There was a found dog and found owner report. No charges for the month of May.
- Letter from Xcel Energy regarding regarding transmission line maintenance notice
- Driveway permit correspondence from Danny Skarsten W6652 – 320th Ave.
- Pierce Pepin Capital Credit letter

Upcoming Events

Next regular Town Board meeting July 11, 2023 @ 7PM

Motion was made by Girdeen to adjourn the monthly meeting. Seconded by Webster. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

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Polly Remick – Clerk