

Town of Holland
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Town Office
January 17, 2023

Present: Select board Members: Andrew Bouchard, Trevor Gray, Jonathan Morin
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Judd
Road Foreman: Tommy Charest
Others: Ed Brady, Karla Braunesreither, Jessica Judd

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Andy
- 2. Minutes – from 12/20/2022 were approved Jonathan/Trevor
- 3. Adoptions/Amendments to Agenda - none
- 4. Public Comment –

Karla said the Holland Community Center will be doing a free lunch for Holland Seniors on February 27. The HCC will be selling coffee, donuts and muffins at Town Meeting to raise funds.
Jessica had questions about the funds committed to NEK Broadband with the ARPA funds. Some of the paperwork that has been put out is a bit confusing. According to what the board knows, currently there is no fiber in Holland or if there is (the school used to have it) it may not be sufficient for the new fiber lines. As Jessica is trying to run two businesses out of her home it is difficult to have only the poor Consolidated Communications internet that she currently has. Eventually most of Holland will have fast internet available to them through this investment of ARPA funds, according to the board and the information they have received.

5. New Business

a. Road Foreman Report – The loader has been repaired. Beauregard Equipment had to come and work on it. Tommy changed the door handle at the garage as it had been freezing up, and he added a key lock box on the building. Prior to this, there had been a coded key pad to enter. He said too much salt is in the salt shed and it’s pushing the wall out. He will need to remove the salt and repair the wall. There was a discussion about the best way to store salt. A discussion ensued about setting up a reserve fund to start saving for a new garage. He has gotten price quotes on a new excavator as well as a trailer to move it around. He is still waiting on more quotes. He is also getting quotes to replace truck 19.

b. Town Meeting Warning – Discussed whether or not to eliminate the position of Constable as there could be issues if our Constable were to do law enforcement actions. It was decided simply to vote for our Constable not to be allowed to have law enforcement authority. The Sheriff’s department can do those type of services when needed. Other than that, it’s a standard warning. An article will be added regarding mailing the town reports or not for 2024. The final warning will be drafted for the meeting on January 31.

c. ATV Ordinance – This was not for a full blown review, rather it was noticed that there were 2 blank spots that were neglected to be completed. This will be corrected and the amended ordinance will be adopted.

d. Certificate of Highway Mileage – reviewed and signed.

6. Unfinished Business –

Finalize Budget- Final budget amount is \$840,843.28. Andy moved to approve the proposed budget, 2nd by Jonathan. All in favor. The total budget increase is \$19,715.

7. Select Board Updates – Joe Noble has resigned as both a Cemetery Commissioner as well as our solid waste district supervisor. The Cemetery Commission will appoint someone to replace Joe. Our recycling attendant Ray Fontaine will be asked if he is interested in the solid waste supervisor position. We will be getting additional FEMA money from the 2019 Halloween Storm; \$4,379.93. We have received an additional \$43.27 In ARPA funds.

9. Review of bills and signing orders –

Highway:			General:		
Payroll	12/27/2022	\$2,138.39	Payroll	12/27/2022	\$772.69
Payroll	01/03/2023	\$2,504.53	Payroll	01/03/2023	\$810.55
Payroll	01/10/2023	\$2,164.33	Payroll	01/10/2023	\$968.46
Payroll	01/17/2023	\$2,364.33	Payroll	01/17/2023	\$932.95
Invoices	12/31/2022	\$17,440.21	Invoices	12/31/2022	\$2,760.24
Payroll Tax	12/31/2022	\$2,689.60	Payroll Tax	12/31/2022	\$1,524.50
Invoices	01/17/2022	\$2,719.30	Invoices	01/17/2023	\$3,109.82

8. Executive Session - none

10. Adjourned at 8:40

Next regular meeting will be **Tuesday**, January 31, at 6:30PM
Meeting schedule – February 14 & 21