

APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2024

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Darryl Perkins. Also Present: Cheryl Slayton, Patricia Crocker, Carl Bayer, Matt Troiano, and Lori Beesaw.

The minutes of Special Meeting December 28, 2023 and Special Meeting January 4, 2024 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve minutes of December 28 & January 4 as printed. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda:

Carl Bayer-Questions for the Board

Matt Troiano-Winter Carnival

Darryl moved to approve the two additions to the Agenda. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Carl Bayer asked the Board if there was any further discussion on bulk recycling. Andy stated that recycling expenses and revenue have been combined. He would like to have bulky; tires and recycling be separated to compare expense and revenue. This will be discussed at the Budget Meeting.

Carl's second question for the Board was about weatherizing the Town office. Andy stated it has been difficult to find contactors. Carl said he has several volunteers that will help to clean the upstairs of the Town Office.

Matt Troiano-Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 27, 2024 with a rain date of February 3. Matt requested funds (\$600.00) for the horse drawn wagon rides. After discussion Darryl moved to fund the horse drawn wagon rides from the Nicole A Hayne's Fund. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl asked if the unspent money in the Town Building Energy Efficiency fund should be moved to the fund balance. The Board advised Cheryl to move the unspent funds to the fund balance.

The Board reviewed bills ending December 31st and beginning in January.

Road Report: The new truck has arrived; snow tires and radio have been installed. Flanders Sign will be putting the Town decals on the truck. The 1-ton truck will be going to Darling's Auto to repair a DEF sensor issue. Ryegate received 12-14 inches of snow from the Sunday storm.

FOR ACTION:

The Board reviewed a letter from Christopher Page.

Christopher would like to purchase the Town's land abutting his mother's (Patrica Page) property. He will be purchasing the home. The Board stated the purpose of the buying the land was for the Town's future needs. Andy will send a letter to Christopher with the Town's response.

Town Employee 2024 Wage Discussion:

The Board discussed wage increases for the Town Employees. The Machine Fund increase was also discussed.

Future discussion will be at the Budget Meeting.

FOR INFORMATION:

Blue Mountain Grange is requesting Tax Exemption on the Town Warning

This will be an Article on the Town Warning.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business. Darryl moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

_____ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board