

APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

March 25, 2024

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Darryl Perkins. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Andrew Smith. Also present: Cheryl Slayton and Nelson Elder.

Minutes of March 11, 2024 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes as written. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried with one abstention.

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting were reviewed. Darryl moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to Agenda:

NEK Broadband alternate appointment at the next meeting.

BCA meeting scheduled for April 8, 2024

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer stated that she will transfer the \$30,000.00 from the Ticklenaked Pond Dam fund to the Renewable Energy Fund balance as voted at Town Meeting. She will also transfer \$13,315.62 from the ARPA Fund to Ticklenaked Milfoil Removal fund. This is the last installment as approved by the Board.

Cheryl asked if part-time highway personnel receive over-time for weekend work. After discussion the Board agreed to pay over-time and they will review the Highway part-time compensation plan. The Town received \$68,793.54, a FEMA Grant from 2017 washouts. This grant money will be deposited in the Highway Fund.

The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report:

The dirt roads had begun to firm up before the weekend snowstorm. Had to put wings back on the plow trucks in preparation for a weekend storm. Levi Welch worked part-time to assist with weekend plowing.

Nelson placed an order for summer culverts. He has applied for the Class 2 paving grant.

After discussion the Annual VTRANS meeting will be held April 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Town Office. The Board reviewed an estimate Nelson received to replace one of the garage doors.

FOR ACTION:

The LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan) was reviewed and signed by the Chairman.

Regina attended a VLCT Webinar on Municipal Budgeting which included ARPA Funds. If monies allocated are not spent for what they were allocated for by end of 2026, the monies are lost and must be returned. VLCT recommended moving ARPA funds to "surplus" and, therefore/ ending federal ties to the monies and reporting. After discussion, Andy motioned to move the remaining ARPA money to the General Fund as recommended by VLCT. Darryl seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

FOR INFORMATION:

The BMU Budget Vote will be April 15, 2024.

Andy moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing threatened litigation. The timing was necessary. Darryl seconded the motion, and it carried.

Executive Session started at 8:30 PM and ended at 8:52 pm. No motions were made.

Darryl moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Regina seconded the motion, and it carried.

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Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board