

APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2023

Town Office and Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Darryl Perkins. Also present: William Hetu, Cheryl Slayton, Shawn Burroughs, Greg Murray, Steve Crandall, Levi Welch, Carl Bayer, Nelson Elder, Dan St. Cyr (Allegiance Trucks) and Sandy Ladd (R.R. Charlebois). Zoom: Julian French and Crystal Franklin.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda:

Greg Murray, Fire Dept. Application and Fire Truck purchase.

State Police Contract

Green Up Bags are at the Town Clerk's Office.

Darryl moved to accept the 4 additions to the Agenda, Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Bid Opening for New 2024 Highway Truck and Body:

The Board received 3 sealed bids for the 2024 New Highway Truck:

New England Kenworth-2024 Kenworth, \$158,807.00
-\$50,000.00 Trade-in 2015 Kenworth
\$108,807.00

R.R Charlebois-2024 Freightliner, \$116,780.00
-\$32,000.00 Trade-in 2015 Kenworth
\$84,510.00

Allegiance Trucks-2024 International, \$113,984.00
-\$30,000.00 Trade-in 2015 Kenworth
\$83,984.00

After discussion Regina moved to accept the bid for 2024 Freightliner, \$116,780.00 with a trade-in # of \$30,000.00- totaling \$84,510.00, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board received 3 bids for the New Truck Body and Plow package:

Viking-Cives of Vermont, Viking-\$81,000.00

HP Fairfield, Everest-\$100,164.00

Tenco -\$92,170.00

After discussion Darryl moved to accept the bid for the new truck body and plow from Viking-Cives of Vermont, at the price of \$81,000.00, Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Shawn Burroughs-NEK Broadband Representative:

The Board asked Shawn to attend the meeting to answer question they had about the spur projects in Ryegate, before they commit \$76,000.00 in ARPA Funds for this project. The spurs are on Witherspoon Rd and Barr Dr. The Board asked how many residents will be served by the 2 spurs? Shawn explained that a total 58 residents would benefit from the spurs. He does not have the total number that have signed up for this service. The two spurs would run a distance of 8 ½ miles from the main line out of

Groton. Currently only 3 residents on Barr Dr have signed up for service. The cost to residents would be lower than their current internet providers depending on the plan. Every address within the CUD NEK Broadband will be served within 7 years, this includes the 52 Towns that are members of the CUD. The Board thanked Shawn for attending.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl asked if she should create a new line item for computer support for the Select Board, the Board agreed to this. The board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Greg Murray-Ryegate Fire Department: The board reviewed one application for a new fire dept. member, Lucas Welch. Andy made a motion to accept the application, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried. Greg presented the proposal of purchasing a used 2006 E1 Fire Truck from Tilton NH for \$20,000.00. After discussion Regina moved to purchase the 2006 E1 Fire Truck for \$20,000.00, Andy seconded the motion and it carried. Greg asked about possibly donating the old truck for training purposes, and the Board agreed to this.

Road Report: Nelson stated that the sand pile has been removed from the neighbor's property. He asked what line item should be used for payment of this project. The Board stated an unfunded line item should be created. Nelson wanted the Board to think about how he should contain the sand from overflowing into the neighboring property. Nelson has ordered the summer culverts. All wings are off the plow trucks and they have taken the studs out of the truck tires.

For Action: The Board signed the updated proposal for Engineering Services for S, Ryegate Sewer. The Board approved and signed the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

The Vermont State Police Contract was reviewed, the amount is more than was budgeted. The Board asked the Clerk to send it back to VSP with the amount that was budgeted, to be revised by the VSP. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Class 4 Roads and Trail Policy was discussed, it will remain on the agenda.

For Information: The Wireless Comm. Facility Petition Filing was reviewed.

Public Comment: Green Up bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Green Up Day is May 6th

William Hetu asked about the Recycling Center, and a ticket process to ensure that just Groton/Ryegate residents were the only ones using the facility. The Board stated that they will consider this at a further time.

Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board