

APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

August 28, 2023

Town Office

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, Virginia Ross, Deanna Arnosky, Amalia Fisher, Greg Murray, Steve Crandall and Nelson Elder.

Minutes of 8-14-23 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes as printed, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to Agenda: None

S. Ryegate Public Library Officers and Trustees were present to request some of the ARPA money that was allocated to the library for repairs to the septic and water system and repairs to the bathroom. The expenses incurred so far are a total of \$6976.25. Darryl made a motion to pay the amount of \$6976.25 from the ARPA Fund to the S. Ryegate Library, Regina seconded the motion and it carried. The S. Ryegate Library Officers and Trustees thanked the Select Board for the contribution made by closing the E. Ryegate Library account.

The Select Board and the Auditors are working to close several of the inactive accounts. Andy explained the history of The Lind Homes Housing account that has been inactive for many years. Andy made a motion to expend the Lind Homes Housing account, the amount of \$4372.72 and pay it to the S. Ryegate Library, Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Bid Opening for the Whitehill Culvert Project.

The Board received two sealed bids for this project.

Blue Mountain Trucking \$162,899.00

Ron Fenoff Excavating, LLC \$126,245.60

Regina made a motion to accept the bid from Ron Fenoff Excavating, the amount of \$126,245.60, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders. Andy asked for more information about the Window Dresser of Maine program and what they have done locally before the Board agrees to contribute \$500.00 to the program.

Road Report: Bruce Boyce can return to full-time work per doctor's note.

The Hwy crew has been doing ditch work on N. Bayley Hazen Rd and Hall Rd. The 2016 truck had computer issues and had to be towed to Lyndonville for repairs. The winter tires have been sent to be recapped. The grader has a leaky lift cylinder, Nelson will investigate cost. There are a couple of trees on Symes Pond Rd that are leaning towards power lines. Nelson called GMP, the trees are not in their right of way. Nelson will contact a local arborist/tree service to remove the trees. The Hwy crew has had to remove several trees from the road and telephone line on Gilfillian Rd. Nelson is waiting to hear from Rowden's about prices on steel, for small bridge near Mountain Meadow Pottery in S. Ryegate

The Board reviewed one application for the Fire Dept. After discussion Darryl moved to accept the application for Chuck Fisher, Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

On the Agenda for the next meeting will be bid opening for the sale of the E-6 Fire Truck.

The Board reviewed possible sites for an EV charging station in Ryegate. Andy moved that the Board is not in favor of an EV charging station at the Town Clerk's Office, Regina seconded the motion and it carried. The Board discussed the possibility of an EV charging station at the Park n Ride in S. Ryegate.

The door into the Post Office at the Town Clerk's Office is closing with difficulty, the Board will look at it and see what needs to be done.

There being no further business. Regina moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

_____ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board