

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES
November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Paul Keenan. Members present: Andrew Smith and Claudette Sortino. Also present: James and Billie Maas, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, Richard Hodgson, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andrew that carried. Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add two items to the agenda: Solar Array and Town Signs. Bill Hetu said he likes the new town ramp and door at the Town Hall. Totals so far for the project are \$3824. A bill for the metal roof has not arrived as yet, but the project will most likely come in under budget.

Jim and Billie Maas were present to voice concerns over speeders on Creamery Road. They were told the speed limit there is 35 mph and the Road Foreman will check the signage. They have a blind driveway and were almost wiped out. Nelson suggested a Blind Driveway sign could be put there and will hopefully help. The Maas also asked for some brush trimming along a steep bank. There was a question about water shut-off at Whitelaw Hall. The Board feels if the valve is inside the building that is leaking, it's the owner's responsibility. If it's outside the building it's the Water System's responsibility.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl has talked to Wells Fargo about cashing out some accounts to pay for the Paton Land Purchase. The Elizabeth Hall Cemetery Fund has \$20,350.00 available. This amount will vary when finalized and will be somewhat higher. Paul, Andrew, Cheryl and Marsha signed documents prepared by Wells Fargo for such an event. Other funds were discussed and it was decided to use the Ryegate Cemetery Fund with \$11,078.98, the Cameron Fund with \$2,000, the Byrne-Buchanan Cemetery Fund with \$491.43 and the CA Park Cemetery Fund with \$697.75. The Board will consider ways to thank the people who donated the money in the various funds. The Board viewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report: BMU called to ask for a Bus Stop sign at Whitelaw Road. The Boltonville Bridge will be closed starting November 16 for a week or two. Nelson will put up signs by Bible Hill if Newbury doesn't. The extended warranty is almost up on the Loader 2011. Nelson wondered if the Board wanted to extend it or let it run out. The Road Foreman was asked to check into extending it an additional five years and what the price would be. Ditching is all done and whips are going up. The new town signs are done. Permits may be needed for the signs to be placed on state roads. The Clerk will check. The crew will be grading if we still have the

weather. Andy asked if Nelson was looking into a truck trade for this winter, and asked him to do so. Nelson mentioned the grader is the oldest piece of equipment.

The Board asked the Clerk to have the Sheriff's Department deliver a dog warning along with a copy of the Dog Ordinance to a person in South Ryegate whose dog has allegedly been killing pet rabbits.

The Engineering Services Agreement for Final Design, Bid and Construction Phases for the South Ryegate On-Site Wastewater System Renovation DG 3160006 was received and signed by the Chairman of the Board after Paul moved to sign the documents and Claudette seconded the motion that carried. The project qualifies for a 50% grant for engineering which can be applied for. Andy mentioned the man monitoring the system now had an idea for a \$1000 to \$1200 repair on the fields that can get the Town through the winter. The Town is under a Court Order to get the repairs done by the end of the year, but with the repair hopefully we can get a six month extension.

Paul reported the Railroad crossing in East Ryegate is being addressed. There was no further Public Comment and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk