

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2024

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Darryl Perkins. Other members present: Regina Hazel. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Carl Bayer and Nelson Elder.

Minutes of February 26, 2024 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes as written. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting March 8, 2024, (Select Board Organize) were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes as written. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to Agenda:

Darryl stated that as Chairman he would like to add a new policy for Public Comment. Any person wishing to present a subject to the Board has a ten-minute limit. Two -minutes to address/ present to the Board and eight minutes to discuss the subject. A limit of two subjects. If needed the Board will approve further discussion.

Carl stated that the Energy Committee was pleased that Andy was reelected and will continue to work on the Geothermal project.

Carl Bayer asked to see the MERP assessment reports on the Hwy and Fire Station buildings. He was told the reports have not been sent to the Town yet. Carl referred to the Renewable Energy handout, questioning the MERP amount. Regina explained the \$71,000 was only a place-holder guesstimate, and that the grant could be as high as \$400,000. Carl then questioned the Town's role in the school budget. It was explained that our budgets and funding are totally separate. Our tax bills show the separate tax rates for municipal and school.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report: The continued fluctuation of the weather has been a challenge. The Highway Crew is working to keep the roads passable. An out of state car got stuck on Meader Rd due to inaccurate GPS directions. Residents on Staplefeld Dr are asking for assistance from the Town to maintain the road. Nelson agreed that the town would provide material and the residents would be responsible for hiring a contractor and labor expenses to spread the material.

FOR ACTION:

The Board signed the Inter-Governmental Ambulance Service Agreement and the Caledonia Sheriff's Contract.

ARPA Funding-Tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: -None

Possible Executive Session-Tabled until next meeting.

There being no further business. Regina moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

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Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board