

ARROWSIC SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Ken Gunston, Chr Cummings, Michael Kreindler and Linda Warner

Open: 6:00PM

WARRANT & TREASURERS REPORT:

Warrant #11 (\$104,804.39) was reviewed by Michele and was approved by all.

MINUTES:

Minutes of 11/24/2014 were approved as amended.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

Linda reported that she has ordered a replacement 'blue box' and a padlock from the State. The ballots are stored in the 'blue boxes' on election night, they are tamper proof. The other 'blue box' has a broken latch and the lock is not approved by the State Elections Office.

Linda also reported that the copier is, once again, not working correctly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION AND PLANNING WITH CHIEF, CHRIS CUMMINGS:

Bill reported to Chris Cummings that at the last training session there were three items that were discussed by the FD (Chris was not able to attend this meeting).

The three items were:

1. Do we need 3 trucks?
2. Engine Two.
3. Responses to calls - pagers vs texting.

Chris addressed the pagers vs texting first. The radios and pagers that are currently being used are owned by the Town of Arrowsic. Some of the pagers are failing. He has put in a grant for replacements pagers, they cost \$500 a piece. He has batteries available for the pagers that are no longer holding a charge. The testing option is expensive - it would cost the town \$1000- \$1200 a year to implement. Texting is a secondary means of notification. Chris asked the board to discuss with County Commissioners having the County help with the cost of the texting option. Sukey will try to get input from them.

Engine #2. Chris is estimating (based on previous research) that it will cost about \$225,000 less than the resale of the Mini-Pumper to purchase a new truck. Mini-pumpers are a specialty truck, which makes them more expensive. A new truck would pump 1000-1250 gallons/minute and can fill a 4000 gallon truck in 4 minutes. The Mini-Pumper is important to both the Town of Arrowsic and to the neighboring communities as part of Mutual Aid. Chris will prepare a proposal to present to the town.

residents regarding the potential purchase of a new Mini-Pumper. The current Mini-Pumper leaks transmission fluid and the pump is finicky. It is also not an automatic and not all the Fire Fighters can drive it.

Do we need 3 trucks? Chris believes that yes we do need the three trucks. The pick-up can get into

tight areas and is great for hauling. The tanker is a very valuable piece of equipment, but there are areas where it can't get into close proximity to homes. The Mini-Pumper can normally get into the tighter areas.

Chris agreed to prepare a proposal to the town for replacing Engine 2 and Bill agreed to investigate financing options by the end of January. The Select Board tentatively agreed to hold a meeting in March at which residents could ask questions and have input to the decision. If the proposal proceeds beyond that, there will be another opportunity for residents to hear about the proposal before presentation at the Town Meeting in June.

OTHER PROPERTY ISSUES - LOOKING AHEAD:

It has been a year since the Selectmen met and created a plan for property improvements. They have made good progress in implementing the improvements for this year. Sukey reports that the town is progressing on improvements to the kiosk, fire department apron and signage. The Selectmen will revisit the Properties issues in January.

PLOWING COMPLAINTS:

A resident who has complained about the snow plow tearing up her yard is still unhappy with the situation.

UPDATE ON VIOLATIONS, IF ANY:

Bill reported that we have not as yet received the signed consent agreement regarding the Keefe property. He will follow up with David King, Atty.

There is no new news to report on another violation.

COPIER REPORT:

Bill reported that he has had the 200 Copier on Craig's List and has had no luck. He will send out an email to town residents, asking them if they are interested in taking the machine. If no interest, he will speak to the Recycling Committee about disposing of the machine.

Linda will call A-Copi to have them service the 350. She will try to get the company to give us a break since the machine has not run properly for two weeks and was just repaired in early November.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda reported that the Monthly BMV report will now be an annual report, the report will be alphabetical by resident name, month due and the license plate. It is hopeful that residents will find that more useful than the monthly report now being posted online.

Signage: Bill reported that a permanent informational sign (at the Town Office) might not work and maybe we should be looking at a portable device. The discussion was tabled until January.

OTHER:

Jim Stump had asked Sukey Heard to attend the Webinar on E911. Sukey is now an Alternate Addressing Officer for E911.

Management Disc. and Analysis is completed and will be sent to Purdy Powers for inclusion in the Town Report.

SAGADAHOC EMA DIRECTOR HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH SUKEY:

Sukey will meet with the EMA Director - Eric (?) She will also talk to Max Dawson about having him attend one of the Selectmen's meetings and discuss the Fire Department Texting as well as any other issues.

ADJOURN: 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner

