

REGULAR BOARD MEETING -TOWN OF EXETER

Town Hall, Monday, January 14, 2013; 7:30- 8:15 PM

Board members in attendance:Chair Fahey, Supervisor Gundlach and Zweifel, Clerk Christen.

General:Alton Sherman (Road Patrolman), Marc Peterson (Recycling Center Manger), Allen Chapman, Mark Grunewald

Call to order:Chair Fahey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting had been properly posted.

Minutes: December 2012 minutes approved, **MOTION (Gundlach, Zweifel), approved.**

Treasurer Report:December ending balance- \$615,003.16, **MOTION (Gundlach, Zweifel) approved.**

Announcements:

-Clerk Christen asked if any of the board members would like be attending the Heavy Equipment on Rural Roads meeting in Monroe on January 16. 2 members would attend as well as A. Sherman.

- The Clerk has been requesting boundary maps from schools etc.

Citizen input:

-**Allen Chapman** spoke about his concern with salt use and the icy conditions on Hughes Road. He has had to assist a few people that had become stuck entering their driveways etc. on Hughes Road. The Town Board implemented a policy several years ago to salt/sand hills, intersections/ stop signs, curves/corners only.

This has cut the extreme cost of salt drastically; currently salt is applied/ metered at 400# per mile. The lowered use of so much salt is also better environmentally. Allen was informed if people want the entire portion of roads salted then the board will do ALL of the roads in the town not just certain roads. This will of course increase the salt budget dramatically as the cost of salt continues to increase with the price of fuel. Also discussed was how much of the issue is just common sense on the drivers part versus road conditions. People need to drive for the conditions and allow extra time. The town is responsible for making the roads passable by law. Use of salt and sand is not mandated by law it is used at the discretion of the board. Bare roads are not a requirement by any form of government.

Committee reports:

Recycling- the Friday pick ups done by Pellitteri are not working out, we will have to request a switch if it continues. Mark G. will call the rep.

Park- next meeting will be March 5. Clerk Christen also mentioned had mentioned that there had been a request to have some part of the park driveway plowed as people are trying to use the disk golf and are not able to enter the park. Alton will plow a path in and out but the entire lot is not necessary.

New business:

Green County Veteran Services has proposed to buyout the Veteran graves in Exeter @ \$50 per grave. This would be perpetual care for the graves. Chair Fahey asked the Clerk to get a sample contract from the department for the board to review in detail what they are requesting.

2012 Western Star snowplow truck loan- the truck has not arrived yet necessitating a loan payment as levied in 2013. The board would like to take the payment levied (\$14,050) and apply it to the remainder of the fire truck loan and then pay off the balance (\$8,950) of that loan with carryover funds. This would finish that loan as well as the 2010 Kenworth truck loan will be paid off in March 2013. The first payment for the 2012 Western Star loan will be due February 2014. **MOTION to approve the re-allocation of the levied loan payment (Gundlach, Zweifel) all in favor, approved.**

Review of the standard wage paid to part time snowplow drivers and the board members pay. Clerk Christen stated that by state statutes this has to be a discussion at the Town's Annual meeting in the spring. The discussion was tabled.

Bills as presented by the Clerk, **MOTION (Zweifel, Gundlach)** *approved.*

Adjournment, **MOTION (Gundlach, Zweifel)** *approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Candee J. Christen, Clerk