TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting March 25, 2021

Selectmen in Attendance: William Flynn, Erik Walker, Ricky Emery

Attendees: Dickie Perreault

Zoom attendees: Cindy Walker, Cindy Eaton, Joe Egan, Lori Talman

5:30pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of March 16th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Ball Fields – Bill suggested that we have a conversation with the new owner of the Rye Field to discuss property lines. Megan will reach out to invite him to an upcoming Selectmen's meeting.

Fire Truck Bid Opening – One sealed bid was received after the deadline of March 16th at 4:30pm for the 1988 International, but since it was postmarked March 12th the Board agreed to open in. Erik motioned to not accept the bid of \$4,250 from Asian Auto Service in Plaistow, NH because it did not meet the minimum bid requirement of \$8,500; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Budget/Warrant – There was discussion of the proposed Admirative budget that will be presented to the Budget Committee on April 5th. Joe Egan asked if there had been thought of a sub committee to research other Maine towns wages and compare them to our town; Erik motioned for Joe to form a sub-committee to consist of several budget committee members to research employee wages; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Ricky asked Megan to find out what LRAF funds were available for paving and what excise tax we have taken in.; Megan will ask Wanda for these numbers. Lori Talman suggested that we advertise more in the Shoppers Guide as some people do not have the internet to check the website; Ricky suggested that we add \$2,000 in advertising expenses to accommodate this. The Shoppers Guide also has a "What's Happening" section where you can advertise 30 words or less for free.

RHR Smith – The Board asked if Ron had sent over the information for the statutory requirements for the Treasurer; Megan stated that she has not received anything yet but will reach out to him tomorrow.

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TS Stickers – Bill stated that the employees at the TS have recently dealt with a hostile resident who did not have a sticker on their vehicle; the sticker is a requirement to use our transfer station.

6:37pm Erik motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Out of executive session at 7:00pm.

Ricky motioned to hire Cliff Cousins as Public Works Director starting at \$18.00/hour; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

7:04pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Megan Wítt

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