

Shaftsbury Select Board

July 5, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. in person at Cole Hall and remotely via the Zoom platform. Present were selectpersons Art Whitman (chair), Mike Cichanowski, Martha Cornwell, Tony Krulikowski, and Joe Barber.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Mr. Barber moved to approve the June 6 minutes. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion which passed, 5-0-0.

Mr. Barber moved to approve the June 22 minutes. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-2.

4. Warrants

Payroll warrant #26, \$25,268.28. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Check warrant #1, \$40,239.60. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Retirement warrant #4, 11,269.76. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Check warrant #41 (to correct an underpayment to delinquent tax collector Mert Snow in FY22), \$600. Mr. Barber moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

5. Announcements

There were none.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Treasurers report

Ms. Dexter submitted her last report for FY 22. She described the delinquent taxes and voided checks (the latter had never been cashed). The cash balance at the end of the year was \$302,066.51. She wasn't sure if the Town would need to take out a loan before November taxes begin to come in. She said the net revenues and expenditures would change slightly as end of year payments are made.

8. 2023 BC Sheriff Contract

Mr. Kiernan said the hourly rate has increased \$2/hour. Mr. Kiernan said the office had provided satisfactory service. He said engineering solutions may be needed in the Cleveland Avenue neighborhood to manage speed limits. He said the sheriff's office has never invoked the gas surcharge option in the contract. Mr. Cichanowski moved to accept the contract. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0. Mr. Kiernan will sign it.

9. Roads Grant P02087 \$194,758.40 Paving White Creek Road

Mr. Kiernan asked for approval to sign the White Creek Road paving grant. White Creek Road would be paved from Rollin Road to the state line. A 25% match is required, which will be covered by the paving fund. The grant must be executed by the end of December 2024. The project to resolve the slumping site on White Creek Road will be fit into the timeline. Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the grant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan noted that notice of approval came in today for a \$46,000 Better Roads grant for work at Sally Gannon and Murphy Hill Road. The Town's match is about \$1100. He asked for approval to sign the grant. Mr. Cichanowski moved to sign the grant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

11. Sullivan & Powers Audit FY 22 contract

Mr. Cichanowski moved to sign a new contract at an increased price of \$600. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

12. Roads Report

Mr. Kiernan said a bid request will go out this week for a drainage project at West Mtn. and Blueberry Hill. The work will be funded by a grant. Vtrans staff contributed to the design. Ditching and grading continues throughout town. The mower still hasn't arrived. It was due nearly three weeks ago. The vendor lacks the staff to put the pieces together. Meanwhile, the DPW is tackling high priority areas with weed whackers.

13. ARPA

Mr. Krulikowski reported that the committee sent out a postcard announcing a survey of citizen thoughts regarding how to spend ARPA money. He described how responses can be submitted by mail, digitally, and by drop off. Non-profits have been asked to present proposals that would incorporate other grant programs.

14. Other Business

Mr. Kiernan noted that the DRB needs new members. He thanked Tom Huncharek, former chair, who has resigned.

15. Review of Action Items

16. Executive Session – Personnel

Mr. Cichanowski moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

17. Adjournment