

Shaftsbury Select Board
Monday, November 20, 2017

1. Call to order
The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Select Board members Tim Scoggins (chair), Ken Harrington, Art Whitman, Tony Krulikowski, and Joe Barber. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.
2. Conflict of interest statement
No conflicts were reported.
3. Approval of minutes
Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the October 30 minutes. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion which passed 3-0-2 with Mr. Harrington and Mr. Barber abstaining.
4. Warrants
Payroll warrant #10, \$18,950.80. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
Check warrant #15, \$92,168.98. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
5. Announcements
Vic Milani, SVSU safety officer, spoke about the MOU between the SVSU and the Town regarding evacuation plans for the school. A stage 2 evacuation would move school staff and students to the fire station. The MOU makes clear that the SVSU will repair any damage to the fire house resulting from the evacuation. The board will review the document.
6. Public comments
There were none.
7. Treasurer report
Melanie Dexter reported that 97.5%± of taxes were received on time. Water bills are out in the mail. The auditors are returning at the end of November to complete the audit. \$1,000,000 has been transferred to the school. The remainder will be transferred when the state notifies the Town what is finally owed the school.
8. Road foreman report
Mr. Kiernan reported for Mr. Washburn that the crew was out sanding and salting and repairing the roof on the salt shed that day. Stumps were removed on Holy Smoke. An application for \$20,000 for six projects was submitted to the Better Roads program.
9. Bid opening, PW Dept. pick-up truck
One bid was received on a one-ton 2017 truck, \$41,679, equipped with an eight foot plow. The dealer will bring the truck by for the road crew to look at.
Mr. Whitman moved that the truck should be purchased from Stevens in Bennington for \$41,679, pending recommendation from the crew. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0. The board discussed acquiring a sander that spreads toward the center of the road.
10. Contract occupational drug testing, mandated CDL testing no longer arranged by VLCT
Mr. Whitman suggested joining the VT Truck and Bus Association, which arranges for drug testing at Occupational Health at SVMC. Each test takes less than two hours.
11. Garage transfer station update
Trees will be coming down as soon as Mr. Legacy submits the insurance forms. Mr. Kiernan will meet with Mr. Goldstone on November 28 for a final editing of the paperwork, which will include language suggested by the town attorney.
12. FY 19 Budget update
Small adjustments will be required. The draft final budget will recommend an increase of 1.8% compared to last year – less than inflation. Several department heads will report at the

December 4 meeting. The Bennington Rescue Squad continues to be the wild card in the budget. Mr. Kiernan will arrange to have the Rescue Squad come to the December 18 Select Board to answer questions, including # transport vs non-transport calls.

13. Contract for POET system

Semi-annual well testing revealed one well at 25 ppt PFOA. The state has notified the Town that it must install a POET in that household. Culligan has worked locally. Mr. Whitman said POETs can reduce water pressure significantly and may require a reserve tank. Mr. Kiernan said, according to Culligan, the installation would cost about \$4005. Maintenance might cost up to \$1000 yearly. Three bids are not required. Mr. Whitman moved to allow Mr. Kiernan to propose to the state that a POET be installed at the residence in question at the cost quoted by Culligan. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

14. Other business

- Materials inside buildings at transfer station: Mr. Kiernan would like to put together a list of materials and hold an open inspection and bid day. To take the gray building down, insurance documents will be required. The board did not object.
- Mr. Kiernan would like join a national consortium to secure discounts on purchases from bigger vendors such as Fastenal. There are no fees involved, and membership can be cancelled at any time. The board did not object to enrolling in the program.

15. Review of action items

Old:

- a name plate for Joe Barber.
- Mr. Scoggins edited the water regulations and they have been signed.
- 911 address for Bob Moffit remains to be done.
- Bennington Rescue Squad numbers: to be provided at December 18.

New:

- Mr. Kiernan will talk with Occupational Health about drug testing.
- Road crew will examine truck
- All board members will read the MOU re school evacuation.
- Mr. Kiernan will submit POET plan to the state.

16. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.