

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE**

November 1st, 2016

PRESENT: Select Board: Tim Makepeace, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Cherry Hopson, Rev. Bill Steinmetz, Will Makepeace, Bill Frye, Ron Dreher, Joel Pliner

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Makepeace at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes of the October 18th, and Special Meeting of October 21st were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed. The Comcast bill will be checked for accuracy. The check for Long Trail Electric will be held until the outdoor lighting works properly.
4. Rev. Bill Steinmetz thanked the board for their work opposing the designation of the Little Lake as a wetland. The LSCCF has worked to get that designation changed, and the Little Lake is now considered a lake instead of a wetland. Rev. Steinmetz said the scientific discussion needs to continue and the board should hold the State accountable for their decisions and actions. He said there is great unity in opposing the wetland designation. He also said another meeting is needed to have state agencies explain their positions. Aeration permits will expire in two years but can be extended. There was discussion of dams and of harvesting weeds. Rev. Steinmetz said a lot of decisions need to be made and everyone needs to work together to make the right choices. Joel Pliner mentioned a funding grant for a harvester, which the town could apply for and he offered to do the work in preparing the application. He will get information about how much money the town would be required to provide and how much will be provided by the grant. A letter from Pete La Flamme to Bill Steinmetz regarding dredging permits is attached to these minutes. Ron Dreher said property values would be affected by these decisions regarding the lake and wetlands.
5. Ron Dreher asked the board to please approve spending \$1100 for a map of neighborhoods in the town. He said reappraisal funds could be used, the map would be good for at least five years, and it would save money in the long run. Tammy made a motion to approve purchase of this tax map. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
6. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is December 10 and the MWA Christmas Party is on December 9th.
7. A question was asked about the status of the Gleason Property. Ron Dreher said the information was sent to Dean Russell Monday.
8. A FEMA Class will be held on November 18th. Tim and Tammy want to attend it.
9. Janet Emmons asked that \$250.00 be released from the library petty cash fund and made payable to Judy Dreher. Board agreed. Motion by Tim, 2nd by Tammy, passed unanimously.

10. Tammy will inquire about the money that will be spent on Lights of Wells. She will find out where it is in the budget and how it will be spent.
11. Tammy discussed the budget. She would like a new line for the Town Report under the Select Board section and lines for tree removal and highway crew mileage.
12. Tim discussed the Transfer Station. Tammy said volume is down and maybe hours should be cut. Tim said maybe personnel should be cut. Paul said he preferred to cut hours. Boards decided the Transfer Station should be open 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays beginning January 1, 2017.
13. Tammy signed the highway grant paperwork on behalf of the board.
14. Board agreed that there should be a computer with internet access at the town garage. Prices will be researched and then a computer can be purchased.
15. A contract for Ryan's work on the Town Report has been drawn up and signed.
16. Tim discussed the electrical panel box at the library. More information is needed before a decision can be made about replacing it but some wires may need to be upgraded. Paul said the library would do well to look into grants.
17. The Cemetery Association reimbursed the town in the amount of \$2500.00. Question was asked of where this money will be posted in the financial statements. Tammy will check with Nora.
18. Board will meet with employees to discuss concerns and issues. This will be tentatively scheduled for November 9, 10, 16 and 17.
19. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 PM. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Tim Makepeace

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

