

Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday April 10, 2007
7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard

R. LaFleche
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

R. Cloutier
S. Torrey

Guests

B. Many
S. Hofmann
Bob Elmwood

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Communication: Addison County Sheriff Bob Elmwood gave an overview of the services they provide to towns. He explained that traffic fines go to the towns, which offsets the town expense of hiring the sheriff. The patrol is done in four (4) hour blocks, which is chosen by the sheriff and six (6) patrols per month is the standard. The Sheriff also recommended a speed survey, which they can perform if needed, prior to signing a contract agreement so that speed limits are consistent and not confusing to the public.

Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Road Foreman Report: Advised the Board that he wanted to start the culvert replacement on Lake Road which will cost approximately \$12,000.00. Discussion on the affect this would have on our current budget. R. LaFleche explained he asked the Road Foreman to list what needed to be done prior to paving. The Road Foreman explained that he finds it difficult to know what he has spent in a month and said he would like to review the bills. The deficit was discussed and J. Moulton said that the town hall restoration fund will help to offset this. Discussion on the roads being in poor shape and that work is needed and should be budgeted accordingly. The Road Foreman explained that David Miner gave him a price for roadside mowing and asked the Board if a letter could be written to him explaining that they won't need his service as we are adding another person to the highway department. Discussion on replacing the tractor in another year as it isn't OSHA approved. Discussion on holding a class at the Town Hall, motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche to hold the class at the town hall on April 26th. So voted. J. Moulton advised that Jackson Road is not a private road and therefore asked the Road Foreman to grade it. The Foreman will contact Mr. Jackson to let him know why it isn't being graded. Discussion on the budget for the remainder of the year and it was mentioned that the roads and culverts cannot be bandaided any more.

Old Business:

Chair Sullivan read the recommended reappointments received from the Planning Commission. Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche to reappoint Kim Bingham, Rick Klein and Gary Norton as recommended. So voted. Motion by J. Moulton to appoint Rick Cloutier Tree Warden, seconded by R. LaFleche. So voted.

New Business: Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche to contract the Addison County Sheriff for patrolling. Chair Sullivan mentioned that new mayor Mike Daniels would like to meet with the Town Boards sometime in May.

Action Items:

Check warrants were signed and correspondence reviewed. Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.