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Selectboard Meeting

March 26, 2019

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Howard Hall, Zachary Weaver, and Teresa Smith. Also present was Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia, Bob Groff, Elizabeth Haenel, Eben Markowski, Katia Lamanna, Vicky Hopper, and Sean Willerford.

At 6:35pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. Additions, removals, or adjustments to the agenda – Howard Hall added Bob Groff to the agenda to discuss the Local Emergency Management Plan and its adoption.
3. Teresa Smith moved to approve the March 4, 2019 Town Meeting minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. Teresa Smith moved to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.
4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
5. Appointment of Dog Warden – Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that she had received an email from Allison Myrick asking for information regarding the Dog Warden position. Pam stated that she followed up on the email answering Allison's questions but received no further response.
6. ANWSD School Board Vacancy – The Board stated that Beth Tarallo was asked if she had any interest in being the Panton representative to the ANWSD School Board but they have received no response as of yet.
7. Local Emergency Management Plan - Howard Hall advised that the Local Emergency Management Plan needs to be adopted every year to receive FEMA funds. Brief discussion followed. Howard thanked Bob Groff for his work and Front Porch Forum posts. Howard confirmed there had been no changes to the plan. Teresa Smith moved to approve the Local Emergency Management Plan, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.
8. Manure Spreading – Howard Hall stated that he was made aware of some manure spreading on Thursday and received phone calls on Friday from a concerned neighbor about the illegal spreading. Howard stated that he was told that a request for a permit was granted, it warmed up, and the manure ran off on Adams Ferry Road and behind the Town garage. He stated that the Allen farm was spreading and he was assured they have a permit. Howard advised that Representatives Diane Lanpher and Matt Birong sent an email from the Town about the problem and are working on it with Senators Chris Bray and Ruth

Hardy. Howard further clarified that Claudia Allen made a call to the State that her pit was full and she needed to remove the manure. Howard stated that he has no position but stressed that Claudia is following a procedure she was told to do. Teresa Smith advised that Claudia had received a permit to spread for one day. Howard stated that it is common sense to see if there were any other open pits in the area and he is still chomping on the situation. He stated that he is concerned about the water and does not appreciate the situation as there might be fall back on testing. Eben Markowski advised that he would like to offer himself and Sean Willerford to assist the Selectboard and stated that he would like to ask the State about the situation and be present. Eben added that he would like to be on a committee to discuss the matter. The Board stated that they are in favor of a discussion as part of a group. Teresa stated that she is horrified and believes a direct impact by having people here will be a huge, powerful statement. Discussion continued regarding the lake quality. Sean Willerford stated that people need to keep their eyes open and advised that statutory things can be done as a selectboard. Howard stated that he has no authority over the Department of Agriculture and a formal complaint will go farther with the Department of Agriculture. Zachary Weaver advised the public to keep up the pressure and communication with our State representatives while being proactive instead of reactive. Further discussion continued regarding area farms and lake pollution. Eben Markowski stated that this is an eye opener and the manure which was spread on Adams Ferry Road interfered with the Vorsteveld testing facility. Eben inquired about what towns are doing about this type of a situation and stated that people are fed up. Teresa added that there will be effects on the Town if the lake quality declines and tourism dollars will be lost. Howard stated that he is trying to get the State to come and have a meeting. The Board acknowledged that this is the farmers livelihood but also other people's livelihood. Howard advised that he talked to Hans Vorsteveld about the spreading and he is pretty upset that he got blamed. Howard clarified that Hans was not at fault and that he follows the rules. The Board discussed how the committee could document what is going on in Town and work to relay information back to the Board as they can only control Panton. Sean Willerford stated that he will bring the issue to the next Water Commission meeting. Eben Markowski stated that he is concerned about the manure running into Dead Creek and the Town right-of-way. Howard advised that the Board is in the process of developing an ordinance then a hearing will be set. The Board stated that they are hopeful for an upcoming meeting with the State and they are working to the best of their ability.

9. Class 4 Roads – Howard Hall advised the Board that he had met with the State Police who are investigating Tim Davis. Howard stated that the State Police have a video of Tim Davis going around a snow blockade. Teresa Smith advised the Board that she had been contacted by Carol Spencer who believes the only winter access is through Jackson's property and she would like Tim Davis to be able to access his taps. Teresa stated that Tom and Carol Spencer have not spoken with Richard Jackson. The Board discussed the accessibility of the road. Howard stated that \$6,000 was put on the road last year to repair the damage done. The Board further discussed a deposit being put down to be used as a bond to cover any damage to the road. Zachary Weaver wondered if Tom and Carol Spencer would be willing to put a bond down that would get cashed and used to make repairs if there is any damage and stated that there needs to be some financial responsibility.

10. Cupola Project – Howard Hall advised the Board that Carolyn Weir of the Walter Cerf Fund had contacted him wondering if the Town Hall Committee has been shared the information of the aluminum replication and construction of the cupola and have expressed their satisfaction with it. The Board discussed the Town Hall Committee, which is now dissolved, and whether the committee had stated that the cupola replica is close to the authenticity that they wanted. Howard stated that he will agree to meet with Carolyn Weir and Joe Duffy and offer to show Carolyn the minutes of a September 2018 meeting when the cupola plans were shown to David Raphael.

11. Liquor License Renewal – The Board briefly discussed the liquor license renewal for BJ's Farm Supply. Teresa Smith moved to approve BJ's liquor license, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.

12. Review of Financials/Timesheets – The list of invoices, timesheets, and February financials were

reviewed. Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia pointed out to the Board an invoice from RCI Electric in the amount of \$743 for the installation of a light over the handicap access ramp and asked permission to use money from the Town Hall Restoration Fund to cover the expense. The Board expressed their agreement. Teresa Smith moved to take for the RCI invoice from the Town Hall Restoration Fund for the light over the ramp, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

13. Communications – Howard Hall advised that Hans Vorsteveld is interested in the cupola. Brief discussion followed about holding a bond on the cupola. Howard Hall moved that Hans can take the cupola with the understanding that he leave a bond by June 1, 2019, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

The Board briefly discussed Green Up Day and would like to open up Town Hall again for residents as they did last year. Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that she had received notification that Lonnie and Nadie VanZandt would like to volunteer. Pam presented the Board with a proposal she had received from Campbellsville Industries in the amount of \$46,799 for the cupola project. Howard Hall advised the Board that the proposal does include trucking, delivery, and installation of the cupola. Zachary Weaver stated that with the acceptance of the proposal a 35 percent deposit is required. Teresa Smith confirmed the deposit to be \$16,379.65. Brief discussion followed regarding the Town Hall Restoration Fund. The Board advised they will hold onto the proposal until the next regular meeting.

Open session ended at 7:49pm.

At 8pm, Teresa Smith moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.

At 8:20pm, Zachary Weaver moved to return to open session, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. No action was taken.

At 8:20pm, Teresa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia  
Town Treasurer/Clerk