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Town of Panton  
Select Board Minutes  
October 11, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Chair  
John Viskup, Co-chair

Administration:

Diane Merrill, Treasurer  
Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman  
Jean Miller, Clerk

Guests:

Robert Porter II  
Ashlee Morris  
Brian Otley, GMP

Call Meeting to Order – H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of Select Board Meeting of September 27, 2016 – **J. Viskup move to accept the minutes of September 27, 2016. H. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Public Comment – R. Porter, II had received a letter being out of compliance with the Junk Ordinance. He has been cleaning up the property and wanted to ask how the Select Board for comments. Discussion ensued. The outcome was there was a noticeable improvement but there was more that needed to be done.

**H. Hall move to remove Zack Weaver – Interest in the Open SB Seat from the agenda. J. Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Road Foreman Report – The trucks are setup with plows for winter.

The Freightliner had to go back to Green Mountain Kenworth because the air governor on the compressor stopped so air pressure for the brakes would not build up. The road crew replaced the air governor but there is a computer on the truck that has to be activated saying that the repair had been done to be able to use the truck. Green Mountain Kenworth had to reprogram the computer.

The sand pile has been covered.

Some of the road cracks on Jersey Street and Pease Road have been sealed.

A plan has been made for fixing a drainage problem on Lake Road near Kayser and Fritz. The Road Foreman will advise Kaysers and Fritzs.

The loader is expected to be back Monday with new bushings in the rear-end, rebuilt center pins and leak in back cover fixed. The Road Crew is planning on painting it this winter.

A hydraulic study was done on Panton Road by satellite, instead of by a site visit. A problem developed and the culvert was about half full of water. This can be fixed by removing some of the stone that is lining the ditches. From now on if a hydraulic study is being done the Town will ask for a site visit so that everything is taken into consideration and that there are no unknown factors.

Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

Review/Approval of Bills and Time Sheets – All bills and time sheets were reviewed and approved.

Request of an Update on the Park & Ride Completion/Submission of Paperwork for Reimbursement – The Town can be reimbursed for 50% of the project before completion. Road Foreman will look into price of lights for the crosswalk and landscaping at the Park n Ride.

GMP/B. Otley Update – GMP has had a couple of setbacks. They have cut ties with the Contractor that they initially had for this project. Some of the cost estimates/audits will have to be redone. B. Otley hopes to have

numbers available for the Town Hall energy audit at the next Select Board meeting. B. Otley asked if the Town would be interested in a Wind Turbine being erected on Town property at the garage. This would generate income for the Town. The Select Board has agreed to look at a proposal.

Implications of the Cerf Grant – There was discussion regarding Solar Sites. The SB is looking into hiring Ben Marks, Esq. to oversee any proposed solar sites for the Town. They feel someone needs to stay on top of these sites and be able to advise the Town of what is going on so something does not fall between the cracks. A Solar Ordinance is going to be on the Select Boards to do list.

An article is coming out in the Addison Independent regarding the Cerf Grant. The Select Board has not gotten on-board with the Cerf Grant at this time. They need to check the rules and regulations to find out exactly what is expected of the Town. They feel that it could be very costly for the Town.

Implications of the Cerf Grant will be addressed again at the next SB meeting when D. Raphael, who applied for the Grant will be present and things can be better clarified.

Correspondence – Correspondence was reviewed.

**Adjourn – J. Viskup moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. H. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**