



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday September 25, 2019
Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**– Resident Paul Calebaugh expressed his appreciation of an informal meeting with residents called “Java with Jim” that the First Selectman held on Tuesday September 24th at the Community Center. Mr. Calebaugh thought other town boards should consider doing the same thing. First Selectman Hayden thanked him for his feedback, and mentioned he will be doing this throughout the year. Mr. Calebaugh also expressed his concern about a potential 5-year \$1.2 million gap in the Capital Plan and hoped it would be discussed at tonight’s BOS meeting. Mr. Calebaugh also commented on the use of State Grant-in-Aid funds for projects other than road related items.
- 3. DRAFT 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed the narrative and draft 5-year Capital Plan. The BOS also discussed Fire Department capital requests with guests: Fire Chief Flaherty, Deputy Chief Troy Wolf and Firefighter Trevor Kelley. The First Selectman said that as a result of the bonding project, roads and roofs could be removed from the previous 5-year plan and the dollars could be used to address fire department requests. If the BOS proceeds in this direction, all but \$91,500 of fire department requests would be addressed. Selectman Ziobro would like to see if grants could offset some of the apparatus costs and smooth out the “spikes” in the plan. The Fire Chief and the First Selectman are interviewing grant writer candidates in October and grants for the Fire Department are a priority. Selectman Doering said that he wanted to make sure that the fire department was appropriately equipped for the safety of the firefighters, residents and their property.
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE** – Thrilla on the Hilla Basketball at the HS, Ambulance Statistics, Census Community Conversation with Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz and Representative Larson, 100 Years of Suffrage – Women Vote Centennial, ATV Activity Spoonville

Area, FY19 Pre-Audit Treasurer's Report, Copper Hill House Proximity, Hemp Festival Invitation, CTANG Entrance Update, Halloween at Old Newgate Prison, Election Ballot Facsimile.

5. **MINUTES** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the September 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – Hayden and Doering in favor. Abstention - Ziobro
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.
 - b. **School Town Building Committee Update** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned that the Middle School/High School roof is completely ripped, about 60% of the cap put down. The liquid and stone should be complete at Allgrove within the next couple of weekends weather permitting. Over 4 miles of road paving has been completed with more drainage/paving planned for Newgate Road this fall.
 - c. **Stop Sign on Spoonville** – No new information until October 9, 2019
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - b. **Appointments** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept Officer Orłowski's resignation from the Youth Services Commission (YSC) and to appoint Officer Menard to the YSC, and to reappoint Russ Houghton to the Inlands and Wetlands Commission. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Resident Paul Calebaugh spoke about a stop sign on Spoonville road and asked if the Resident Trooper was going to attend the October 9th meeting. Mr. Calebaugh asked if the town had considered speed bumps or sidewalks. First Selectman Hayden said that the Interim Resident Trooper will attend the October 9th meeting and that it could cost several hundred thousand dollars for sidewalks and that speed bumps aren't necessarily the optimum solution for this. All appropriate options will be looked at. Resident Leslie Marques also commented that other towns are dealing with this issue as well, and she isn't sure a stop sign is the correct solution.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:07 pm to discuss pending Police negotiations and potential litigation. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 8:35pm. No votes were taken.
10. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski