

Shapleigh Select Board
Meeting Minutes – Time 6:00 pm
December 19, 2023

I. Open Meeting

Chairman, Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, Selectman Michael J. Cote was also present, Shawn J. Cavanaugh was absent. Also, present was the Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney.

II. Attendance:

Steve Guillemette, Darren Rogers, Gene Streck, Jeff Goodwin, Bill Mageary, Gloria and Wayne Pillsbury.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited.

IV. Approval of minutes from 12/12/23

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve December 5, 2023, minutes as written; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried. 2,0.

V. Public Comment

Bill Mageary expressed his concern that a stand-by generator should be in the initial build at the new community center. Events like the one that happened earlier this week prove it to be essential. He also commented that they had a great turn out for the placement of wreaths on Veteran's Graves at the Veteran's Cemetery. Over 700 people turned out.

VI. Unfinished Business

i. Updates from the Administrator

- Reminder to all department heads that we need to receive any 2023 bills no later than January 9th to close out the year prior to the annual audit. Also, reports or letters for Town Report should be submitted no later than the 2nd week in January.
- With the Town Hall being out of power for 3 days, there is not much to update. However, acknowledgement and thanks go out to the Road Department, Fire Department, and Rescue Department for their countless hours of hard work during the storm.

ii. 23rd Street Concern- due to power/storm issues the resident could not attend. Michael J. Cote made a motion to table until the January 2, 2024 meeting; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried ,2,0.

iii. York County Sheriff's Office Deputy Contract

Michael J Cote made a motion to sign the 2024 York County Deputy Contract as presented, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 2,0.

VII. New Business

i. Department Head Briefings

Fire Chief- Steve Guillemette

- Expressed thanks to his crew for their efforts during the storm, as well as Roads, EMA, and Rescue Departments. There were 23 calls for service during the storm. Two of the calls were CO related due to generator placement. Remind everyone that a permit is required for installation of Stand-by generators. Crews also reported to a chimney fire and the Chief took that woodstove out of service as it was unsafe. The pumps purchased

last year came in very handy as there were 2 calls for flooded basements, one with 2 ½ feet of water and the other with 4' of water.

- Reported that a window blew out at the Station and requested that the handyman fix it. Plywood had been placed over the hole as a temporary fix. The Town Administrator reported that he had been notified. Scott offered to donate foam insulation to put over it on the inside until it could be fixed
- Recommended having a hard-wired phone line at the station as the internet was down during the storm and no calls could come in to the station.
- Attended a meeting at RSU57 Transportation to look at the new EV buses that the district had received with grant funds. The buses have 6 batteries/ 600 volt. Responders would need to have voltage gloves that have to be inspected annually.

Rescue Chief- Gene Streck

- The crews did a fantastic job during the storm. He reminded the public that anyone with home oxygen should notify CMP so that they are placed on priority when there are outages. The program is called the Lifeline Program.
- With the help of the Town Administrator, the application for the Blue Ribbon Initiative Grant was completed. It appears that the Town will receive \$15, 000 of these grant funds.

Road Commissioner-North- Darren Rogers

- Beginning at approximately 4pm on Monday the heavy rains began to cause some significant washouts. Garland Road had a 3' x 3' hole, part of Gray Road washed out into the intersection with Gander Drive, and another washout on Nason Road. Loon Lane also had significant gravel loss.

Road Commissioner- South- Jeff Goodwin

- Storm damages were minimal on the South side, trees down and plugged culverts were the biggest issues, which resulted in a temporary closure of Walnut Hill Rd.

VIII. Information

- i. Planning Board Minutes 11/28/23
- ii. Planning Board Agenda 12/26/23- NO MEETING
- iii. Growth Permit- Map 17 Lot 27 (110 30th Street)
- iv. Select Board Agenda 12/26/23- NO MEETING

IX. Executive Session- none

X. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. York County Deputy Contract

XI. Any other business the Board may wish to present – None.

XII. Adjourn

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried, 2,0.