



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Nov. 15, 2023

7 p.m.

Select Board members present: Katherine Grinnell and Mitchell Garnett

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Board members Lee Shane and Norman Casas

Mitchell Garnett called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approve Summary of Nov. 8, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Nov. 16, 2023:

P/R Warrant #91: \$5,793.21

A/P Warrant #92: \$185,369.73

Motion to approve warrants by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Road Foreman Report: Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Mitch

11/6: Graded Old County Road; Steven and Jonathan hauled gravel

11/7: Put headgear and sander on P100, P200; P600 needs new battery

11/8: Worked on P500 sander and serviced oil and filter; patched pot holes with cold patch on Calderwood and Mountain roads.

11/9: Worked on P500 and P600 sander and replaced hoses and batteries; started replacing cutting edges on plows

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Lynn Martin is bringing the town office manual and meeting with Mary and Frank on Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. to discuss the public works manual. The checking account balance is \$965,134. There is a Tilson meeting about broadband on Friday. Consolidated Communications has completed make-ready work; we are still waiting on CMP to finish because it owns more poles. An estimate has been received for engineering of repairs to Sprague Road.

Broadband update: Nothing additional.

Other Agenda Items: Lee and Norman passed along a request that the town consider changing from a calendar year budget to a fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) budget to better align with other member towns of TCSWMO. Washington is one of two member towns still operating on a calendar year budget; TCSWMO also is currently a calendar year budget but considering a switch to fiscal.

Mary said if budget numbers are available to Washington early in the year, it is not a problem. Last year, because of the large increase to the ambulance budget, it, as well as the school budget, was voted on in June so there is a precedence for differing budget processes.

Other business: After speaking with Mitch outside a meeting, Lee formally requested that Select Board members consider a residential noise ordinance. Current town ordinances only address noise produced by commercial enterprises. Mary will check on the process but said she believes a committee is needed to write a proposed ordinance to bring to the Select Board, and then to a town vote.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell