

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
Finance Committee
January 8, 2019

Called to order 6:30pm by Chair Ned Wolf. Paul Dabrody, Ken Gilbert, Kathy Inman and Jan Carr present.

Joined by Gary Singley.

12/4 minutes reviewed, Ken made motion to accept, Paul seconded as amended, unanimous vote to approve.

12/18 minutes, Paul made motion to accept, Ken seconded as amended, unanimous vote to approve.

Vehicles

Mike could use own vehicle with mileage reimbursement for trainings and road inspection. Or use service (aka utility or crew) truck that has a new set of donated tires. Or we could purchase a second-hand truck. Ned has never has known of a new truck being purchased for this purpose. Kathy believes we should not be rushed into choosing new equipment until we know the Vehicle Replacement Schedule (VRS). Our VRS presents an optimal view.

Gary referred to the Schedule. Mileage put on vehicles is low. We have had many \$5,000 vehicles that have served us well. Ned agreed that we need more time to make decisions on trucks. Can we be more proactive?

Tractor will become an issue in the spring especially with OSHA. The \$85,000 backhoe may no longer be available. Ken says the service truck is on its last legs – good for use restricted to Heath.

School

The town received two responses to our RFI - one to purchase, one to lease. We are spending \$60,000 or so annually on school plus are looking a \$250,000 new roof in the next year or two. Board unanimously agreed that selling is the better option. The only unknown is the sale price.

Request from Tracey to transfer \$800.00 to unemployment compensation fund as the rate has increased from .01% to .03%.

JOINED SELECTBOARD, Mike and Jeff at 7:10

Vehicles

Backhoe is no longer available. An RFP has been prepared but we need to discuss the amount. A new 310 would cost \$100,000 – repairs on ours would be \$80,000. Funding - \$100,000 from free cash possibly.

At ATM – we need to replace truck #1 possibly with a more efficient Dodge 5500 with plow. We put \$17,000 into it this year so an option would be to save as a spare - Donnie's truck has diesel fumes coming in. Kathy is concerned that a smaller truck costs more over time due to longevity than a larger one. Also, what is the insurance for keeping #1 as a spare? On the other hand, a smaller truck doesn't require a CDL. If we keep #1, we will have five trucks with plows and a spare.

In light of new information, Ned does not favor the purchase of a *new* pick-up. Current service vehicle can be replaced with a used pick-up. Do we need a plow on this truck? Mike believes we do. However, Brian and Jeff do not feel comfortable buying a used ¾ ton pick-up with a plow. This service pick-up has to be able to carry road equipment. \$35,000 should be sufficient. This is now known as our MTV. ATM

or STM? MTV does not need an RFP, only three estimates. This amount could be taken out of free cash. We should keep the \$82,000 in vehicle stabilization account for a bigger truck.

At ATM - A new John Deere tractor is \$46,000. Gary spoke of OSHA's new requirement of filters on diesel vehicles. Tractor will not be used until summer. Robyn tasked Highway Department with researching service vehicle and tractor. Jeff will come up with OSHA recommendations.

2/12 – STM. RFP's for school and backhoe will have run and these two items can be on warrant.

School

The RFP has to be crafted for either sale or lease. If more water is needed, can be had on adjoining land. An earlier appraisal ranged from \$150,000 - \$450,000. The SB unanimously voted to sell the building for \$250,000. Jan made a motion to sell the building for \$250,000, Kathy seconded. Jan, Kathy and Ned voted for this. Ken and Paul opposed (wanted to list it at \$150,000). Passed, 3 to 2.

LEFT THE SELECTBOARD

Motion was made by Ken to recommend transferring \$800.00 from reserve to unemployment compensation. Kathy seconded. Unanimously passed.

Recap of trucks, school and OSHA. Should work on OSHA list and prioritize.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, Jan seconded. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Carr