

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, March 7, 1983

Selectmen met at 7:30, signed checks, yield tax warrant.

Present: Leslie MacNeil, chairman, Katherine M. Ring and John J. Jones.

Selectmen accepted minutes of last weeks meeting.

Brian Brown, police chief is making available fingerprinting for the young people in town.

Richard Edmunds represented the fire department in submitting a request to have the two fire trucks painted. Only cost to the town will be the replacing of gold lettering. Men have earned the needed money to have the trucks painted. All three selectmen granted permission.

Budget Meeting:

Several tax payers attended the meeting asking questions on some of the warrant items. The request by the library for funds was one in question. Mr. Wallace felt that they should stay within their budget. Mr. MacNeil explained that the request is in the form of a warrant item in order that the library trustees have the right to defend their own budget.

Can't see why the library does not charge for the library cards as they do in Hillsboro.

Heating of the Government building (Town Hall) was also in question. The upper hall is not heated and office is kept at low setting. (58) Rent of post office and law office was seen as not covering the cost of fuel for their own offices. Selectmen explained that law office rent was raised this past year and that the post office can not have its rent raised until 1984 due to agreements made with previous selectmen.

Highway department budget was another issue that Mr. Wallace brought up. Fuel cost is high. Part of this is due to the fact that deisel fuel was not broken down in the report. It was combined with the heating oil. Mr. W. sees the road repairs coming out of the budget and no need to raise the budget. Highway has run on the same budget for several years and no extra money to cover the cost of rebuilding the roads in town. He also said salaries are too high.

The net appropriations is \$280,000 or \$20,000 over last year. That is if all passes as is.

Selectmen were asked who will rebuild the road? Is anyone capable of doing the job?

Are we getting as much from the State was a question raised by P. Whitney?

Selectmen cut back 5% in their estimate of revenue from the State.

Why has the legal expense gone up? Explained what the increase was due to. (Court settlement)

Will McCabe's property be taxed? To date it is taxable property. No one can answer for the future.

BIDCo has not made any indication of applying for a tax exemption.

It is private business.

Should the selectmen decide to chang to the new street lighting it will

save the town about \$100 a year but the lighting will be better.

Town Poor is just about covered by trust funds.

Sewer is a separate entity as voted by the town. Asked what is to be done about sewer funds owed to the town and was told that they had gone to tax sale.

Warrant items for the use of revenue sharing. Mr. Wallace had the idea that a few years back there was over \$160,000 to be spent and did not know where it went. Mr. Tenney was called in from a meeting he was attending in the little town hall. Mr. Tenney explained that the figure was not that high, and the money went to the purchase of a fire truck, and the construction of the fire station. It was explained that a certain amount of revenue sharing has to be spent this year or at least appropriated to be spent or it will go back to State.

Questions as to who is paying for work that has been done and will continue to be done at Antrim Village. All work being done is the responsibility of the BIDCO.

Asked if there were any more questions. Thanked all for attending.

9:30 appointment with Mr. Grabowski, No show again from Mr. Grabowski.

Selectmen went through mail.

Secretary left at 10:00

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