

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

Present were Prudential Committee members: David Neelon, John Kammerman, Ken Einhorn, and Terry Hayden. Also present were: Mary White, Clerk; Jaime Garanzuay, District Superintendent; Richard Pryor, Ernie Lampron, Leslie Kammerman, Elizabeth Saunier, Carl Neilson, David Wood, Dennis Kennelly, and Mark Chevett.

John introduced Kathleen Borden, who is interested in the Treasurer's position; Kathy gave a brief oral resume'. She has been in the Municipal Treasurer/Accountant field for many years in local towns and in the city of Pittsfield. Since her retirement, she has served as treasurer for the Lanesboro water district, and would be interested in another part time position. The Prudential Committee was very satisfied with her experience, and also felt that they would be able to work with her comfortably. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Kathleen Borden as interim Treasurer. The vote was unanimously favorable. Mrs. Borden was sworn in by the District Clerk. Mr. Garanzuay was also sworn in as District Superintendant, since this was not done at the June meeting.

The minutes for June 1 were reviewed and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

A bill has been received from TD Bank, for the final payment for the Shuttle Cock/ Long Bow Lane East project, due on July 15, 2013. John said there was a misunderstanding as we all thought this had been fully paid, as the warrant for the 2012 annual meeting said "final payment", and as a result we had not budgeted anything for this payment in the warrant for the 2013 annual meeting. Richard Pryor objected to the word "mistake" being used and a heated discussion ensued between Mr. Pryor and the board as to what may or may not have been a mistake. The discussion ended when John said there was no use arguing about this, as the bill has to be paid. Mr. Pryor left the meeting, and the board began to discuss options for paying the bill. Kathy said that there is a provision for borrowing from the stabilization account without a special meeting having to be held, so long as the money is paid back within a year. She will call the DOR and find out about it. The other option is to have a Special Meeting in September to transfer funds from the Land Purchase Account and the Stabilization Account to cover the payment. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

The warrant for the loan repayment was signed.

The warrant for the payment of all other bills was signed.

Before leaving, Mr. Pryor suggested that the salaries for the district be paid annually instead of quarterly. This will be taken under advisement.

Road Report:

A copy of the road report is attached to these minutes.
The roads report was accepted.

Dennis Kennely came before the board to complain that he should not be responsible for replacing his driveway culvert, as he did not install it. He thinks that the Greens installed it, but it was long before any current board members were serving, and under a different road superintendant, so no one knows for sure who installed it. Further discussion is required and no final decision was made.

It was moved and seconded to comply with Mrs. Pryor's request that Legal Counsel be consulted once again for an opinion as to whether or not the Treasurer has to be a resident of Sherwood Greens. The vote was unanimously favorable.

Mark Chevett came in to complain about a letter sent to him from the board asking that he not use sand from his truck to sand roads in the Greens, as it contains salt and causes dirt roads to become muddy. Mr. Chevett said that if the Greens kept up the roads leading from his home to the highway to his satisfaction for the safety of his family, he would stop, but if he thinks it is not safe for his family to be on the roads he will continue to do what he has been doing. He also questioned the use of calcium chloride on the roads. He said that in his experience (he is an equipment operator for White Wolf) processed gravel is better. Ernie explained that the processed gravel available locally does not stand up well, and to go far afield to get other processed gravel would cost too much to haul, also CaCl helps to bind material together. That is why he uses it.

David Wood expressed concern that by keeping the budget down on road maintenance, we may be damaging the roads. John answered that the no increase is only for plowing winter roads which is different from general road maintenance.

Lakes report:

Ken Einhorn is our new lakes person. He reported that the chemical treatment has been done, but it takes four to six weeks before we will be able to see a difference. This herbicide seeps to the roots of the plants, and should do a better job. Although, the Aquatic Control people said that we will most likely never have entirely clean lakes. He said he finds it frustrating that the results of treatment to the lakes are not as good as it is to the roads.

The lakes report was accepted.

John showed a picture taken by Jeanne Pryor of campfire ashes on one of the islands in the lake by her home. John said that fires are a priority here. David suggested that as a short time cure, more signs be put up stating "NO FIRES, PRIVATE PROPERTY". John will send an email to all residents of Sherwood Greens regarding this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. White
District Clerk

