



Town of Livermore Falls

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 PM

Attendance: Jeff Bryant, Chair, Ernie Souther, Vice Chair, Rodney Heikkinen, William Kenniston, and Jim Long, Mark Holt, Bill Nichols, Amanda Allen, and Amy Byron. (as well as others signed in)

6:30 PM Board Chair Jeff Bryant called the meeting to order.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes: October 5, 2021

A. Rodney made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Second by Will. VOTE: 5-0

3. New Business

B. American Rescue Plan Act

Amanda told the Board that the Town had received the first half of the expect American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$1,666,715.44. She asked the Board and Department Heads for suggestions on how to use the funds. There were several ideas including investment, lunch room/office at the highway garage, sewer line on Route 17, reduction of debt, equipment for the police department, and recreational opportunities. Jeff made the motion to table the discussion to allow Board Members and Department Heads to give it some more thought; Seconded by Will. VOTE: 5-0



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C. Sewall Street Complaint

The Board discussed a complaint received regarding excessive numbers of cats, speeding and traffic going the wrong direction on Sewall Street. Jeff stated several Board Members have driven through the area at various times of day and didn't note any issues at those times. Will suggested stepping up enforcement. Ernie asked if there had been any issues with plowing in the past. Bill stated there had been and said he had placed the radar sign but no excessive speed was recorded. It was suggested that law enforcement monitor the situation.

D. Sewer Treatment Check Fraud

Amanda told the Board that fraud had been committed against the Sewer Treatment Account. It was discovered by the Bank, but not before \$8600 was taken. That amount has been credited back to the account and the account has been "frozen". Amanda authorized fraud protection on all Town accounts to ensure it doesn't happen again. There is an ongoing investigation.

E. Board Resolution

Amanda presented loan paperwork for the Sewer Treatment Loan. She stated the closing is on Thursday, October 21, 2021 in the amount of \$1.65 million. Jeff made a motion to approve the resolution; Second by Jim. VOTE: 5-0

4. Old Business

A. Avesta Parking

- i. Amanda reviewed the parking issues in the area of Avesta Housing. Cars are parking on the street outside of the two hour limit – including overnight. She stated several parking spots were removed when the building was renovated and that Avesta Housing has known since Spring 2021 that there is an issue but has done nothing and has missed 3 meetings. There are unhappy tenants in attendance who have asked about parking in the Town lot. MMA has advised against this. Several residents received parking warnings this morning. After a long discussion from the residents, Jeff told them the Board understood their concern and frustration, but the Board is not able to bend the rules of the Parking Ordinance.

5. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim



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6. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

- A. **Jim** - NA
- B. **Will** – Asked how Fire Department calls have been affected by Vaccine Mandate. Nixon stated there has been little to no change in how calls are handled.
- C. **Rodney** – NA
- D. **Jeff** – NA
- E. **Ernie** – NA
- F. **Mark** – Reviewed the Funding Breakdown for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade. It is currently 47% grant funded.
- G. **Bill** – NA

7. Manager's Discussion

- A. **Amanda** –
 - i. November 2nd is Election Day. She asked the Board to move the Board Meeting to November 9th. Jeff made the motion; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0 (The Office will remain open that day.)
 - ii. Chuck Wagon Liquor License Renewal Public Hearing will be held November 9, 2021 at 6:30 – just before the Board Meeting.
 - iii. Medical Marijuana Ordinance Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30
 - iv. Holidays: Veteran's Day - November 11th, Thanksgiving - November 25th and 26th.

8. Adjourn

- A. 7:39 PM – Jeff made the motion; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Byron, Clerk