

NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
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Date December 21, 2021

Commissioners: Patrick Kiniry, Melissa Colburn, Celeste Aumand

**Attendees: Bill Crawford, Fire; Bob McGuirk, Water; Jason Colburn, Fire
Cheryl Mayberry, Select Board Chair
Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Com Kiniry**

Minutes of Dec. 14, 2021 approved by Motion from Patrick, Seconded by Melissa with three in favor.

FIRE

Chief presented invoices totaling \$1,785.87, approved by motion Patrick, seconded by Celeste, with three in favor.

Chief noted that Old Eng#1 has been pump tested. Patrick will notify the Sales Broker.

Celeste asked “If Engine #1 is out of service for extended period of time, what is back up plan?”

Chief replied that Mutual Aid would be notified and they would alert other departments in case of an emergency.

CHERYL MAYBERRY:

Discussion centered around the Vilas Bridge and the sewer pipe which runs under the bridge. The Governor’s Council has put the repair back to 93 percent from the State, but the repairs are still on the 10 year plan, so not until around 2028. That’s providing the Governor signs the bill.

Also, discussed was the Water Protection Plan and using money from the Infrastructure Grant for alternate water sources. Other sources for funding, such as ARPA were discussed.

Moving the sewer Line from under the Vilas Bridge and options to do this were discussed. Among those options were moving it to the Railroad Bridge, rerouting it up to Green Road and going through the North Walpole Pump Station. However the pump station needs to have a serious upgrade before that could happen.

Patrick asked if they had considered going under the river by the Portage/boat landing area to the treatment plant. Cheryl noted that she would bring that up as an option.

Celeste asked what the Town’s plan for fixing the storm drains on Hillcrest Road. Cheryl advised that the Town was experiencing lots of storm drain problem due to the flooding problem of this year and that they were having trouble obtaining an engineer to assess the situation. Hillcrest Road would probably not be attended to before 2023.

WATER:

Patrick noted that W&S planned on holding a Zoom meeting with the Commissioners regarding Infrastructure Money.

Al Mapes from E R Prescott had stopped by and discussed a meter reading device that allowed downloading an APP that could allow a person to read meters on their I-Pad.

Per instructions from DES, Bob will do Lead & Copper reports and hand deliver to the residences where samples were taken.

7 Willow Street noted that there was a shut off sticking 6 to 8 inches above the ground. Patrick investigated it. Bob will cut it down and recap it.

Resident on Vine Street wanted to have two water meters installed to that their tenants could pay their share of the water usage. Bob explained the problem with doing that and gave them suggestions on how to solve the problem.

Resident on Willow Street has very noisy water meter. Patrick will assess the problem and fix the problem.

MISC:

Received a check from State Fund for payment of invoice for work on WTB in amount of \$3,287.86.

It was noted recently that a huge, heavy box was pushed against the door between the Library and the Meeting Room, blocking entrance from the Library. Box was moved and everyone advised that the door should not be blocked.

Rubbish pickup Contract was received from DeCamp Trucking for year 2022 in the amount of \$19,214.04. Motion by Patrick to accept the Contract for 2022 in the amount of \$19214.04, seconded by Celeste, with all three in favor.

Patrick made a motion to reappoint William Crawford as Fire Chief and Fire Safety Inspector for the Village of North Walpole for the year of 2022, seconded by Celeste, with three in favor.

Patrick suggested that Chief delegate more responsibilities to his officers to help to reduce the stress on himself.

Chair Patrick, appointed Celeste to be liaison between the Commissioners and the Fire Department and Melissa to be liaison between the Commissioners and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Patrick noted that Jackie Ronning has been working on some suggestions for updating the Village Zoning Ordinances. The Commissioners feel the need to upgrade the Ordinances and make them clearer.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Com Kiniry, seconded by Com Colburn, with three in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
William H. Moses

Patrick Kiniry, Chair

Melissa Colburn

Celeste Aumand.

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