

Morehouse Town Meeting

September 12th 2023

The regular meeting of the Morehouse Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Farber at 7:00pm. Supervisor Farber opened the meeting by leading the Town Board and their Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Board members present:

William Uebele

Brian Taylor

Sonya DeVuyst

Absent Mary Ann Mosher, Hugh Farber

Supervisor: William Farber

Town Clerk: Stephanie Tichenor

Guests include:

Wayne & Sheryl Fleming, Butch Fernandez, Marilyn Wilson, Sarah DeVuyst, James & Melanie Luck

Butch Fernandez- "wanted to tell everyone what a great job, they did on getting the Town Highway Garage cleaned up. It looks Great!"

Sheryl Fleming- Mentioned that the Town website says that its not secure when going on the page.

Supervisor Farber- said he will check into this with Matt Turcotte, From North Shore Solutions, the firm who runs the website for us.

William Uebele made a motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes. Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the Officer's Reports. Sonya DeVuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to pay the General fund bills on abstract #9 Vouchers 23-173/23-189. In the amount of \$10,367.83. and the Highway bills on abstract #9 Vouchers 23-61/23-72. In the amount of \$24,674.74. Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Farber mentioned that we need a Write-in campaign for Town Assessor

Tower update: The Town of Morehouse Site is done with the tower sit and it's ready for APA, the County is finishing up photo Sims for Arietta Site, we should have the APA Permit by the end of the year. The only Cellular Carrier that is interested in our tower site is Verizon. That could happen by the end of summer2024.

Solid Waste Container: Supervisor Farber stated they finished cleaning up at the Highway Garage. All signage is up. He is very proud of the job that everyone involved has done.

Building Maintenance: Post Office is done. Wendell finished fixing the floor at the Museum. There are 4 Floor joists that will need to be repaired in the future. But he has fixed them for now. In the near future Wendell will be starting the painting of the Highway Garage, and has to refurbish the chimney on the town hall.

Fire Ponds: Supervisor Farber and Lenny Croote looked at the fire pond by the Fire Dept, they decided that they are going to leave it the way it is, no mat. They will check it out in the spring. Jackson's pond is water level issue, it has nothing to do with the dry hydrant. James Luck, Bill Farber, Bill Uebele and Lenny Croote will be getting together to see what exactly is going on with Ford's dry hydrant.

Dry Hydrant on Fayle RD: We did get the DEC permit. Lenny Croote said “what we need is authorization to buy the necessary materials, and that will cost about \$1,500.00”. As soon as he can get the materials and Tracy can get out here, they will start construction.

William Uebele made a motion to pay for materials for the Fayle RD. dry hydrant. Roughly \$1,500.00. Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nayes: None

Clerk update: Supervisor Farber wanted to reiterate that Stephanie Tichenor is doing a great job. This month we worked on all the snowmobile grant applications and getting them filled out and sent back.

New Business:

Building Cleaning: Irma Kramer is doing a great job taking over for Lynn Kerstner, cleaning the offices and Rec. Center. Bill Uebele made a motion to make Irma Kramer permanent buildings cleaner. Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nayes: None

James Luck found a crack in the lady’s room toilet, he replaced it.

Snowmobile Trails: JR. & Al and Supervisor Farber met and talked about getting the trails cleaned up before hunting season starts. The Town is looking for snowmobile trail workers. There was a short discussion on JR & Al as employees.

Budget Requests: Supervisor Farber stated that we are working on budget requests. We will be discussing the 2024 Budget at our October meeting. Stephanie will have copies of the Budget Officer’s recommendations by October 1st. Public hearing will take place within 5 days after Election Day. 2024 Budget has to be adopted no later than November 20th.

Copier: The Town needs to buy a replacement copier as the one we have now is older. Supervisor Farber and Stephanie Tichenor found a replacement Copier for \$3,109.28. with a 60-month service plan.

Brian Taylor made a motion to buy a new copier for \$3,109.28. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nays: None

Supervisor Farber mentioned that National Grid is in the process of doing a smart meter reconstruction. Smart meters will enhance electric and give them better ability to monitor electricity.

Supervisor said the Common Ground Alliance will convene at Gore Mountain on October 20th. They will be focusing on housing affordability, broadband, cellular, DEC, and Municipal infrastructure.

William Uebele asked about the street lights, Supervisor Farber Stated he did get a phone call from National Grid about them getting a new advisor but they were supposed to get back to him about an in-person meeting. Supervisor Farber has emailed them and has yet to hear back from them.

Town Clerk, Stephanie Tichenor showed everyone what the plaque for Amanda LaRue will look like. Stephanie also asked about Finding a computer person to help her get the computer in her name. Supervisor Farber stated he would get in touch with Pete Newell.

James and Melanie Luck would like to use the Rec Center for a meet and greet with all the November candidates.

Sonya DeVuyst made a motion to adjourn, Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes:

S. DeVuyst, B, Taylor, W. Uebele, W. Farber

Absent M. Mosher

Nays: None

Repectfully yours,

Morehouse Town Clerk

