

TOWN OF CASTLETON
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING

Minutes of July 16, 2018

TOWN OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, R. Combs, R. Spaulding, J. Leamy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Z. Holzworth

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached listing

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by J. Bruno at 6:30pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the agenda as written. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

There was discussion on the proper procedure for approval of the tax rate for auditing purposes. The Town Accountant, Melanie Combs, attended the meeting and gave instruction that each rate should be approved separately on record to appease the auditors.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to set the municipal total to be raised by taxes at \$.4438 to include \$.4387 the municipal amount to be raised by taxes and \$.0051 local tax agreements. R. Spaulding seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to acknowledge the State designated Educational Property Tax rates at \$1.4753 for homestead assessments and \$1.5948 for non-residential assessments. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the Residential Total Tax Rate including municipal and homestead at \$1.9191 which is down \$.13 from 2017-2018. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the Non-resident Total Tax Rate including municipal and non-resident at \$2.0386 which is down \$.01 from 2017-2018. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to set the Low penalty rate for late homestead declaration filing at 3%. R. Spaulding seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to set the High penalty rate for late homestead declaration filing at 3%. R. Spaulding seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

FLOAT BRIDGE PROJECT

M. Jones confirmed with Jack Bowen that any overage for stone would be at \$30 per cubic yard. R. Combs stated that 4000 yards are included in the bid already. Pat from Taconic advised the board he does not believe it will take 4000 yards as it should take 40% less than it took to do the East side. J. Bruno stated that he wanted to clarify that there was no contractor error when the East side was done and that Jack Bowen did the best job he could have done with the given instructions. There was confusion about the map and when J. Bruno questioned Enman they stated they had never done a project like that before so it wasn't fair to blame the contractor for any shortcomings. Enman had said it would take 2500 yards to do both sides but the South side alone took that much. R. Spaulding stated that after the last project, Jack Bowen had to request more money to cover the cost of materials. J. Bruno stated he believed that was why Jack's bid was so much higher than Taconic; because he's trying to include everything he could possibly need so that won't happen again. J. Bruno wanted to clarify that the town was very satisfied with the job Jack did and that he added ¾" stone to the project to make it more accessible to the public which was not in the engineer's plan. M. Jones stated it was not specific in the bid which size stone would be used, it just says "small". He gave totals of the bids to include both sides and overlay on the roadway; Taconic was \$164,080 and Jack Bowen was \$283,122.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to award the bid to Taconic Excavating for \$164,080 with the caveat that any extra stone above the bid will be paid at \$30/cubic yard. R. Spaulding seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Bruno asked if the \$30/cu yard included trucking. M. Jones said that in the bid, it states that cost covers all labor, materials, and services so it can be assumed that includes trucking. J. Leamy asked if a closer timeframe could be found out now that the bid has been awarded so negotiations could continue with the homeowner on the East Side regarding staging rock on their property. M. Jones stated that the permit expires on September 30th so the work was agreed to be done by then. There are hopes to get the permit extended another 30 days, but if that doesn't happen it will be done by September 30th. J. Leamy said Jack's bid included 1.5" overlay and questioned what Taconic's bid included for overlay. J. Bruno said the bid did not specify, it just said overlay. M. Jones said he would find out from Taconic a better timeline and would verify how thick the overlay will be.

M. Jones brought up that the fence at the Transfer Station is still down and despite all attempts at contacting Cooper Fence, there has been no progress. His concern was that even if the bid were to be retracted, the next lowest bidder was \$1000 more than was encumbered to cover the fence. R. Spaulding asked if M. Jones could negotiate with the next lowest bidder to get it down to the same price as Cooper bid. M. Jones stated he didn't think that would happen as there is actually more fence needed now that an extra gate was taken out by the Highway Department. He stated there is a problem with people going in and throwing their garbage in on days the Transfer Station is closed because there is no fence to keep them out. The Board instructed M. Jones to follow up with the next two lowest bidders.

ADJOURN

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. R. Combs seconded. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully,

Darcy Van Noordt

Date of Approval_____

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