

TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECT BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022
Cushing Community Center

Select Board Present: Chairperson Danny Staples; Select people Cheryl Stackpole, Craig Currie, Tracey Bally, and Alton Grover

Select Board Absent: none

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Public Present: Rescue Squad Director Andrew Blanchard

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Dan Staples called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was determined.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approve and sign the Warrant:

ACTION: Chairperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Craig Currie, to approve 2022 Warrants 17 and 18

Discussion: none

Motion Carried 5-0-0

4. Review and approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, meeting

ACTION: Selectperson Craig Currie made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, meeting as written

Discussion: Dan Staples error to change 4th page 3rd line down to change “beetles” not grubs.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:

5a. Accept Tax Collector, Samantha Jones letter of resignation.

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, second by Tracey Bally, to accept Samantha’s letter with regret.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, second by Cheryl Stackpole, As of June 1st to increase Danika Poland’s hourly wage to what Samantha Jones was getting.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

ACTION: Selectperson Dan Staples made a motion, second by Tracey Bally, to put an ad out for a 10-hour position in the paper, Cushing post etc.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Lisa said that as you all know Danika is taking the full-time position as the Tax Collector. She said that the issue with that is you almost need somebody hired as per diem, mentioning Sami. She stated that 3 people are not really needed in the office all the time and that we would have to train a new employee, and the benefit of having Sami per diem is she knows all this stuff. There are times 3 people are needed for example election time and tax time, but Sami stated in her letter that she would be willing to help with anything in the office, as well as elections. Cheryl made a suggestion to ask Sami if she was willing to commit to per diem times with enough of an advanced notice if that would be something she would be interested in. Dan said that he believes there is another lady that may be interested in the position. Lisa said she had another idea, if we wanted to hire a part time position maybe there could be other things, they could help the assessor or the code officer as well. Danny stated that they needed to follow the protocol and post it, if Lisa could get him the job description, which she told him that we could use the same one we used for Danika's 10-hour position.

6. Unfinished Business:

6a. Local Health Officer status

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan said he would like to continue looking. See if we can get a couple more applications. Craigs question is that we are well over the 30 days, mentioning contacting Dr. Lee to do it temporarily, stating he may ask for some sort of compensation. He is the Town of Friendship local health officer. Dan stated that he thought that was a good idea.

6b. Sand Shed

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, second by Craig Currie that once the bid is approved by the board, we will send the request for bids to larger overhead door companies.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Discussion: Dan wrote up a bid with the help from Lisa and Alton. He would like to send it out to 4 or 5 of the bigger companies, via email or phone. Alton stated that somewhere in the statement we should use "complete", not using our parts. He got asked by a company from Rockport asking to use some of our old parts. Dan said we would add "all new parts" to the write up and email the board with approval.

6c. Electronic Town Sign

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Craig said that Sami found one for \$20,000.00 or less, stating he would like to table this until we find out more of what the cost of ambulance and fire repairs as well as the food pantry repairs because he does not know how much of the ARPA money we will have left. Adding we can use ARPA money for this but felt we didn't need to do this right away. Craig said it was interesting that the one she

found for almost \$17,000.00 less than what he found. Alton said you can't use it for the overhead garage door, with the response of "No" from Craig. Tracey added because you can give health updates on the sign.

6d. MRC

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Tracey added that there really is nothing going on right now with this because they are waiting for pre-qualifications, and that won't happen until the end of the month.

6e. Food Pantry

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, second by Tracey Bally allowing the Rescue squad and Fire Department to use the Food Pantry as storage.

Discussion: Dan stated he did not want to put a lot of money into it. He told Clarence Flanders that he could use it for some storage coming the first of June.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6f. Barbecue at Good Neighbor Park

ACTION: Dan Staples made a motion, second by Tracey Bally for the use of the Good Neighbor Park for a barbecue, which will be open to the Town, in support of those in substance abuse recovery.

Discussion: Dan did get in touch with the lady and got a hold of Lieutenant at the Sheriff's department, saying that is a department sanction operation and they do have insurance.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

6g. Achorn Electric for the Fire Station

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan stated they will be come into to do some new wiring so they can plug in the new fire truck as well do another plug so they can move engine 3 around. Also said there was some other wiring that needs to be done but it will take a couple months to complete, where he has to get materials and take a look at the other stuff going on in the building to get it better to code.

7. New Business:

7a. Consolidated Communications and CMP request permission to place a pole on Pleasant Point Road and Stones Point Road

ACTION: Craig Curry made a motion, second by Cheryl Stackpole to place a pole on Pleasant Point Road and Stones Point Road.

Discussion: A paper was put in new news folder where it needed to be signed.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7b. Pleasant Point Cemetery

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Dan would like the board as a board to go down and look at Cemetery. He is very concerned with it being a mess. He said you can't treat the grubs to the middle of June, adding it needs topsoil, seed and hay, that will cost more then a \$1,000.00. He said he would like to all be together down there so they can discuss it. Alton said he herd that somebody had been down in the cemetery in a vehicle and got stuck which resulted in having to be towed out making it a huge mess. Dan said once looked at they will need to hire somebody out to do it, he has already talked to Guy, where he told him the grass needs to be higher, in order to treat the grubs. Dan and board discussed when to go down together. Cheryl asked what the cemetery committee has for responsibilities. Craig said that their responsibility as a committee is that when a person dies, they will inform if that person has a spot in the grave, stating Bob Weisert is the chairman of that committee. He thought they also may be involved in the maintenance of damage done to graves, which is paid by the town.

7c. Wood Processing Facility by JBI

ACTION: none taken

Discussion: Alton reported that the wood processing going on, on Colonel Stairs Road isn't even in Cushing, its in Friendship.

8. Comments from Citizens:

ACTION: Chairperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Stackpole, to approve purchasing the Lucas devise from Stryker with ARPA funds.

Discussion: Andy Blanchard stated that Lisa had the quote from Stryker. Lisa gave all members of the board a copy to. Andy wanted to make sure they saw the price of about \$20,000.00 Lisa asked Andy if he couldn't help with finding a health officer. Andy did have an inquiry, and said she would reach out to the Town Office, and he would follow up with her as well. Cheryl spoke out and asked if the Board should get a Thank you note together for the gathering of trash done on the side of the roads the past weekend. Dan said yes, and that he also spoke with Ben Lash and asked him to give them a bill for the big things that need to be paid for disposing at the dump.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chairperson Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Tracey Bally, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Danika Poland
Recording Secretary