# TOWN OF LYNDON SELECTBOARD MEETING

September 21, 2015 5:30 PM EST

Selectboard
Martha "Marty" Feltus (Speaker Phone)
Kermit Fisher
Dan Daley

Press Amy Nixon Public Steve Gray Justin Smith

#### SELECTBOARD MEETING:

## 1. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes with one noted correction. On page #2, first paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line "change" should be corrected to say "chance". Motion carried 3 to 0.

## 2. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #38-39.

# 3. Highway Report:

At 75% through the year, payroll is 67% spent and the entire budget is 66% expended.

# 4. <u>Cemetery Projects:</u>

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley to do the following projects using perpetual care funds. The Selectboard authorizes the cleaning of all of the cemetery stones by Anair Memorials for \$18,500.00 over a two year period. The Selectboard authorizes the replacement of 600 feet of cedar posts along road/bank above the turtle pond with 6" X 6" pressure treated posts for \$5,030.00. The Selectboard authorizes road work within the cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. The total project cost is \$33,530.00. Motion carried 3 to 0.

### 5. WWTF Upgrade Update:

Justin Smith made the board aware that the bid process for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade has begun. There will be a pre-bid meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the final bids are due October 9, 2015. Mr. Fisher asked if the biofilter was on schedule for this year. Mr. Smith stated that to his knowledge the outside work would still be done this year, while the interior work would happen over the winter

#### 6. Centrifuge Update:

Mr. Smith stated that the centrifuge was up and operating. Utility Partners and the Village Public Works Supervisor were investigating alternatives to using Ferric Chloride to dewater the sludge. Mr. Smith noted they were testing Ferric Sulfide, which is less corrosive, yet is more expensive than the Ferric Chloride. Dan Daley asked what the cost difference was. Mr. Smith stated it is 90 cents a gallon more and we purchase it in 300 gallon totes. Kermit Fisher asked what else was being done. Mr. Smith said that Utility Partners was now breaking the unit down to clean additional areas within the unit, along with running the automated cleaning cycle on the centrifuge.

### 7. WW Delinquent Account:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley to write off the \$212.41 in delinquent waste water fees owed by the Telephone Operating Company of Vermont, LLC., which went bankrupt in 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 8. Interest Rates:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to reject all bids for a 20 year loan for \$660,000 to purchase the building and property for the joint highway garage. Motion carried 3 to 0. Justin Smith will send out a new RFP to all lenders requesting a 20 year loan for \$2.7 million and also a bid for a bond anticipation note on 2.7 million for one year. All bids shall include what the annual payment would be.

### 9. Other:

- <u>a.</u> Kermit Fisher asked about the Drug Testing policy. Justin Smith said it was still being reviewed by the Town Agent.
- b. The Selectboard discussed Paul Gilles' decision regarding the Industrial Park Board agreement.
- c. All parties will begin to collect information for the informational meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> for the Joint Garage.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM EST

Minutes taken by Justin Smith

Approved by the Selectboard: October 5, 2015