

Peru Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2016

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Margaret Cobb, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra.

Meeting Called to Order: Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Review/Approve Minutes: Gail made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Under New Business issue regarding Burr & Burton Academy.

New Business

Overpayment: Barbara asked for the Select Board to refer to earlier e-mails regarding the refund of an adjusted/overpayment for property taxes to Burr & Burton Academy. After discussion, it was determined that the money should be refunded to BBA.

Old Business

Town Garage: Work is continuing to correct and complete the bathroom. Mike Doane removed walls and marked the concrete. Mark Roberts will take care of cutting out the concrete.

Community House: Gail reported that no one other than Josh Wengerd has responded to her request for giving an estimate and plan for the renovation at the Community House. After discussion, the Select Board agreed to move forward with Re-Design Construction's plan. Gail will set up meetings to go over plans and address the safety and construction issues. There was discussion regarding insurability of the premises if safety issues were not addressed.

Wayne will clean out the garage of the Community House.

Contract Services: Todd will be advised from Donna Williams on the necessary insurance coverage for subcontract work to be done.

Other Business

Mowing Bids: The Select Board is waiting for one additional bid regarding the roadside mowing before awarding the job. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2016.

Tax Exemption: The Select Board received a letter in regard to Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans. Chuck said he was not aware of anyone in Peru that would be eligible for an exemption. Todd would investigate further on this matter.

MSHA Refresher: Todd submitted an invoice for payment of the Mine Safety Training course that Wayne Blanchard and Brian Bills both attended.

Training/Forum: John LaVecchia would like to attend the VLCT Planning and Zoning Forum, June 15, 2016. He is asking that the expense be shared among Peru, Sandgate and Landgrove. Chuck made a motion for Peru to pay their portion of John attending VLCT Forum; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Propane Pre-Buy: Blue Flame and Cota & Cota have sent proposals and rates for pre-buying of propane. Discussion ensued as to the cost per gallon, service contracts cost, minimum usage, etc. Todd would be contacting each company updating our usage information so that a more accurate rate can be quoted.

Warnings: Chuck adjusted the warning posted by Todd to include recommended wording from the State. Also suggested was obtaining a Highway Handbook for reference.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne reported that most of the new signs recently installed were again vandalized. He will be reordering new signs. Dump truck was painted wrong color but this will be corrected and will have back in 2 weeks. The speed cart is not working and the road crew will be taking a road trip up to Berlin to drop off for service. Wayne took a look at a tree at the Timmerman's house and advised the Select Board that it was likely not within the jurisdiction of the town to remove it. Paving is about to begin on South Road. New tires are necessary for the 550 truck. The area by the church has been filled in.

Review and Approve Bills for Payment: The Select Board reviewed all bills and approved payments.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned meeting at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
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