

Town of Lowville

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Lowville Town Hall, W6604 Traut Rd.

CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 p.m. called to order the regular meeting of the Town Board

ROLL CALL - Becki Tomlinson-Here, Paul Becker-Here, Curt Walters-Here

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - Chairman Walters welcomed visitors

APPROVE AGENDA - *Tomlinson/Becker motion to approve agenda as written, MC*

APPROVE 9-14-17 MEETING MINUTES - Chairman Walters called for questions or corrections, being none
Becker/Tomlinson motion to approve minutes as presented. MC

APPROVE SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer presented, Chairman called for questions.

Walters/Tomlinson motion to accept financial report as presented. MC

PAY BILLS - Postmaster \$343, Poynette Library \$2,500, Rio Library \$2,500, County Treasurer \$57.98, CenturyLink \$59.56, Alliant Energy \$71.51, Col Co. Solid Waste \$434.02, Col. Co. Humane Society \$100, Col. Co. Highway Dept. \$11,770.70, Larry Hutzler 193.93, US Treasurer \$32.14. *Tomlinson/Becker motion to pay bills as presented, except ck#7481, \$100 to Humane Society pending clarification of contract. MC*

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Need new Exit light over back door, new bulb did not help. Hall fire extinguisher needs to be serviced. Rio Economic Development meeting discussed annexation of land into Village to increase net value. Shooting range to open in 2018.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON TREASURER'S COMPUTER SOFTWARE, UPDATE AND CLEAN-UP Treasurer's computer needs service. Diane will contact Zach Fredericksen Fall River to service and determine if it is too old to accommodate the Town's current needs. Seek assistance with tax software maintenance agreement from County. Diane will attend class in November and update Town Board next month. Add to November meeting when cost will be available. *Walters/Becker motion to have the treasurer seek help with Town's computer. MC*

DISCUSS AND ACT ON HIRING A TEMPORARY DEPUTY CLERK - Clerk requested temporary help to set up filing system and organize to create process and procedures going forward. Board suggested waiting to next year. Request clerk investigate document retention requirements, who we might hire and a report on overall cost implication to the budget. Table to the November meeting.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RIO FIRE AND EMS BUDGET - Rio EMS Director, Eric Wakeman presented. New Ambulance in May \$180,000 paid from contingency fund, plus \$20,000 power load system paid by EMS fundraiser. *Walters/Tomlinson motion to approve Rio Fire EMS budget for 2018 as presented MC.*

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RIO FIRE DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION - Fire Inspector currently has no authority to enter a business in the Township. Inspector is requesting Lowville adopt a resolution to allow appropriate law enforcement agencies within the township to respond when necessary, to impose such authority. Currently routine fire inspection can be denied. Violations of the fire code would be enforced by citation and cleared when complied with. Municipal Court Fall River/Columbia County. Verbiage for the ordinance as it would pertain to the Town of Lowville will be written and brought before the Town Board. Table until Eric brings completed ordinance verbiage. Clerk will provide our book of ordinances for reference.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON CHANGE TO ARLINGTON EMS BUDGET - \$12,000 rent for the building reflects \$2,000 over the initial rent in approved budget. Increased Rent/decreased Capital improvement, no net change. *Becker/Tomlinson motion to accept Arlington EMS budget as amended. MC.*

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RUTS AT LOWVILLE CEMETERY - Mr. Selle estimate to till, fill, reseed area and pull 2 stumps in Lowville cemetery, \$860.00. Do work this fall. *Tomlinson/Becker Motion to hire "AR WOOD" to repair ruts and remove 2 stumps in South Lowville Cemetery for \$860. MC*

DISCUSS AND ACT ON HAGAN RD. DRAINAGE - Property owner refuses to respond. We will take this off the agenda for the time being.

SET TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 BUDGET - Public Hearing, Thursday November 9th, 7:00 p.m.

SET TIME FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO SET THE 2018 LEVY - Directly following Public Hearing.

To be followed by the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

WORK ON 2018 BUDGET NUMBERS - Board worked to set a proposed budget.

WATER TESTING FOR LOWVILLE FEBRUARY, 2018 - County will be working on this for 2018. Requesting town participation.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ROAD WORK - Road work is complete. Approximately \$20,000.00 over budget.

Bergum Rd. has standing water, Curt will investigate.

ADJOURN - **10.01 pm Becker/Tomlinson motion to adjourn.**