



Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes---February 23, 2022

Those present: Jean Ambrose, Rodney Hembree, Kerri Farris, Wellman Cromwell, Chief Josh Johnson, Deputy Chief Greg Thompson, Jim Lothridge, Sam Snow, Deb Barry, Adam Winchenbach, Charles Kelle and Deb MacInnes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jean Ambrose, at 5:33 p.m.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of February 16, 2022, with edits. Rodney Hembree 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve preview warrant #8 in the amount of \$193,969.44. Rodney Hembree 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve payroll warrant #822 in the amount of \$3,354.95. Rodney Hembree 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

The checkbook balance is \$1,411,353.78.

The floor in the front office was discussed. The reason for part of the floor failing is due to the hole cut in the floor for the electrical outlets. There was no room provided for the floor moving. Jean Ambrose will find out the cost to have the floor fixed.

The Select Board will have Deb Barry prepare some “yes—no” ballots for Town Meeting in case they are needed.

The proof for the Town Report Book was approved to have printed. 550 copies will be ordered.

Chief Johnson explained his input to the cannabis ordinance.

The proposed cannabis ordinance does not apply to someone growing cannabis for their own personal use.

Kerri Farris reported that she visited the Farmingdale Town Office and now has some questions for Sheldon, IT person, about video conferencing equipment. Kerri also reported that the electronic sign they have is a few years old and back then it cost \$5,000, plus \$1,900+ to install it.

Rodney Hembree stated that Jason Corliss had a plan “B” for getting a piece of equipment to his property on a posted road.

Jean Ambrose gave verbal permission for a repair truck to get to a residence on a posted road.



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Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, stated that there are “mud runs everywhere”. Stone was hauled to North Beech Road, Palmer Road, Ledge Hill Road, Old County Road and the Caston Road. The Kelley Road was patched. Damage was done due to freezing and thawing.

Sam Snow reported that an automatic door opener with 6 openers, for the Town sand/salt shed would cost \$2,000 installed with a 1 year warranty.

A discussion was held in regards to the possibility of using some ARPA money towards an ambulance.

The second load of salt from Morton has been delivered.

The generator at the office was struggling and AFC came to repair and we are waiting for a part to come.

There are 2 stops signs that are down. One on the Kelley Road and one on the Lancaster Road, both going onto Route 194. There is also a speed limit sign down on Route 27. Deb M will call Maine DOT.

Special Town Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Jim Lothridge was the moderator. Article #2, To see if the Town will vote to release up to \$25,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase 15 SCBA masks for the Pittston Fire Department. **Article passed unanimously.** Article #3, To see if the Town will vote to release up to \$3,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase video conference equipment for the meeting room. **Article passed unanimously.** The Special Town Meeting ended at 6:23 p.m.

Charles Kelle asked the Select Board if the draft Ordinance Regarding Medical Cannabis applies to someone growing for their own use. The Board responded that the proposed ordinance does not apply to someone growing for their own personal use.

Wellman Cromwell had some questions in regards to Freedom of Access.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Kerri Farris 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.



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Respectfully submitted by: _____

Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant Date

Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

Rodney Hembree III, Selectperson

Kerri Farris, Selectperson