

Town of Cooper
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Meeting opened 6:32 p.m.

Present: Dan Ackley, John Viselli, Brenda Gove, Laurie Pike, Amanda Donaghy, Karen Holmes, Sandy Lyons , Ronnie Flood , Scott Jamieson & Rick Bartlett and friend

1. Treasurer's Warrant approved and signed
Warrant was approved and signed by the board.

Laurie gave the board the tax collector's report

2. Previous meeting minutes - June 4, 2015
John made the motion to approve the June 4th minutes as written
2nd by Dan
All were in favor
3. School Board Representative
Karen spoke for the school board. AOS 90 will help create an article for the summer budget meeting to set up a bus replacement fund.
4. Website Contract
Brenda is working on this and requested that this article be postponed until the next meeting. The board was in agreement.
5. Town equipment
Ronnie spoke about the backhoe. He asked that Dan not be able to speak about the issue. He feels Dan is biased on the issue. He presented the board with two options that were handwritten on paper. One option is to give him the backhoe and trailer for \$1.00. The other option is to give him the \$3,000.00 that he claims he contributed to the purchase, which was \$16,000.00. He said the agreement was made that he put \$3000.00 toward the purchase of the backhoe and he would be able to use the backhoe to

load trucks during winter plowing season and also use it for town road maintenance work. Ronnie said he can produce proof that he contributed \$3000.00. John asked Ronnie if he was interested in the backhoe and Ronnie said No, he was not interested as it was old and rusted. He would like to get the money back he contributed.

Ronnie also talked about the contract on Vining Rd. and winter maintenance. He said the town raised \$50,000 for a salt shed and then the money was used for something else. He had to use mud and poor sand because there was no shed. He feels another reason the \$3000 should come back to him because there was no shed.

There was discussion about the present road repairs made on East Ridge Rd. Ronnie felt \$16,000 had been spent without putting this work out to bid. He said the board had told him to stop work before the job was complete and now was hiring someone else to do what he had started and was not allowed to finish. Brenda pointed out that it was not \$16,000 on the East Ridge Rd., but more like \$4000. Sandy said it was in the minutes and looked them up. It was pointed out that both roads could have the improvements done for about \$12,000. This is the East Ridge and the Vining Rd.

Ronnie said the board would have to make a decision on his proposals tonight. He took his 2 papers with his suggested options and left the meeting.

Sandy stated that Ronnie just would like to be able sell the equipment and get his expenses back.

Brenda asked Sandy if he used the backhoe during the time he did winter plowing. Sandy said yes.

Dan said the town has been paying for repairs for years.

Amanda will look for a deposit for \$3,000 or anything that might relate to Ronnie's contribution. She said there are no warrants before 2009 or 2010.

No decision was made on the backhoe and trailer. It will be revisited next meeting.

6. Business & reports carried from previous meetings.

Mailbox and address

Dan has picked up the mailbox and post. Scott will help him install it.

7. Other Business

There wasn't much news to be given on WCCOG – Community Planning & Zoning at this time.

Karen Holmes said that the Friends group had raised \$300 plus during the yard and plant sale for the community center.

Karen had a sale and raised \$200 for the fire department.

Karen's husband Kenny had brought his tractor to the community center and helped with some ground improvements. People were volunteering and making some nice improvements.

Sandy would like to have someone clean for the grange upstairs. There was some discussion on people who do clean and the possibility of some volunteer work in this area.

Sandy mentioned that Lonny Michaud needed a dump sticker. Dan said he took the dump sticker to Lonny Michaud.

She also said the EMEC would be having their Zone 2 voting on June 30, and Danny Sullivan from Cooper is running.

Dan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50

2nd by Brenda

All in favor