# Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2022

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Place: Marshfield High School Auditorium

**Town Meeting** 

### In attendance for all or part of the meeting were the following:

Dave Carriere Chairman
John Cusick Vice Chairman

Robert Shaughnessy Member
Tom Reynolds Superintend

Tom Reynolds Superintendent Rod Procaccino Town Engineer

Ken Ryan Environmental Engineer

Ann Marie Sacchetti Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:22 p.m.

Dave Carriere motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included action items, items for discussion, minutes and the Superintendent's report.

#### **ACTION**

Dave stated that the Select Board did not vote the indirects as modified at the meeting we had with the Town Administrator, the Treasurer, Tom, Dan and me. We are supposed to have \$81,153.88 in reductions. They left that dollar amount in the policy showing much more for indirect charges than should be.. He (Dave) has a meeting on Thursday with Steve Darcy to go over the new policy. He will raise this issue with him and may call him tonight. The Board would not vote tonight as a result.

Tom Reynolds stated that at the meeting, we had a good conversation and the amount we agreed to is not reflected in the policy we have.

#### DISCUSSION

# 1) Update on Lithium Batteries Handling

Ken Ryan provided the update. He provided copies from "Best practices & Safety Training" by Call2Recycle. It included informational guidelines from U.S. DOT regarding specific terminal protection requirements that minimally must be adhered to when shipping of many battery types including Lithium-Ion batteries. They are saying to seal the batteries in clear plastic bags.

Right now, we use Complete Recycling and they just take them away in buckets and five-gallon pails. Ken indicated that he did call the Call2Recycle Company to find out what they could do for us. They have a kit which comes with a nice box that is flame retardant. It has small and large bags that go with it. Basically, you place the batteries in the box and when it's filled you ship it back to them. They typically sell the box which includes shipping and handling along with a recycling fee but for a municipally they would not charge for it. Right now, we are paying to get rid of our batteries. In this case we could just call this company to get the boxes and ship the filled boxes to them at no cost. They do Home Depot and Lowes. The "Call2Recycle" company is funded by battery manufacturers.

Alkaline batteries are allowed to go in the trash cycle but this company will take those batteries as well.

## 2) STM Articles

Tom addressed the articles; Article 9, Wastewater, to re-establish the emergency line item for emergency spending: Article 10, to transfer funding from Spring Street to pay costs of repairing the

water main that crosses the Dyke Road bridge: Article 11, re-appropriate \$1 million dollars yet to be borrowed to finance costs of the Plymouth Avenue Force Main Repairs project: Article 12, use of ARPA funding with a positive vote from Town Meeting. All the articles have been supported by the Advisory Board and Capital Budget. Dave stated that at the BOS meeting they were in support of all our articles as well.

# <u>VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES</u> – 9/12/22 Open Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 9/12/22.

**Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Still waiting on dates for the paving.

No other updates at this time.

## NEXT MEETING - November 7, 2022

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of October 17, 2022 to the Call of the Chair at 6:44 p.m.

**Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Subsequently, a Call by the Chair to re-address Action Item 1) Indirects & Offsets

Dave found the original summary of the policy from the Town Treasurer and the indirects were reduced as agreed.

A unanimous vote was taken to approve the summary/policy; Dave Carriere and Robert Shaughnessy voted to approve. John Cusick did not approve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti, Board of Public Works Secretary