**TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING April 12, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairperson Ron Reed, Supervisor Bob Miller, Supervisor John McGowan

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Ann Schlimgen, Treasurer Dawn Hemker, Town Patrolman Todd Solberg

**CALL TO ORDER -** Chair Ron Reed called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was properly posted.

**Vote on new Board Member** - John McGowan to replace Roger Wolter who stepped down effective 3-31-22. Bob made a motion to add John as new Supervisor, Ann seconded motion. Motion approved.

**MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & VOUCHERS -** Motion by Bob Miller for a consensus approval of last month’s meeting minutes, treasurer's report and vouchers and seconded by John McGowan. Motion approved.

**Zachery Reyburn -**  Zachery is applying for a variance to build a shed bigger than the allotted County size of 28 x 36 feet. Zach came before the board to get our approval before going to the County for a shed variance of up to 40 x 60 feet. He owns two lots side by side on Crystal Lane. Bob Miller made a motion to let the County know we approve the bigger shed, and John McGowan seconded the motion. Motion approved

**Marcus Schmitz** - Marcus came to the board to discuss adding the 25 acres that he owns north of the mobile home park into the 30 year plan and make this area commercial. He would like to: 1) Sell off approximately 2.5 acres for commercial use along Cty M followed by the personal business development of 2) a full-service and self-storage facility complex, 3) business condos, and 4) a small event center. Board was open to letting area become commercial use. However, they would like more specifics on a plan. No vote taken. For now request tabled while Marcus talks with Realtor and County to peruse plan.

**Employee Handbook -** Discussion was had about the handbook presented. Three changes were made to the handbook. 1. The day after Thanksgiving is a day off and was added. 2. When Patrolman is called out during an emergency (example: a fallen tree) it is automatic overtime with a minimum of at least two hours. 3. If vacation time is not used during the year, it may be taken during the first quarter of the next year. Any vacation not used then will be paid on the first paycheck of the second quarter. Bob motioned to approve handbook with these changes, John seconded motion. Handbook approved.

**Road Report –** Todd is busy getting ready for spring by picking up trees in ditches and getting new machinery ready. Todd talked about getting an estimate for roads that need fixing. While we have been happy with Scotts in past, board stated it would not hurt to get estimate from Fahrner. We should let Fahrner know that we like our bid on individual road projects and not one inclusive bid. Dump day is April 23/24. At this time, Todd thinks he has enough help. Although, if anyone knows someone who may be willing to help in the future some more young blood may be needed.

**CITIZEN/PARK CONCERNS** – Park will open beginning of May so Porta Potties should be ordered for then. There was talk again about a fence. What type of fence is still being looked at and is a work in progress.

**BOARD CONCERNS –**  The board road tour is scheduled for April 20th, at 11:30. Ann reported that the April 5th election went well and that Barre is fortunate to have such wonderful Chief inspectors and poll workers. Thank you! Ann needs to schedule a meeting with the DNR about our recycling. Todd helped Ann with questions. The first Federal Covid funds report is due April 30th. A board meeting is scheduled Tuesday April 19th immediately following the Annual meeting to discuss use of these funds. Finally, an email was sent to board members and Ann regarding speed limit on Drechtrah Rd. Ann will send note back asking if they would like to be on May board agenda.

John McGowan motioned to adjourn meeting; Bob Miller seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Schlimgen Clerk – Town of Barre