**TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING September 12th, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairman Curt Berg, Supervisors Bob Miller and John McGowan

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Ann Schlimgen, Treasurer Meri McKinney, and Patrolman Todd Solberg

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Curt Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & VOUCHERS -** Motion by John for a consensus approval of last month’s meeting minutes, the August 29th special meeting minutes, treasurer's report and vouchers, seconded by Bob. Both minutes, treasurer’s reports, and vouchers approved.

Large Article garbage options – Gary Hougom from Hilltoppers talked about options if we eliminate large article drop off dates. If we eliminated, we would put information in with taxes as to what the new options would be. After discussion, John motioned to table making any change yet, Bob seconded motion. Motion approved to table at this time.

Kathy Shay- Spoke to the board about the pay for election workers. She talked about how it has changed and there are many more responsibilities now, especially for the Chief Inspectors. She asked board to consider increases in next years budget and to giving the Chief inspectors more than workers. Ann stated that per her request the county is getting a survey of what other areas are paying their workers and Chiefs and should have before results before budgeting. The board agreed that an increase is needed and will adjust as able during the budget process.

Jamie Bahr showed board some plans he had for expanding his pole shed on W4380 Drectrah Rd. Board discussed plans with him and told to check with county. If a variance is needed, he will then need to come back to the town before he can be placed on the county committee agenda.

The fuel tank in the shed needs to be moved outside. Curt and Ann had gotten a few estimates for a new pump for outside and a containment vessel. At this time, they did not have the 300 gallons that we would need but do have a 500-gallon tank. John motioned for a 300-gallon tank, with a 15-gallon pump and the smaller containment vessel to be purchased. However, if it took too long to get 300-gallon tank, Curt could use his judgement and get the 500 gallon one. Bob seconded the motion. Motion approved. Curt wil contact Al’s.

The Fire Department budget was reviewed. Bob motion to approve next year’s budget. John seconded. Budget approved.

Todd updated the job description given to him last month. The board reviewed his copy. They will review with more to come on this.

Comprehensive plan – John looked at our current town comprehensive plan for areas that would include residential increases. He will call Charlie Handy at the county to find out why some areas are zoned rural residential and are not by any of the cluster of growth areas.

Road Report – Todd said Scott’s have finished up on our roads for the year and they look good. He stated he would like to be on vacation November 21st – 26th. Ann will check to see if Gary is available to cover those dates.

Curt said he called someone to come look at the sidewalk outside of the town hall. Hopefully, it can be fixed before tax collection season. Ann told board she called St Joseph’s equipment, and they will credit bill for mower as it should have been under warranty.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Schlimgen Clerk – Town of Barre