

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Meeting Minutes

Saturday February 13th, 2016

Committee Members Present: Elise Fitzsimmons; Chair, Howard Lerner; Vice Chairman, Vee Cowell, Stan Taylor, Denielle Morin; Clerk-Treasurer

Committee members absent: Patty Clemons, Sandy Cortez-Greig, Joe Gagnon

Public present- Julia Grace, Robb Grace, Gilles Beaudoin, Stu Eldred

The meeting is opened at: 9:00 am, General Laws Chapter 30A Section 20.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to suspend reading of the open meeting laws. Mr. Taylor seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Meeting Minutes- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to accept the minutes with the noted revisions. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to accept the amendment to the December minutes with the noted revisions. Mr. Taylor seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous

Road Superintendent Report- Mr. Andrews is not present so the road superintendent report is postponed until next meeting. Ms. Morin makes mention for the record that a letter regarding street sign colors from the Town of Becket will be given to Mr. Andrews. Mr. Grace will deliver the letter to him. Mr. Beaudoin states that there are a number of street signs that are missing and a number that need to be replaced to conform to the state requirements for size. Kyle Lane the sign is missing and there is a second on King Richard missing. Mr. Beaudoin states that in the past the road district had been replacing about a dozen street signs per year.

Clerk/Treasurers Report- Ms. Morin tells the board that she has contacted the assessor's office regarding the notice of commitment letter but has yet to receive an answer. Ms. Morin will email Ken in the tax collector's office in the coming week to see if he can provide an answer. The tax revenue collected in January was \$8,449.69. Ms. Morin also makes mention she gave the ST-2 to Mr. Lerner to give to Verizon.

Warrant- Ms. Morin states that Crandall Storage has billed the district for two late charges due to their inconsistent billing and our meeting to authorize payment occurring after the due date. Ms. Morin has advised them in the past of our monthly meeting date to avoid late charges and even attempted to send two payments at once, with the board's approval, to get ahead. However, the late charges happened again as they just didn't send a bill the next month. The board agrees to send them the \$55 dollar premium and a letter refusing to pay the late fees. The board agrees to authorize a second \$55 dollar payment on the warrant for Crandall Storage so Ms. Morin can send it when the bill arrives and not incur the late fee waiting for the March meeting. The new revised total is \$23,906.57. Mr. Lerner makes a motion. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. The warrant is unanimously approved.

Storage Unit- Mrs. Fitzsimmons tells the board that she has not made any inquiries as to a new storage unit and intends to postpone all future inquiries until the weather is warmer.

Expansion of Voting Rights- The issue is tabled for next meeting when Mr. Cortez-Greig can be present. Mr. Lerner inquires as to the wording of the Wells Rd letter. Mr. Lerner is concerned the letter did not include the boards agreed upon changes. Mrs. Fitzsimmons informs the board she got an outside legal opinion stating that as she was the one signing the letter she did not legally have to make any changes she did not approve of. Mr. Lerner states that she was signing the letter on behalf of the board. Mr. Taylor agrees. Mrs. Fitzsimmons states that they will keep that in mind going forward.

Adjournment- Hearing no public input Mr. Lerner makes a motion for adjournment. Mr. Taylor seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned at 9:27 am.

Scheduled next meeting is for March 12th, 2016 at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denielle Morin
Clerk-Treasurer