

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
September 21, 2021
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – William T. Lord, Josh Shackford, Michael A. Mauro

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officer Michael Mosher; Property Owners Sharon Shilling, Pamela Wells, Ali Judkins, Mary Russell and Betsy Hatton Wood; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 31, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By Lord at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve both sets of the minutes from September 7, 2021 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of September 19 - 27, 2021 in the amount of \$552,049.09. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$193,641.05 for Accounts Payable; \$30,298.30 for payroll; \$9,005.24 for payroll liabilities; \$19,104.50 for NHRS; and \$300,000 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ali Judkins, along with Sharon Shilling, Mary Russell, Pamela Wells, and Betsy Hatton Wood, brought to the Boards attention concerns of a medical incident at the Judkins home on Glines Hill Road. Judkins' spouse fell ill at 1:00 am on August 21st and medical services were called; Judkins performed CPR. The ambulance, by following GPS, arrived at the scene after coming in the long way from the Eaton side of Glines Hill Road. Judkins asked why no police or fire department members came to her assistance. Sharon Shilling of Bickford Road, feels that residents need to know what to expect for service and response time during an emergency call and those responding need to find a more reliable system for GPS.

Chief King stated that his department is out from 7am to 11pm daily. Dispatch does not call them in the middle of the night for medical calls, but had someone been out on duty, they would have responded.

King stated the times that support coverage from the Sheriff's department and State Police is offered.

Pamela Wells stated that the fire department has E-911 map books with Mauro adding that the ambulance base has the books also.

Chief Brooks joined the discussion, noting he has not seen the run sheet for this incident, adding that the members of the volunteer fire department are no longer all local personnel. His department includes twelve active members from different towns which includes five trained at various EMT levels. There is also a mutual aid agreement amongst local towns.

Shilling feels the ambulance company should have to report their statistics. Chief Brooks stated that the company is contractually required to submit monthly statistical performance reports. These are available for public review at the Selectmen's office. Chief Brooks, while not dismissing the importance of this discussion, feels Action Ambulance offers far better service than their predecessor and that this incident is an anomaly for Madison. Shilling is glad to hear that but questions if their service is adequate for the tax payers adding this is not the ambulance company's fault, it is the fault of the Town to tell them not to go by GPS; we should train them on the area.

Judkins again questioned why no one else responded and asked how we can make sure someone is available for every call. Chief Brooks can see that a department member did call-in but does not know which department member it was. Chief King responded that the protocol can be changed but with the understanding that more coverage necessitates more staff.

J. Shackford pointed out that police are generally not called to medical situations unless there are suspicious circumstances.

Lord offered to follow up with the Chiefs and Mauro to see what can be done. Shilling asked what action can be expected from this discussion. Chief Brooks stated he will respond to each of the public that came tonight with what transpired that evening in writing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Exempt Leasing Rescue Truck Chassis Financing Documents:

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve and sign the lease document for the remount of an E-One fire apparatus body on a Mack MD742-42 chassis with equipment having Mauro as back-up signatory. The motion passed **3-0**.

Chief Brooks offered an update regarding the chassis work. A mid-October delivery of the chassis is expected with a 180 day build time expecting the truck back in town in April.

Path between School and Burke Field – Director Cyr asked to discuss the pathway the children at the school use to access Burke Field. The current path leads them through the parking lot of the garage. The congestion of the lot due to an increase in use of the garage because we now haul the town's MSW, not a contracted service any more, and the volume of cars from the school parking in the lot has brought this safety concern to a point of necessary action. Discussion of how to create a safe passage for the children lead to the Board accepting Brooks' offering to call over the school tomorrow inviting Principal Woodard, Ken Eckhart and School Board Chairman Curran to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss a solution.

2022 Draft Budget Review – The Board made a cursory review of the 2022 budget pages in advance of the meeting of the Advisory Budget Committee next Tuesday. The pages were not complete as several numbers are not available yet. Lord felt the ABC would be interested in review of the CIP which is on their agenda for review.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

Selectman Shackford's List – J. Shackford asked the other Board members for their support to make improvements to Class A municipal trails Kiljockey and Goe Hill. There are two culverts that need replacing to help control erosion and washouts. Rental of a mini excavator, culverts and gravel would

come to an estimated \$3,000 - \$4,000 for the project. This project could be funded through the ARPA grant or with Conservation Commission funds as it falls under the NRC stewardship program's goals.

Brooks' opinion is that the funds should come from Conservation funds, not ARPA, as the Conservation Commission focuses on trails and maintaining them in a user-friendly way.

Director Cyr would like to see getting a mower head at the same time which would clear the sides of the trails to allow for forestry vehicles; Brooks concurred. Lord equated this project to having paid Tim Nolin for trail maintenance in the past with J. Shackford adding that no money has been spent on improving those trails. The Board was in agreement that these trails ought to be fixed.

Selectman Mauro's List - Mauro asked the status of the repeater on VDOE's tower. Chief King will reach out to Craig Belcher of OME, and take care of the letter and sketch that VDOE has requested. Brooks hoped that this project can move quickly and be set up before winter.

Selectman Lord's List - Cyr confirmed with Lord that the grills have been removed from the Foot of the Lake Beach with Cyr adding that he would like to see people contact department heads or the town administrator about issues as Facebook is not an effective way to make contact with the Town.

Resident Sharon Shilling expressed concern about an issue this summer on Bickford Road. The logging job at the Cody property had vehicles that caused damage to the road at the junction of Bickford Road and Glines Hill Rd. Shilling inquired if bonds are required. J. Shackford explained that it was looked into but it was unfair to ask only loggers to post bonds when construction and other companies are hauling large loads too. Cyr was confident that that particular logging company has worked with him in the past and sure they will again to rectify any issues. Shilling had also inquired with the Code department about a noise ordinance because of the early start times of the logging operation to no avail. J. Shackford explaining how hard it is to enforce a noise ordinance and suggested to contact the police in the future as it could be considered disturbing the peace.

Department Heads' Lists:

Chief Brooks – The power to the panel on the other side of the fire station for the shutoff to the compressor system is complete and ready for the compressor company to do the next step.

Director Cyr – Cyr was pleased to say that the bathroom issue in Town Hall has been rectified. Cyr credited his DPW crew with guidance of CP Smith to be able to clear the blockage in the vent pipe. It is all set for now but can see the need for future improvements; and

- A young man from Mooney Hill Road approached Cyr and asked if he could have the damaged boat that was removed from the beach that sits out back of the DPW. The young man would like to restore it with Cyr offering to deliver it to his house. All were in agreement to allow the young man to have it.
- The Volvo is fixed, it finally showed a code that led to rectifying the problem.
- Cyr presented a quote from Viking Cives for a set of plow gear that he'd like to install on the former trash hauling truck. J. Shackford asked if it would be ready for this year's snow plowing with Cyr responding it is not guaranteed. Cyr would like to use funds from the Highway Heavy Equipment ETF.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to expend \$28,954.00 from the Highway Heavy Equipment ETF for the purchase of the plow gear. The motion passed **3-0**.

Administrator's List – No items.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

SIGNATURE ITEMS:

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

2020 Abatements: 117-041 Heilprin \$878.64

117-044 Brill \$823.34

117-045 Van Dam \$103.70

117-046 Jenkins \$825.44

119-003 Underwood \$1,650.37

128-008 Blomquist \$265.69

232-038 Drew \$1,737.35

Private Road Waiver: 120-028 Hill/Seilman

Tax Deed, Lien, and Payment Agreement – 115-042

Planning Board Counsel Waiver and Agreement

Tax Exempt Leasing Exhibit C – Payment Request for Silverado Cruiser

6:14 PM - Lord made a **motion** to go into **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll call vote: Lord – aye; Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye

6:43 PM – Lord made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes public under RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by J. Shackford and so voted **3-0**.

6:43 PM – Mauro made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator