

**TOWN of BRIDPORT
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2019
Masonic/Community Hall 6pm**



PRESENT: Joan Huestis (Chair), David Bronson, Matt Lawton, Tim Howlett arrived at 6:20, Mike Lawton arrived at 6:30

Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Irene Zaccor (Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (DPW Foreman), Katie Welch, Barb Wagner, Lynn Boie and Debbie Ploof.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Joan Huestis.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

New Business:

Use of the Community Hall:

Katie Welch and Barb Wagner asked if they could use the Community Hall for Community Supper's Fridays nights Dec 6th – April 3rd since the Grange building has been closed and no longer useable. Discussion was had about the concern for the floors and the extra money it will cost the town for heat, electricity, sewer pumping, etc. Katie and Barb said they would need to store supplies at the Hall and would also need a small freezer. Matt moved to allow the Bridport Community Supper's to use the Community Hall for the approximate dates of Dec. 6, 2019-April 3, 2020 for a donation of \$1000.00. David seconded, motion passed.

Lynn Boie also was interested in using the Community Hall for the Bridport Defense League to exercise twice a week. She realized that the DPW conference room would be a better choice and asked if that would be possible for the winter months and the Community Hall for the summer months. Matt moved to allow the Bridport Defense League to use the DPW conference room from winter and the Community Hall in the summer months, Monday & Wednesday mornings. Tim seconded, motion passed.

Debbie Ploof gave us a report on the condition of the Grange building. It is in bad shape and will be unusable until they can raise the money to fix it. They are thinking it will be anywhere from \$150,000 and up. She wanted the Selectboard to be aware that they may have to sell the building. Debbie is looking into some grants to apply for.

Julie Howlett talked about the use of the Hall and some concerns she has with use and who is exempt from renting the building. It was decided that 4-H, the Masons, the Fire Department, the Bridport Seniors and funerals are exempt from the cost of renting the Hall. It was also discussed, should the Town change the lock on the door, we have no idea how many people have keys and have lost some control over the building. It was decided that we will change the lock and Joan will contact Russell Buck to find out how many keys the Masons need. Dusty suggested that every time someone rents the hall the Town should take \$25.00 of the rent money and put it into a restoration fund, so when we need to repair the floor we will have some money put away. All were in agreement.

Appointment of Custodial and Enforcement Officers for the Judicial Bureau:

For the new Dog Ordinance, the Town needs to appoint an Enforcement Officer who will issue tickets when someone is in violation of the Ordinance and appoint a Custodial Official who will be the contact person for matters having to do with the Judicial Bureau. Joan moved to appoint Jerry Forbes as the Enforcement Officer and Julie Howlett as the Custodial Official. David seconded, Tim abstained, motioned passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Irene presented \$93,000.00 in bills which includes a loan payment for the truck, grader and salt purchased for this coming winter. \$892,000.00 has been collected in taxes so far. Irene let the Selectboard know that MVP Insurance is going up considerably at the beginning of next year. Joan moved to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Matt seconded, motion passed.

Other Business:

Adjourn:

Joan moved to adjourn at 8:05pm. Matt seconded. Adjourn at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,