

Gilsum Board of Selectmens Meeting
September 13, 2021 6:00pm
Board present Bart Cushing, Vicki Ayer and Clem Louder

6:00 pm Cushing calls meeting to order

9/7/21 Minutes-

Ayer motions to approve minutes as written

Louder 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

Invoices-

Exxon Mobile- invoices are currently mailed on the 1st and due on the 22nd to avoid late fees, due to timing invoices will now be emailed on the 1st.

Maguire Trucking- Louder- going forward more clarification is needed, approved current invoices based on 8/23/21 approval of rates. Ayer- refuse to approve violates RSA 95:1.

Town highway truck International- at Steves Mechanic needs turbo and piston for dump body lift

Checklist 9/7/21-

Louder motions to approve

Cushing 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

County Tax- Due by 12/17/21 total amount set when tax rate is set in November.

2021 Warrant Article Funds- \$60,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance was due 10 days after town vote.

Approximate checking balance is \$1,000,000.

\$151,560 warrant articles is due by 12/15/21 ,

school taxes due approx \$90,000 monthly,

County tax set in November will be approx \$250,000 is due by 12/17/21 in one payment

Cushing- Treasurer Lombarda suggests making 3 payments for Warrant Articles

Ayer- pay full amount now, due dates are before revenue will be generated from 2nd tax bill, current checking balance will not increase substantially until Jan 2022.

Ayer motions to pay \$60,000

Louder 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

Trust Fund Request Mack Rd-

Ayer motions to approve request of \$2500 from Church St / Mack Rd trust for Right Angle Eng invoice

Cushing 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

Swanzy Oil-

Ayer motions to use Swanzy Oil for all Town needs.

Louder 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

Trucking Bid- Residents Gilman, Willard & Houle asked future bids be published in a newspaper. Posting only on the town website is not effective.

Action- Ayer will post on NHMA classifieds

Highway Equipment Rental Rates- Road Agent Maguire absent

Gilman Const supplied excavator, backhoe and bulldozer rates

DLB Trucking & Logging supplied trucking rates

R & R supplied trucking rates

Gilman- Gilman Const, DLB and R&R rates are lower than Maguire Trucking rates that the board Cushing & Louder approved on 8/23/21. NH State equipment rates are available to municipalities Gilsum should be using state rates. When Road Agent Maguire hires Maguire Trucking that town job should be done after hours not while the Road Agent Maguire should be working for Gilsum.

Resident- All the roads are bad in Gilsum, they all need repair.

Houle- Gilsum needs to purchase necessary equipment for town operations, are the selectmen going to?

Louder- Want to make sure the board is following competitive bidding when awarding Maguire Trucking jobs.

Cushing- Rates to be supplied to Road Agent Maguire, up to Road Agent to decide which vendor to use or use Maguire Trucking. Vendors must be able to take direction from Road Agent Maguire.

Ayer- objects to the Road Agent Maguire from hiring Maguire Trucking without following the required competitive bidding.

Gilman & Willard leave the meeting.

Assessors- Houle asked how will Gilsum have an accurate tax base if properties are not viewed inside and outside by Avitar?

Cushing- interior description is assumed as best unless resident instructs Avitar otherwise

Louder- the 5 year revaluation contract cites all properties will be viewed at a rate of 20% each year

Ayer- Avitar stated only 10% of properties are visited each year as agreed upon with previous board.

Planning Board- Houle needs a binder of necessary documents. Vacancy on board will be mentioned in the Bridge Newsletter. Sullivan Center Rd sub division to be discussed during Planning Board meetings.

Houle leaves the meeting

Maguire Trucking jobs- Road Agent Maguire to hire Maguire Trucking for equipment rentals

1.Mack Rd culvert road needs to be dug out to fill depression

2.Mack Rd at Oake residence needs 4 yards of gravel prevent water runoff into yard

3.Mack Rd boulder presenting problems

4.Riverside Rd junk yard road water runoff into property

Cushing- what is the boards direction for these jobs

Louder- do not use Maguire Trucking this week will review next board meeting

Ayer- do not use without competitive bidding

Nature Conservancy / Casa Grande - Tax Collector Avitar program has incorrect owner / bill to info and shows back taxes due from 2020.

Cushing- Tax Collector Wing will send 2020 tax bill #2 to Casa Grande for 406-5 that was sent to TNC now in lien process.

ARPA funds- Resident present requested funds be used for fixing roads, all town roads need repair. Public hearing is rescheduled for 9/27/21 at 7pm in the Gilsum Public Library. Reschedule done due to original notice date would only have given 6 days notice, RSA 31:95b requires a 7 day notice.

2021 Tax Rates- set in November by DRA

Louder- would like have discussions of how unassigned fund balance is used to lower tax rate.

Pistol Permits-

Louder motions to approve permits

Ayer 2nds

vote Cushing-yes, Ayer-yes, Louder-yes

Motion passed

Gilsum vs. Ayer-

Cushing- 2017 surveyor is not reachable to complete Boundary Line Agreement Plan per plan #18011.

Louder- will attempt to contact surveyor

Avitar-

Town Clerk Betsy obtaining quote for Avitar Building Permit software for Building Inspector Louder. .

Building Insp Occupancy Permit-

Louder- is this a requirement with a town form? Will call Fire Dept for clarification.

2022 Budgets-

Louder- Board has a responsibility to inform department heads due date for budget requests.

Louder motions to adjourn

Cushing 2nds

Meeting adjourned 10:07 pm

Minutes submitted by Vicki Ayer

Minutes approved

Signature

Date

Bart Cushing

Vicki Ayer

Clem Louder