



Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 13, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 6:34 pm Chairman Towne called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Towne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
3. **Selectmen Present/Quorum:** Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Stephen Hatch, Brian Bickford, Ronnie Irving, and Michael Hachey.

4. **Action Items:**

Approve Minutes from January 23, 2024

So moved by Selectman Irving

Spelling Corrections

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

Next item- Johnson Flat Road Agreement with Pittsfield \$34,408.50 reduced to \$29,820.50. Price dropped to match footage.

Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Irving asked about grading twice a year. TM Swain said that will be a separate agreement.

Carried 5-0

Motion to allow TM to sign the agreement by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

Next Item- Town Office Cleaning Contract

Sasha Letourneau- Elbow Grease Cleaning Services. \$3,900.00 until June 2025.

Town Clerk Jessica Harriman explained to the board that the office is not being cleaned how it should be. The floors aren't being washed on a regular basis, and there have been a few other issues. We have reached out to the current cleaner, but nothing has improved.

Motion to approve the contract by Selectman Hachey
Seconded by Selectman Hatch
Carried 5-0

Motion to allow the Chair to sign by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 5-0

Next Item- Fire Station Roof Replacement
Chairman Towne asked how much was set aside for this project.
The price is not accurate anymore, the company said to add 10%.

This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Next Item- Ideal Electric Contract
Their price has gone up \$45.00.
The Board asked if we had to go with them, could we ask Wiswell Electric and see how much they would charge for the yearly service.
TM Swain said we can check with them.

Next Item- 2024-2025 Proposed Budget
TM Swain has requested that the Town pay 90% of the employee's health insurance for family coverage. He said we have lost police and fire employees due to the cost of health insurance for families.
Judy said the budget committee worked on this last night, they believe that there should be some benefit for them and their families, but 90% is too much.
They have approved for the town to pay for the employees and their children, but they will only allow a certain amount to go towards adding their spouses.

There was an increase in the police department overtime.

They would like to have the Code Enforcement position go to full-time. He is also the facilities maintenance person. With him doing the facilities work, it will save us from contracting the work out.
Selectman Irving is concerned that the facilities work will take time away from the Code Enforcement work.
TM Swain said that Garrett will most likely get done working for the town of Benton.

The paving budget was raised to \$300,000.00.

TM Swain has been going through the reserve accounts to see what has been used, and what can be consolidated.

Selectman Bickford asked if there was going to be a warrant article for the purchase of an ambulance.
TM said he didn't know anything about it.

Chairman Towne said that LS Power has been terminated, there was a letter sent in the mail.

Selectman Irving explained the plan on where the power lines are going to be in Clinton according to a meeting he went to in Albion.

5. Discussion Items:

6. Unfinished Business:

7. Town Manager's Report: Included in their packets.

Selectman Irving asked if anyone has looked at the cap on the town office roof yet.

TM said Garrett is working on it.

RFP for paving- Water Street, 8/10 mile on Hill Road, True Road by the bridge.

We will be cleaning up 888 Hinckley Road, they went to court, she did not show up.

Tim Hortons closed, Dunkin is coming to town. There was talk about Tradewinds being sold, it was not.

8. Supplements and Abatements:

Mark Hallet- Map/Lot 006-011 \$1,220.52

Farmland use tax law- The assessors reached out to him multiple times via mail and phone, he did not comply.

Motion to approve by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Carried 5-0

Wayne and Karen Pearson- Map/Lot 006-053-D \$616.48

Farmland use tax law- the assessors reached out multiple times, they did not comply.

Motion to approve by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Carried 5-0

Constance Cummings- Map/Lot 014-012 \$500.00 (first penalty)

Tree Growth, the assessors reached out multiple times, she did not comply.

Motion to approve by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Carried 5-0

Roger McAllister Jr.- Map/Lot 008-040-D \$500.00 penalty

Tree Growth, the assessors reached out multiple times, he did not comply.

Motion to approve by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

9. Next Meeting- February 27, 2024

Fire Station Roof

Ideal Electric Contract

Update for the reserve accounts for FY 2024-2025 budget

10. Treasurer's Warrant:

Treasurer's Warrant #22 \$340,032.31

Motion to accept by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

11. Questions & Comments:

Terry Knowles said the paving RFP should be on the next meeting agenda.

12. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

Adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Harriman

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Town Clerk