

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 5, 2020 via Zoom**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Parizo-Vice Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Parizo-Vice Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars, Adam White, Diane Cota-Chair ,and Rachael Griggs

**Community Members Present:** Ron Bushway-Road Commissioner

**Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed:**

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Revisit Application from Franz & Anne Rosenberger's application for Laying Pipes:** Adam reported that Brad had told him he did not fill in the information.

Rachael Griggs makes a motion to rescind the previous motion to approve the permit made by Diane Cota for laying pipes for Franz and Anne Rosenberger at 139 East Shore North Road and reads the motion to be rescinded.

Diane Cota motioned to accept the permit submitted by Franz & Anne Rosenberger to lay pipes by Island Excavating at 139 East Shore North Road. Jeff Parizo seconds the motions. Brief discussion followed. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

The reason we are rescinding this is because the Road Foreman had not filled out the information and did not sign it. When we receive the correct permit, we will make a new motion. Diane Cota seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Adam said he would like to bring up, possibly at the next meeting to revamp both forms whether for laying pipes or curb cuts and include the Road Forman and Road Commissioner in the discussion. Jeff said there needs to be a signature block as well.

- **Zoom meetings:** Jeff said he and AnnaMarie will meet at the Town Office on the days we have Selectboard meetings. He will bring his computer and microphones.

Diane said in our Personnel Policy it's very specific about the use of computers. She is waiting to hear back from VLCT.

**III. NEW BUSINESS: New garage:**

- **Interior wall sheathing:** Dave Pratt brought up that the sheathing cost has doubled in price and wondering if we would pick up half of the increased price and the Town would pick up the other half. He mentioned this is the first request Dave has made. Jeff has asked for figures first. Adam said it's

first request Dave has made. Jeff has asked for figures first. Adam said it's an understandable request. Jeff just wanted to bring this up and we will discuss it later. He said the job is about 90% done.

- **Exterior slab radiant heating:**

Jeff said we all understand that a slab is put in around the poles coming out four feet and insulated underneath it with 4-inch foam. That is not in our scope of project. The Highway Reserve Fund is paying for it.

Jeff Explained the following:

- We bonded this project at \$1,200,000. David Pratt's scope of the work is \$1,100,000 and he feels he is coming in right at that target.
- We bonded \$1,200,000 because we had a \$42,000 performance bond.
- We were in agreement to do \$60,000 for a concrete apron coming out 40-feet. We are not doing that apron right now.
- We have already approved \$26,000 for change orders leaving us about \$31,000 in that kitty.
- Brad Sheridan has agreed to pay for the concrete (out of the Highway Department reserve fund) which is \$6900 for a four-foot slab and the 20 sheets of 4" Styrofoam of \$800, \$7700 will come from the Highway Reserve Account. If we put just the radiant tubing in it's an additional \$3800 bringing the cost to \$11,500. Once the concrete is poured we can't go back and do it. This is just to put the pipe in for future use. Also putting solar in will help offset the expense.

Adam asked what the purpose is because they have plows that they can use to plow the snow. Jeff said with the heated garage floors the apron could freeze up. Diane mentioned Rescue doesn't have this problem with their heated floor and neither does the Fire Station. She also said once this is done they will need a heat source, a furnace, which will cost the taxpayers more money to run it.

The discussion continued. Adam and Rachael said they will not vote for this as we did vote to deny the radiant heat under the apron at a previous meeting. Diane said she doesn't think it is necessary. The reserve fund for the Highway Department is for emergency and future equipment, not for the new building.

Rachael said It is the tax payers money and if \$30,000 can be saved it's a huge amount. We should wait until the end of the build to be sure there isn't anything else to come up.

Diane asked what will the cost be to complete the apron down the road and where will the money come from.

Ron said we were asked by David Pratt to split the extra cost for lumber and where is that money coming from. Rachael said that is why we shouldn't spend any of this \$31,000 now. Diane said the lumber has to happen and the heated apron does not.

Jeff said he doesn't think we will make a motion because it looks like it wouldn't pass. We are talking about \$3800. Adam said we already motioned to deny the heated apron.

Diane asked if they could get information from other towns who have heated aprons.

Ron asked if we need to pour the apron now. He suggested putting gravel down for now and wait until the project is over and have time to get the money.

Jeff said he will talk with Randy (Gover) to see if we can use gravel for now and wait until spring. Let's get the salt shed done, see how much money will come out of the salt shed reserve fund and if we have any left. We will revisit it in the spring.

- IV. **ADJOURNMENT:** AnnaMarie motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:40PM. Adam White seconds the motion. No further discussion. All vote in favor and the motion passes.

Respectfully submitted

Rachael Griggs  
Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

Date: November 16, 2020

Diane Cota  
Diane Cota, Selectboard Chair

Date: Dec 14, 2020