

Ross Lake Board Meeting January 3rd, 2024

The monthly Ross Lake meeting held at the town hall was called to order with the pledge of allegiance on Wednesday, the 3rd of January at 3:00 pm by Supervisor Leo Offerman. Board members in attendance in addition to Leo Offerman, were Supervisor Mark Caspers, Clerk Pat Vannelli, and Treasurer Patricia Murray.

There were 6 visitors present: Roger Gerber, Barb and Bill Smith, Joyce Nuemann, Casey Tscheu, Chuck Pettipiece

First on the task list is to appoint new Chairman, William (Bill) Smith, motion was made by Leo Offerman and seconded by Mark Caspers. William Smith was sworn in under oath and notarized by current clerk, Pat Vannelli.

Second order was to accept Pat Vanelli's resignation and appoint Casey Tscheu to be the new clerk of Ross Lake township. Casey Tscheu will be notarized by Pine River Bank notary Patrice Anne Miller on Jan 5th, 2024.

Visitors Comments: A resident showed concern on why the positions available were not known or posted to be open for applicants. Leo Offerman explained that in the last meetings, the positions were known and asked prior visitors if there were any volunteers, and no one had spoken. Roger also mentioned that the time of 3:00 pm was a concern for residents of Ross Lake to accompany the meetings and suggested a later time. Leo Offerman confirmed that they have changed times in the past to 6:00 pm and less residents have shown.

A **motion** was made by Offerman, seconded by Caspers, AIF, to purchase new laptops for Tscheu and Murray once MAT and CTAS training has been finished. Patricia Murray will schedule training for the end of January.

A **motion** was made to purchase a new thermostat for the town hall, seconded by Caspers, AIF.

Road Report: Roads have been okay, no grading needed. A little rutty in the cul de sacs from recent freezing. No snow to plow. Culvert replacement that needs to be done shall be done at the Road Supervisor's discretion up to \$15,000. First mowing will not be done prior to July 15th based on recommendation by DNR to protect nesting wildlife. One sign on McNeil road and one sign on Ophah's drive will need to be straightened.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer will renew the CTC contract. Motion made to accept recommendation by Treasurer on splitting funds into two separate banks. \$50,000 at 15 months CD, \$50,000 at 15 months CD. Bonding will be increased to \$500,000. Treasurer Murray presented her report for the month 12/01/23 - 12/31/23. Total claims - \$10,006.65. Total bank account balance at the end of December - \$326,112.51.

Old Business: Labor rate for personal use of equipment may be changed, will need to ask vendors about the prevailing wages.

New Business: Holmwig has plowed twice when less than 3" of snow was received on January 6th and 7th.

Claims presented were motioned to be paid by Caspers and seconded by Offerman.
Motion was made by Offerman to adjourn meeting at 4:48pm and seconded by Caspers, third by Smith, AIF.