

Bakersfield Regular Select Board Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Lance Lawyer.
Members present: Lance Lawyer, Brenda Churchill, Terri Gates
Members absent: Gary Denton, Josh Goss
Residents/Guests: Dan and Katie Forand, John West, Tami Brennan, Linda McCall

Warrants signed:

Road Commissioner's order #01-2022	\$29,835.51
Road Commissioner's order #8&9-2022	\$29,801.77
Road Commissioner's order #3-2022	\$158.05
Selectman's order #4-22	\$13,339.89

Terri asked the board if the Ambulance is part of the General fund. Lance said that the Ambulance Service is a contract reviewed and signed by the Select Board and is part of the General Fund. It has previously been a single item but since it is a non-negotiable, it needs to be paid, so is now included in the General Fund which is why the General Fund is higher. Lance said that the Fire Dept is in the General Fund too since it is also a signed contract and is non-negotiable. And Dispatch is included in the General Fund this year also.

The board signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Lance said the mileage has not changed from 2021 to 2022 so it just requires the Select Board signatures.

The Statement of Interest Paid from the Auditors needs to be signed by one member of the board. Lance said that he signed as temporary chair since Josh was absent.

The board signed the new Purchasing/Payment Policy for the Town of Bakersfield. Lance said that it is basically the same as the one the board signed in January 2021, only this one includes their names listed with their titles, instead of just their names. Lance said that one of the Select board members was going to change since Gary Denton is not running tomorrow, so someone else will be voted in. He said that they will need to change a name at the first meeting in March. Lance said that there was also a new paragraph added listing payment procedures. He asked Terri to read it because if she disagreed with anything, they want to hear it now.

Brenda said that a hundred miles of fiber optic and the backbone for broadband will arrive this summer and would be stored in one of the buildings in town. She said that it is really valuable.

Lance said that he would forward an invoice from Paul Dryer to Tami and to have that put on the agenda for the first meeting in March.

Terri asked if the Road Crew kept a log to record Truck Maintenance. Lance said yes they do, it is a hand-written maintenance log book.

Terri asked if this is the last payment for the gravel pit. Lance said that it believed that it was.

Terri said that she was watching what Fairfield does for plowing. She said they almost plow people's driveways and are Class 4 roads. Lance said that at least we don't do that. Terri said that she wondered why they did that. And if it was smart to do or smart to not do.

Mask Mandate- Lance said that last year for Town Meeting Day voting, we had a mask mandate to enter the building and that Kathy has asked for have the Mask Mandate for Voting Day this year. Lance said he believed there was only one person, last year, that refused to wear a mask. This mandate would only be in effect for Town Meeting Day voting at the Town Hall.

Terri made the motion to mandate that Masks are required to enter the building for Town Meeting Day voting. Brenda seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Lance asked all attendees if anyone had any questions. Dan Forand and Linda McCall on zoom said that they had none.

Brenda made the motion to adjourn, Terri seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tami Brennan.