

Bakersfield Regular Select Board Meeting  
June 13, 2022  
7:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Josh Goss.

Members present: Josh Goss (chair), John West, Brenda Churchill, Terri Gates

Members absent: Lance Lawyer

Residents/Guests attending: Maria DeRosia, Linda McCall, Savannah Riddle, Maura and Beth Horne, Dan and Katie Forand, Mac Newitt, Melanie Riddle, Deana and Rodney Allen, Tami Brennan

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the May 23, 2022, Select Board Meeting minutes as written, was made by Brenda, seconded by John and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0, Terri having not yet arrived.

Warrants signed:

Road Commissioner's Order #2&3-2022	\$24,177.16
Selectman's Order #01-2022 BCC	\$506.11
Selectman's Order #12-22	\$19,791.18
Road Commissioner's Order #2-22	\$119,640.71
Road Commissioner's Order #7-2022	\$134.79

Finance- Maria told the board that she had asked for more money from the FEMA LOC. She also told the board that the BCC have their own item line and they haven't spent anything yet this year until now and they usually get some or all of the expense reimbursed from a grant.

The board asked how many ATV's have registered for stickers so far this year and Tami said they are currently issuing stickers with the numbers being in the 80's and Maria told the board that we had collected \$590.00 so far this year. Josh said Thank you to all who have registered so far and if you haven't, you can either come to the Town Clerk or to a Select Board meeting and fill out the application with your registration number, etc. or go to the town website, download the application, fill it out and mail it in with a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will get the sticker mailed right out to you. All instructions are on the Town website...just hit the ATV tab at the top of the Home Page.

Maria explained to the board that the reimbursement check to be issued to Kathy on the warrants is for 10 Town flags. Amazon limited the number of flags per purchaser to 20 and the town needed 30, so she ordered 10 on her own account so we were able to receive the entire 30 flags. Mac said that the total cost for the flags was around \$1200.00 to \$1250.00 and that included poles, brackets, and flags. The board asked if there was any extra flags for future replacements and Mac said no, but the poles are sturdy and the brackets are metal instead of plastic, so the only thing we should have to replace for a while would be the flags themselves and these are pretty sturdy.

Josh followed the agenda and called the first visitor, Terry Gerrow, but Terry was not in attendance, so he called the next visitor.

Linda McCall- said that she had noticed that VTrans had come back into town to address issues with storm drains from last year. She said that the sidewalk that VTrans replaced in front of her house is now crooked and has risen, so it is now at a higher level than when they put it in. Linda said that to connect the new sidewalk to her sidewalk that leads to her house, they had put in a sloping section. Now, when it rains, she ends up with around 2" of water on the sidewalk that leads to her house and when it freezes, there is ice all the way, so you can't safely walk on it. She said that the older she gets, the more dangerous it will become and if they don't come and fix what they did, she will have to put in a whole new sidewalk. Josh said that she should call VTrans directly, since the board would not be involved in that. Linda said that she would, but to spread the word to see if anyone else has issues to address to VTrans, that if they were coming this way, they could address them at the same time.

Linda reminded everyone of the ARPA meeting for the sub-committee coming up on July 13, 2022.

John told Linda that he would forward an email response that he had received about possible resources that would aid in paying a portion of repairs needed on the Historical Society.

Roads-Mac presented the board with a letter of intent for the chair to sign from the state in order for Bakersfield to participate in a 2023 Municipal Road Grant Aid Program if the board wants to participate in the grant program. The board decided to participate, and Josh signed the form.

Mac said that they boarded up all the bottom windows and doors on the Brigham Academy first floor except on one side. The board asked if there was any overtime reflected in their timecards and Mac said no, it was all straight time. Mac said they put 3/4" plywood over the personnel door they were prying at. They are also going to put boards across the cellar window. They need to wait for the lift to come to do the second floor.

The board asked for an update on the mowing bids. Mac said that he spoke to Mike Montgomery and also to BJ DeRosia and they are considering putting in a bid. Josh asked if the crew have started mowing the immediate roadsides yet, and Mac said they have the mower hooked up and are about to start.

Terri asked Mac if they had gotten her message about Waterville Mtn Rd and Mac said yes and they went up that same day and fixed it.

The board asked Mac if they had heard anything about a grader and Mac said no, that he hasn't heard from the guy at all, and he hasn't heard from Johnson. Josh said they have pretty much ruled out Johnson because of the 4-wheel instead of the 6-wheel. Josh said that we need to start pursuing the search for a grader now. He said that he heard that the expected wait time for a new grader was 2-3 years.

The board asked about the Hydro seeder. Mac said that it was still coming and is supposed to be in at the end of June. Mac said we have paid our part of the invoice and we just need to turn I the picture of it working.

Terri said that she hated to complain but Lost Nation Road is rough. Mac said that it's coming. He said that the third load of chloride coming this morning. He said that the road is hard and when you scrape it, it gets really dusty.

Mail-

Efficiency Vermont sent a letter offering opportunities for discounts on LED bulbs. Brenda said that Efficiency Vermont will also buy old appliances that still run. They will come and pick it up and give you a check for \$50.00.

Received a letter from Sophia asking if the board was interested in raising our town website in google ranking. The board was not interested.

The board received an email from Rhoda McClure from the school that said the students involved in the Brigham vandalism are writing apology letters to the town and that officers are coming to talk to the students involved about the seriousness of the break in and have also contacted the parents. Josh said that he had received two verbal apologies from two students. Josh asked if we could have them involved in the clean-up and Mac said that there was a lot of broken glass over there and the plywood is really heavy. Terri asked if they could help clean up after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for community service.

The board said updated those attending that over Memorial Day weekend, Brigham Academy was broken into, and the Select Board had an emergency meeting to inspect the damage and determined that the entire building be boarded up with 3/4" plywood. The board said that they had intended to do this any way, but this had just made it more urgent.

Ongoing Agenda-

The Dog Issue on the Avenue is resolved.

Tami asked what was planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The board said that the 4<sup>th</sup> is to be celebrated on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is to be no parade. East Bakersfield Rd will be closed at 6:00pm to allow for the fireworks. The Fire Dept is only able to do the Fireworks because of lack of volunteers. Brenda said that at 5:30pm, Cold Hollow Community Collective will have someone on the green selling hot dogs and hamburgers and they have a company donating chocolate milk.

Josh asked if the group needed to fill out a Building/Grounds Use Permit. John said that he would fill it out. There will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit towards the capability, selection, and inspection for a location for a store in Bakersfield.

The Rusty Bucket will be playing in the evening as well.

Brenda spoke to the board about having Tami assist her with the back log of Zoning permits in order to catch up and timely notify abutters in a certain case. Josh said that he would abstain because he felt that one case affected him.

Brenda abstained because she was the one that was asking for the assistance. The issue was tabled since there was not a quorum to consider this request. They said they needed to wait for Lance to form a quorum.

East Bakersfield Culvert- Still waiting on the design and expect it by the end of the month.

External Audit- Have received no new audit proposals. Josh said that he took a copy of the request letter to the accounting firm in Enosburg because he thought that the firm had changed locations and may not have received the previous mailings.

Booska Plow Bill- Still waiting on FEMA.

Town Hall Furnace Replacement- It's still nice out☺ Tabled for now.

Future Agenda-  
Matt Hull

-for definite plans on the Fire Dept involvement for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

-Emergency requirements/responses on Class IV Road camps.

-seeking the towns support for installing cell phone tower that would be used as a relay for emergency dispatch on Matt Hull's property near the Enosburg town line.

Brenda made the motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Terri and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tami Brennan.