

Bakersfield Regular Select Board Meeting  
October 10, 2022  
7:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by John West (Josh having not yet arrived)  
Members present: Josh Goss (chair), John West, Brenda Churchill, Terri Gates  
Members absent: Lance Lawyer  
Residents/Guests: Mac Newitt, Dan and Katie Forand, Linda McCall,  
Previous minutes: Terri made the motion to accept the previous minutes as written, Brenda seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0, Joss having not yet arrived.

Warrants signed:

Road Commissioner's Order #19+20-2022	\$14,964.28
Selectman's Order #23-2022	\$1,320,124.93
Road Commissioner's Order #11-2022	\$3,155.41

Finance- The board had finance reports provided by Maria, but Maria was unable to attend, so the board decided to wait for the next meeting to review finance at the next meeting when Maria can attend.

Visitors- John Peterson – road issues- John Peterson did not attend so the board moved on to ‘others.’

No others.

Road Report-

Mac gave the board the final Review Road Access permit for Dan Marcotte to sign off on. Mac said that all was good, and the board signed.

Mac had the board sign a Road Inventory grant that will pay \$7200.00 with our portion being \$1800.00. The board signed.

Mac said that the excavator worked for 2 days, and then broke down. It took so long for the repair, almost 2 weeks, so it was decided that it's too late to excavate and will be putting that off until next year.

Terri said that Waterville Mtn Rd is really bad, down to one lane in the middle as you come down the hill. She said she couldn't see it in the dark. Mac said that Mark is heading up there tomorrow. He said he was up there a week and half ago and worked on it, pulling in a lot of edge to fill ruts and stuff. Terri said that not too long ago it was good but on Saturday night, it was really bad.

John said that he saw Montgomery on Joyal Rd. He said what he has done is really good but has a shorter arm. Mac said that Montgomery finished on Saturday.

Mac said the grader is up and running and they have been grading and doing shoulder work.

Mac asked about the O'Rourke final approval of their Road access permit and Brenda said that she would look into it. Mac said it was all approved and the O'Rourke's could apply for a building permit.

New mail- Blue Cross/Blue Shield sent the renewal packet for the Road Crew's group Health Insurance. The board asked Mac if he expected any changes to their current plans. Mac said that he may take himself and his wife off from the town plan and go onto his wife's plan. He said that he will let them know as soon as he knows. He said if not, he would probably take her off and stay on himself. The board said to let Tami or Kathy know ASAP.

The board of Trustees of the Library sent the Board a letter requesting the appointment of Jennifer Sanchez to the Library Board of Trustees. Brenda made the motion to appoint Jennifer Sanchez to the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of the current term. John seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-1.

Town Hall Furnace- John said that we are still waiting for additional furnace quotes for the town office. The board agreed to keep current quotes confidential until the remaining quotes arrived.

Josh asked the guys to look into a letter about a grant that arrived, stating that the state is making available \$300,000.00 for a statewide grant for any municipality. He said it thought that the \$300,000.00 is to be distributed throughout the state. Josh said that it may be to update equipment to meet emissions.

No Brigham Residence Update.

Brenda requested the board approve a reimbursement for her hotel expenses to attend the VLCT Town Fair in Killington that she had attended the previous weekend. Brenda said that she went to a road repair class. She said she went to a VLCT board meeting about the legislative agenda for the new few years. She said she got a lot of information about what a lot of towns are doing, and she met with vendors and made a lot of contacts. Brenda said the conference pricing for hotel was about half rate at \$170.00. The board said that she should have discussed this with the Select Board beforehand. Brenda said that she did it last year and the board paid for it. The board opened it for discussion. Terri said that we should have discussed it before. Brenda said that she tried for one and a half weeks to find a hotel for less than \$500.00. John said that if they did approve to reimburse this time, and then agree that it would have to be pre-approved next time. Josh said that zoning should pay for it. Brenda said that she agreed. Josh asked if it should be paid by the ZBA. Brenda said that the ZBA doesn't deal with that. The board said that they would wait until the next warrants. Brenda said that she brought back

information. She said she had stuff to download to Mac regarding roads and things. She said she had a lot of information to make available to people and close to 100 pens and letter openers. The board told her to give the invoice to Tami or Kathy.

Linda McCall said that she is having trouble hearing. She said there is a loud buzz. John said that they are working on it. He said it is down to a small component.

John made the motion to adjourn. Brenda seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tami Brennan.