

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Room**

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Town of Skowhegan Facebook page****

Board of Selectmen:

Todd Smith, Chairman
Charles Robbins, Vice Chairman
Harold Bigelow
Steven Govoni
Paul York

Town Manager:

Christine Almand

Executive Secretary:

Cara L. Mason

Call Selectmen's Meeting to order.

Todd Smith called the meeting to order.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Town Manager's Report

The 2000 Ferrara 1871 Fire Truck Auction closes on August 26th at 7:50 pm. For more information visit our website or contact Shawn Howard.

The Winter Sand Bid closes on September 6th at 10:00 am. For more information visit our website or contact Jason Finley.

The Town offices will be closed on September 5th in observation of Labor Day.

There are Riverfront Design public engagement meetings this week at the Riverfront Greenspace. Meetings are tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 and tomorrow night from 5:30 to 8:00. Please get involved and provide your input.

3. Items by the Public
4. Selectmen's Items

Charles Robins: Fair – people from Florida, Delaware, Massachusetts and all over Maine.

Harold Bigelow: Fair

Steven Govoni: Thanked the departments
Fair
Consultant – Riverfront Connectivity

Todd Smith: Riverfront Meeting
Fair
Skillings Insurance – 25 years

5. Department and Committee Reports

Gail Pelotte: \$3,500.00 for stump grinding

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to expend an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 from the Cemetery Reserve Account, Tree Care Designation for stump grinding.

Vote: 5/0

Absentee ballots

Jason Finley: Sidewalks – Mechanic Street
Shoulder work on East Ridge Road
Rt. 2 guardrail replaced

Technical difficulties. Facebook Live recording starts here.

Chief Howard: PSB update

Recording Time: 02:59

Bryan Belliveau: Compactor update – saved 8 hauls this month = \$900.00 savings

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

Regular Selectmen's Meeting – August 9, 2022

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Vote: 5/0

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion and decision to appoint Jason Finley as a member of the Public Safety Building Committee, Second Bridge Committee and Sidewalk Committee with terms expiring June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Jason Finley as a member of the Public Safety Building Committee, Second Bridge Committee and Sidewalk Committee with terms expiring June 30, 2023.

Vote: 5/0

2. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for:

The Miller's Table, LLC
42 Court Street

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for The Miller's Table, LLC.

Vote: 5/0

3. Discussion and decision to approve the police department detail billing rate increase from \$50.00/hour to \$60.00/hour.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the police department detail billing rate increase from \$50.00/hour to \$60.00/hour.

Vote: 5/0

4. Discussion and decision to move forward with the MDOT Pilot for Water Street/Commercial Street and Commercial Street/Madison Avenue intersections.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to move forward with the MDOT Pilot for Water Street/Commercial Street and Commercial Street/Madison Avenue intersections.

Recording Time: 06:32

An amended motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to move forward with the MDOT Pilot for Water Street/Commercial Street and Commercial Street/Madison Avenue intersections for 30 days beginning between September 15th and October 1st.

Vote: 3/2 (Harold Bigelow and Paul York opposed)

Recording Time: 29:00

5. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$55,820.00 from the ARPA funds as the 50% match for the Maine Emergency Management Performance Grant to purchase the generator for the Community Center. When the bid was awarded, it was approved for the full amount to be paid by the grant.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to expend an amount not to exceed \$55,820.00 from the ARPA funds as the 50% match for the Maine Emergency Management Performance Grant to purchase the generator for the Community Center.

Vote: 5/0

6. Discussion and decision to award the Cold Brook Stream Crossing Engineering RFP. The following bids were received:

Wentworth Partners & Associates	\$62,240.00
Sevee & Maher Engineers	\$47,000.00
Main-Land Development Consultants	\$51,800.00
Haley Ward	\$52,000.00

Jason Finley recommends awarding the Cold Brook Stream Crossing Engineering RFP to Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc. with a total bid price of \$47,000.00 and expending that amount from the Highway Department Roads and Sidewalks Account, Road Resurfacing Designation.

A motion was made by Harold Bigelow and seconded by Paul York to award the Cold Brook Stream Crossing Engineering RFP to Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc. with a total bid price of \$47,000.00 and expend that amount from the Highway Department Roads and Sidewalks Account, Road Resurfacing Designation.

Vote: 4/0/1 (Steven Govoni abstained)

Recording Time: 41:55

7. Discussion and decision to allow Jason Finley to go out to bid for a half-ton truck, one-ton truck and dump body with plow gear.

A motion was made by Charles Robbins and seconded by Paul York to allow Jason Finley to go out to bid for a half-ton truck, one-ton truck and dump body with plow gear.

Vote: 2/3 (motion failed) (Harold Bigelow, Charles Robbins and Steven Govoni opposed)

Recording Time: 53:31

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded y Harold Bigelow to allow Jason Finley to go out to bis for a half-ton truck, open to include all makes and models.

Vote: 3/2 (Charles Robbins and Steven Govoni opposed)

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Steven Govoni to allow Jason Finley to go out to bid for a one-ton truck and dump body with plow gear.

Vote: 5/0

8. Discussion and decision to reject the bid for the Southside Cemetery Reconstruction and allow Gail Pelotte to put it back out to bid with a decreased reconstruction area.

The following bid was received:

Elias Monuments \$33,000.00

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to reject the bid for the Southside Cemetery Reconstruction and allow Gail Pelotte to put it back out to bid with a decreased reconstruction area.

Vote: 5/0

9. Discussion and decision to accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,220.00. There is a 50% match for this grant.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,220.00.

Vote: 5/0

10. Economic & Community Development Warrants to be approved:

#124	\$	300.00
#125	\$	194.45
Total	\$	494.45

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Economic and Community Development Warrants as written.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 59:22

11 Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#113	\$	1,359.90 (FY 2022 Accounts Payable)
#15	\$	6,801.50 (FY 2022 PSB Accounts Payable)
#13	\$	57,581.17 (Payroll #32)
#14	\$	62,405.96 (Payroll #33)
#15	\$	10,816.31 (State Payables)
#16	\$	1,089,161.92 (FY 2023 Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	1,228,126.76

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as written.

Vote: 5/0

12. Unfinished Business

- DEP PFAS Investigation
- Fire Station
- Hilton Bridge
- Marketing/Celebrating Skowhegan
- Non-union Pay Scales
- Policies and Ordinances
- Public Safety Building
- Skowhegan River Park/Economic Development
- Solar Power
- Village Partnership Initiative

Todd Smith: Will be having workshops to address the Unfinished Business items.

Workshop to discuss Non-union Pay Scales is scheduled for September 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Recording Time: 01:03:41

13. Other Business

Fall brochures for the recreation department are available.

14. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on September 13, 2022.

A True Copy Attest: _____
Cara L. Mason, Executive Secretary