Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes March 1, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Alyssa Brugger, April Turner, Nathan McCann and Amanda Jamison

Ron called the meeting to order at 5:56pm.

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported this coming Friday he will pick up 45 boxes of food at Mt. View to deliver to Freedom residents. Jim said the State has an age schedule of who is eligible to receive the Covid vaccine. Jim will put together something that can be put in next mailing about when to register for a vaccine.

Public Works: Travis Price reported that the Public Works sign has been put out by the road for the Town Garage. Travis provided the public works decals that were applied to plow truck and the Public Works sign installed at entrance to Public Works garage. Travis said all of the roads have been posted. Steve asked how much salt and sand left now? Travis said half of the sand. He has a load of salt on hand right now. Travis said that Freedom is in good shape as far as salt and sand. Steve said the insurance claim for towing was paid in its entirety by the insurance. Steve asked about what account the money came out of to pay the towing bill, and what account does the money go in when the Town gets reimbursed by insurance. This is a question for the auditor. Steve asked Alyssa to contact the auditor to figure this out. Ron said the bill for Truck #7 was wrong and Alyssa caught the error. Ron called the school today to let them know the bus could not be on a few town roads.

Citizen's Issues: Steve mentioned that Nathan incorrectly reported, in the town's weekly column in the Village Soup, about the Town of Freedom's name on the incorporation papers that Steve showed he found at last week's Select Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Payroll Warrant is \$6,240.66 and the A/P Warrant is \$7,542.97. The ending checkbook balance is \$260,303.57. Steve made a motion to accept Treasurer's report, Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy has not received message back from State elections; she hopes to hear from them tomorrow. Cindy has poster from KVCAP looking for volunteer drivers to drive people around. She hopes to print the Town Reports this weekend.

CEO: Ron said there is business to do with the CEO. Need to set up a work session with Jacki Robbins at 10am on Tuesday, March 9th. Ron will ask her if she can come to that.

Solid Waste: Ron asked if the Select Board wants to talk with Mike Carroll. Elaine and Steve said yes. Ron will ask Phil to set something up for the week of March 8th.

Historical Society: Letter went out to the historical society today.

Recreation Committee: The committee is talking about doing an Easter Basket drawing for a girl, boy and baby. The drawing will take place on the Town's Facebook page. Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes

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Old Business: Elaine would like to talk to Alyssa and Amanda about working on the webpage. Alyssa has had some training on the new Town's website. Amanda said there is a tentative meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th with Tammy McTaggart.

Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coaltion: Elaine reported that the Governor is for broadband expansion and is hopeful of expansion. Steve was wondering about having Unitel expand to Freedom?

New Business: Cindy said she would like to talk about motor vehicle registrations for other towns next week. She has one more town to call and find out how they are doing it.

Steve made a motion to accept minutes as presented and put them on file, Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 6:46pm, Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison