

Glover Select Board
5 December 2007

Called to Order at 6:37pm

Board Members Attending: Nick Ecker-Racz, Keone Maher, Nash Basom

Also Attending: Harvey Dunbar

Minutes of 20 November 2007

Approved without changes.

Roads

With this early start to plowing, we may need more sand than we have put up at this point. We discuss ways to conserve sand without raising accident risk.

Looking forward to replacing our older truck (as planned), we discuss the possibility of stepping up to a ten-wheeler. Advantages include larger payload (useful with the amount of road rebuilding we plan for the next several years, including flood repairs covered by our FEMA grant). The road crew will do the necessary research so we have a better idea what moving to a ten-wheeler would cost.

Following up on the recent accident involving our ton truck, it is operable and needed at this time, so it will not be repaired. We may need to replace it next year. The road crew will also discuss what the replacement should be and report to us.

Our loader and grader ice chains are in poor shape and it's costing us quite a lot for frequent repairs. These vehicles are less safe with the old chains. The loader also needs a second set of chains. We agree to purchase a set of chains for the loader, and wait on chains for the grader until the first of the year under the new budget.

Reserve Funds

We recognize that our reserve equipment fund is not sufficient to keep up with this sort of equipment replacement and replacement of the big ticket items (e.g., trucks). We discuss setting up a separate reserve equipment fund, or separate line item in the budget. The road crew will pull together some figures for us.

Many towns have several reserve funds (e.g., bridges, vehicles, expensive replacement parts, culverts, major building repairs and maintenance, etc) in order to avoid large spikes in the general budget in some years.

Law Enforcement

The next session of the legislature may be considering a bill which would require all towns over 3,000 in population to have their own town police department. At this time the state police are not very available to us. We discussed the possibility of including a line item to make our town constable a paid position, or to contract with the county sheriff's department again. We will invite our constable Phil Brooks to meet with us to get his input.

Library Trustee

We appoint Ned Andrews to replace Peggy Day on the Glover Library Board of Trustees for the balance of her unexpired term.

Miscellaneous

Other routine clerical and administrative matters were attended to.

Adjourned at 8:51pm.