

1 **Selectboard**

2
3 December 1, 2020
4 Virtual Special Meeting

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8 Members Present: None
9 Members Virtual: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roland Boivin; Dave Gagnier; Roger Audet; Brian Shackett
10 Members Absent: None
11 Virtual Attendees: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; one person logged in but during exec session
12 and could not participate

13 Susan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 14 1) Welcome & changes to agenda (no change)
- 15 2) Village of Hyde Park Water Charges – Designate town representative on legal review. Motion by
16 Dave to join with the County side judges and school to review new village charges and designate
17 Susan as town representative. Seconded by Brian. Voting 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 18 3) Village of Hyde Park Water and Sewer Charges – The Board discussed paying the new charges
19 under protest, sending a letter like the County Side Judge’s letter or paying into an escrow account
20 until the review of the new billing is completed. Question on whether escrow would avoid late charges
21 and fees from being assessed by the Village. Roger noted that if a water bill is not paid, then water
22 service could be shut off. Susan will check into the escrow question, paying under protest and whether
23 customers can get out of paying the bond costs by drilling a well for their own water supply which was
24 suggested as a backup plan as a last option. Susan will report back on legal advice Dec 21
- 25 4) External Advertisement for Highway Operator – Grader Position – Discussion on various positions in
26 highway dept and whether to run an ad to fill grader position now that the internal posting is
27 completed. Responding to winter storms includes the option of hiring temporary winter plow operators
28 as the vacant position is advertised. The job ad will be published Dec 4 for equip operator / grader
29 position and the Board will see what comes in for discussion on Dec 21. Roland asked where the
30 review of the matrix for restructuring job positions stands, including road commissioner. Susan noted
31 the opening of the grader position diverted attention from those discussions, but discussions should
32 be continued. Motion by Roger to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters.
33 Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 34 5) COVID-19 – Ron to check in with highway and C-19 and PPE pre-cautions heading into winter.
- 35 6) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roger to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So, voted.