

Town of Sorrento
Board of Selectpersons Minutes
Town Office
9/18/24

Attending. Hilly Crary (chair), Diana Gazis, Rob Wilpan, nine observers in person, and one observer on ZOOM.

Call to order and good news report. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Good news was that more FEMA paperwork for the December 2023 storm has been signed, and that Annaleis Hafford, Vice President of Olver Associates, Inc (environmental engineers) is coming on Friday to look at and explain the changes to be made to the storm water sewer system on Ocean Avenue through a recently obtained grant to protect the area from property-damaging overflow during storms and to separate the storm water from the wastewater drainage system

Approval of minutes Selectboard meeting on September 4, 2024. A motion was made by Hilly and seconded by Rob to approve the 9/4/24 selectboard meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously, and the minutes were then signed.

Approval of Disbursement Warrant #6 and Payroll Warrant. After a discussion of the fees charged by Harris Disposal for bulky trash and other trash pickup services, a motion was made by Rob and seconded by Diana to approve Disbursement Warrant #6 and the associated payroll warrants. The motion passed unanimously and the warrants were signed.

Road-naming. The driveway leading to Crosby Noyes's new house on East Side Road needs to be given a name that can be used for 911 calls. Karen Abbott, who owns the property under the road, and Crosby Noyes, who has an easement allowing him to access his property, each explained their views on who, the property owner or the easement owner, should have priority in naming the road and initiating the application to 911. At the end of this discussion, Crosby and Karen each said that they didn't care about the name itself, but about the principles involved. Karen, when asked, then suggested Isle View Lane as the road name and Crosby accepted this suggestion. Rob then made a motion which was seconded by Diana, that the selectboard approve the name Isle View Lane. The motion passed unanimously and 911 now needs to be informed that this name has been approved by the town. The current town policy on road-naming will be re-written in the future to clarify the details that led to the above-mentioned confusion.

Speed limit — Selectboard request to the DOT (Department of Transportation), We are going to ask the DOT for a review of the speed limits in Sorrento, especially on the dangerous

curves and hills. We are also asking for an evaluation of other measures to slow traffic since the speed bumps we have been using for this purpose are not allowed by the state.

Community Building back room update. Mike Gurtler, our CEO, has looked at the back room of the Community Building and found no problem with its bathroom. Bud Lee Electric, Inc has looked at the electrical changes needed for the back room and will provide a plan and price for these changes. The dry wall installer is ready but they cannot work until the electrical work is completed.

Town Building Committee statement of purpose. Hilly proposed and Rob seconded the motion that we accept the statement of purpose submitted by the Town Building Committee. The motion passed unanimously. It was also noted that the gazebo at the harbor should be added to the list of town buildings supervised by the Town Building Committee.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) coverage - Northern Light contract update and signing. Hilly moved and Rob seconded that the town approve the EMS contract offered by Northern Light contingent on it's approval by our town lawyer. The motion passed unanimously. Ray Weintraub, Sullivan town manager, explained some of the details of having Northern Light as primary provider for EMS and the Town of Sullivan as our secondary provider and provided a potential payment contract for us for certain EMS services provided by Sullivan. The payment contract with Sullivan will be discussed and approved at the next selectboard meeting.

West Cove Boat Yard lease (6 Bayview Avenue) to sign. This (previously approved) contract was signed by the selectboard members.

Post Office Box for Town Office. It was moved by Hilly, seconded by Rob, and passed unanimously that the town rent a medium-sized post office box to receive mail.

Questions and Requests from auditor. It was moved by Hilly, seconded by Diana and passed unanimously that the town zero-out to surplus accounts previously suggested by the auditor. Also three individuals whose payments of older tax bills cannot be completely authenticated will be asked to see if their bank accounts have records of these transactions,

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

A question about the use of the building erected for completion of an Eagle Scout project was asked. The item will be placed on to the next selectboard meeting agenda and the Eagle Scout (Macy Neleski) will be invited to attend.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.