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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
February 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
79 School Street  
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room  
Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 or call in: 929-205-6099**

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**Members Present:** Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter

**Guests Present:** MRVTV, Doug Reed, John Summers, Mike Bransfield, Cherilyn Brown, Stefan Pratt, Martin Cameron, Denise McCarty, Cory Stephenson, Sasha Elwell

**Meeting called to order** by Tom at 6:00 PM

**Public Comment:** Doug was present to update the SB, he had a chance to meet with the school board regarding the amphitheater. He is still asking for assistance from the ARPA funds. He was asked to come back to a meeting after Town Meeting.

John Summers was present as a follow-up to the last meeting he attended regarding the health order that is being dealt with at one of Frank Piazza's properties.

6:20 **Free Wheelin'** – Mike was present to tell the SB about what the organization does. They have asked the town for some ARPA funds to go towards the purchase of an EV. They give approximately 100 rides per month, and serve 16 clients in Moretown. In 2022, they gave 116 rides to Moretown residence in need of a lift. They also make deliveries from the food shelf for people that are not able to get out. They are funded by the MRV Senior Center and the MRV Community Fund. They have only one vehicle right now, with 22 volunteer drivers that use their own vehicles. Discussion was had on getting creative as far as support for Free Wheelin', possibly giving \$5,000 from ARPA and maybe get them on the ballot for next year.

6:30 **Road Department** – Martin was present to give an update on a few issues going on with equipment. The grader has had a warning light come on and has been in contact with the vendor. The 2018 truck, the starter went on it last week. The power washer is towards the end of its life, but it is still going. Replacement cost of this, since it is diesel, is roughly \$25,000. And he also mentioned that the village hill has some cracks in the pavement that should be attended to, and wasn't addressed in the budget.

There was discussion on the personnel policy regarding overtime pay the week of a holiday. This issue is going to be looked into further, the wording needs to be a bit more clear, since there are a couple of interpretations on it. The road department guys feel as if they have been underpaid, the week in question is the week of MLK day.

7:20 Tom **made the motion to go into executive session** per 1 VSA Section 313(a)(F), attorney-client communications. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:45 Tom **made the motion to come out of executive session**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**Reports & Communications:** quick discussion was had on the stormwater bids, which came in much higher than anticipated. No decisions have been made.

JA McDonald \$558,100  
Poulin Companies \$339,693  
Desroches Construction \$589,715  
Kingsbury Construction \$572,100  
K Bellavance Landworks \$475,666  
Avery Excavation \$456,849  
Hebert Excavation \$548,029  
Munson Earth Moving \$656,002  
All Terrain Excavating \$741,176

Quick discussion was had on clarifying and changing the wording regarding the overtime on holidays.

The Historical Society is only going to do coffee and pastries at the MES on Town Meeting day. A suggestion was made to ask the FD and see if they are interested in doing lunch.

There was an error on an E911 made a few years back and the zoning administrator wanted to be sure that it was okay not to charge the residents that had this happen to them. The SB agreed that it would be fine since it was a "town" error.

**Warrants** signed and approved:

Accounts Payable 23008 check #'s 23715 – 23725

Payroll 23009 e-checks 4194 – 4203

Accounts Payable 23010 check #'s 23726 – 23755

Accounts Payable 23011 check #'s 23756 – 23758

John **made the motion to amend the SB minutes** of 02/06/2023 at the bottom of page 2, that there was no input of opposition on the library. And then to **approve those minutes**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.