

TB Workshop Mtg June 6, 2019  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
COLDEN TOWN HALL June 6, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Councilman David Arcara  
Councilman Jesse Hrycik  
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek  
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin  
Highway Superintendent Clarkson

Approximately 1 resident

Supervisor DePasquale stated that this meeting was called at the last Town Board meeting to discuss the disagreements between the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Clarkson. The Town Board and Highway Superintendent Clarkson have had some disagreements lately and with that said the Town Board and Highway Superintendent were elected and are working to make decisions that are best for the town.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that when there is a Town Board meeting he feels that everyone is on the same page but after meetings he hears things from residents that reflect otherwise. After last month's meeting there were comments that were made that seem to think that the Town Board was more in favor of having fireworks for Fourth of July then purchasing a plow truck. The Town Board in October has a budget meeting in which town departments submit their budget for the upcoming year the Town Board reviews the department's requests and compiles a budget for the upcoming year. The meeting is open to the public and is also advertised in the Springville Journal the town's designated paper. The Town Board decided this year to have a firework's display for the town's residence to enjoy and get together for a Fourth of July celebration.

Highway Superintendent Clarkson submitted his budget to the Town Board with his requests for what he needs for equipment and to complete his road projects for the upcoming year. The highway budget for 2019 did not include the purchase of a used plow truck from auction or elsewhere. Over the past few years monies from the general fund have been appropriated to the highway budget, the amounts were \$100,000 one year and \$50,000 the last two years this has been helping to replenish the highway fund balance which is at \$254,000.00 now. Monies that are not used in the highway budget at the end of the year roll over into the highway fund balance which help to build up the fund balance for future spending. Equipment purchases that are being made need to be designated in the year that they are being purchased.

The Town Board and Highway Superintendent Clarkson discussed various ways of purchasing equipment for the highway department by having a five year plan to save and purchase new or used trucks and equipment there was also talk of bonding trucks and equipment. They also discussed why so many repairs are needed on the trucks lately. Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated that the trucks now all have computers on them which makes it hard to do the repairs like on the older trucks.

Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated that there are times he feels disrespected from the Town Board as well as his feelings have been hurt when Supervisor DePasquale and Legislator Lorigo where in the Springville Journal discussing town roads he felt that that was his place to be not Supervisor DePasqualer.

Supervisor DePasquale said that he did not set that meeting up with Legislator Lorigo that the meeting was setup by Legislator Lorigo who was also meeting with various Supervisor's in the area to discuss roads.

Highway Superintendent Clarkson also stated that when the GPS system was purchased he felt like he should have some say in the matter since it was being put in his highway vehicles. Not just have it be brought up at a Town Board meeting to approve with out any notice. Supervisor DePasquale said that there was plenty of discussion at other meetings prior to approval for the purchase of the GPS system being put in the highway vehicles.

Highway Superintendent Clarkson feels disrespected as well at Town Board meetings when asked by the Town Board on the purchase of supplies he has made, he feels that this could be discussed before hand and not at a meeting.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that he would not go behind anyone's back and say anything about a person if there was a problem he would come forward to that person and address the issue. We must trust in each other we are all elected here, and we need to work together for the good of the town and when communication fails we need to fix it.

Councilman Hrycik stated that since he has been on the Town Board he feels like many of the highway equipment purchases were done quickly because it's a great deal instead of putting money aside and then making a purchase after some research on the vehicle or equipment.

There was discussion on being able to order a truck this year and purchasing the truck the following year along with what the procedure is for bonding a truck. Information will be gathered on both matters.

Councilwoman Zurbrick asked Highway Superintendent Clarkson about the maintenance program on the computer for the highway trucks and when he would be available to learn how to input the information. Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated that anytime just contact him. Councilwoman Zurbrick stated that she has asked him many times to contact her on this. After some discussion it was decided that Paul will meet Councilwoman Zurbrick on Monday if he is not working on Stanfield Road otherwise he will set up for another day.

Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated that Michael Palmateer will be coming back as a seasonal summer worker for the highway department starting Monday.

Approve Michael Palmateer

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved Michael Palmateer as a summer seasonal worker at a rate of \$12.73 an hour for the highway and parks department.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Supervisor DePasquale and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin  
Town Clerk