

SPECIAL MEETING

We, the Undersigned, Town Board of the Town of Malone, do hereby call for a Special Meeting, Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 9:00AM for the purpose of discussing airport plowing and equipment issues.

PRESENT: Andrea Stewart, Supervisor
Ed Lockwood, Councilor
Terry, Maguire, Councilor
Candy Gadway, Councilor (via phone)

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Marlow, Clerk
Denice Hudson, Budget Officer
Bruce Mallette, Highway Superintendent
Bruce Burditt, Airport Manager

Supervisor Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:05am
The paper has been notified since this committee meeting turned in to a Special Meeting because we have a quorum present.

Bruce Burditt received a call last week from Rob Costas of the FAA. Regarding the number of days we were closed. He received a complaint that the airport was closed a lot. It was 17 days, and while Bruce didn't think that was too bad, Rob Costas wanted to see what the FAA could do to help keep the airport open. Mary Kay has not been in the loop yet, Bruce wanted to run by board first.

The piece of equipment we have is not the correct for what we need and breaks down a lot. It has been costly to repair. It has already gone through 4 clutches and it only has 300 hours on it. It takes a while to get it prepared for snow blowing.

Rob Costas is indicating that we can get a grant for a new piece of equipment sooner than 10 years because we did not use/receive all available grants for this year. Question is do we want to apply for it and what do we need. Both Bruce Burditt and Bruce Mallette believe an actual plow is would be best for the airport's needs. We can keep the tractor with blower on it to use as needed.

Councilor Lockwood asked how much a plow like that would cost. Bruce Mallette got a quick quote of approx. \$350,000. Councilor Lockwood then asked what our contribution would be, Supervisor Stewart said it is usually 90 percent FAA, 5 percent State and 5 percent Town, but we would have to get the exact figures. We do not know at this point how much they are willing to give, we need to tell them what we need and then see what they are going to offer.

The next question is who will be able to run this plow if we get it. There has been manpower issues in the past. That question needs to be answered for the FAA. If they give us more equipment are we committed to getting coverage for this. Bruce Mallette said when he has a full staff and all equipment is working the Highway Department is able to get to it in a timely manner. Councilor Gadway said but unfortunately we have a lot of equipment issues. Can we identify what the issues were last year, man power, equipment etc. Deputy Supervisor Maguire asked what are our options to hire someone specifically for plowing the Airport as needed. Bruce Burditt said often it takes more than one person/truck to get the job done. Councilor Lockwood suggested maybe a new hire someone who focusses on the airport and then help highway or possibly seasonal winter employee. Maybe one of the retirees.

Bruce Burditt asked if we have an old truck that is off the road that could be used for the airport. Bruce Mallette may have one as long as it runs but we cannot get parts once it breaks down.

It was suggested also of the possibility to put the plowing out to bid.

Terry Maguire: The answer to the FAA question is if we could get airport specific machinery could the town look in to hiring a seasonal employee specific to clearing the airport during storms.

Bruce Burditt thinks we should keep it simple and say the Highway Superintendent will plow. He will go ahead and talk with the FAA and let them know our needs

Candy Gadway asked is it just the snow that caused the airport to close.

Bruce Burditt yes, but also contractor close on occasion

Andy we have a plan see what Mary Kay can do, we don't know for sure. Usually Town 5%, state 5%.

Other business pertaining to the airport:

Bruce Burditt asked if the Rec Park is done with the barricades and if they are going to be returned. He does not feel it should be Bruce Mallette's responsibility to pick them up. Ed and Terry said there is no other option right now. Bruce will talk with Terry at the arena and he will help. Bruce Mallette said he should be able to do it on Monday.

Ed Lockwood asked the question if we get the grant but are remiss in getting the airport plowed, will there be consequences.

Bruce Burditt said other than the 14 tenants there are a lot of people that use the airport: Lifeflight, Civil Air Patrol, DEC, State Police, Homeland Security Helicopters.

Andy:

Bruce Burditt waiting on Fuel tank part, Ben at Pump Doctor is sending a new flapper . We have until January 2nd to respond.

Candy Gadway left the meeting.

Bruce Burditt fly over inspection will be January 3, 2018. He realized there are 8 lights out.

On February 28th we should be reinstated for night landings.

RESOLUTION----- -2018 – Executive Session

On a motion of Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Stewart, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Lockwood, Maguire

Nays 0

Resolved to go in to Executive Session at 9:56am.

RESOLUTION----- -2018 – Executive Session

On a motion of Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Stewart, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Lockwood, Maguire

Nays 0

Resolved to return from Executive Session at 10:38am, with no action taken.

RESOLUTION----- -2018 – Adjourn

On a motion of Councilor Lockwood, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Stewart, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Lockwood, Maguire
Nays 0

Resolved to adjourn meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN MARLOW, TOWN CLERK