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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2008

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Finance Director; Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director, Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk.

Guests: Sam Ruggiano, Cliff Collins, Lisa McCormack.

Meeting was called to order at 9:03AM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. **Ruggiano Engineering-** Sam Ruggiano and Cliff Collins reviewed the preliminary phases of the Bridge Street Bridge project with the Selectboard. Basically there are 3 phases to the project, Phase I- Writing the proposal for constructions outfits to bid on. Phase II will be evaluating the proposals that are submitted and reviewing with the Selectboard and making a recommendation, Phase III- Construction oversight as well as payment oversight with chosen Construction outfit. Proposed timeline for the project is April- October. Dave Yacovone asked if nighttime construction could be a possibility to cut down on the time and traffic constraints, Sam said it is a possibility but would depend on the chosen construction outfit. Dave also asked about our state funding, the 10% match, at this point the bridge is on the historical bridge list and we may have to go through an historical review in order to receive the 10% funding from the State.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to authorize contract with Ruggiano for engineering of the Bridge Street Bridge project and to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign contract on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion approved (4/0)

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **County Collaborative Discussion-** Dave Yacovone led a discussion about collaborating with other Towns within the county for purchasing of salt, sand, fuel and other commodities. His feeling is that we could get a better price as a county then as individual Towns. Todd felt that we should check with our Auditors on the bookkeeping aspect of the idea. Board felt this was a good idea to explore and maybe we should send a letter to neighboring Selectboards presenting our idea and asking for agenda time to discuss further. If we start working on this now then maybe we could have something in place for next budget season.

IV. TA REPORT

1. We have completed the budget changes, final review January 5th Special meeting
2. Health Insurance will be going up January 1, 2009 approximately $80 per employee, except the Union and retirees.

3. Highway cutback form the State, as of right now the January installment for the State aid to Highways is on hold.

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Todd Yando-** None
- **Dave Yacovone-** Last night/First Morning Celebration, where are we on the use of parking lot for ball drop. Dan will call Steve Ames to check on this.
- **Bob Beeman-**none
- **Shaun Bryer-** None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of December 15, 2008
2. Approve & Sign Warrants
3. Approve & Sign Certificate of Highway Mileage

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (4/0)

On a Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman, the Board adjourned their meeting at 10:00 AM. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 29th day of December 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator
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