



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2008

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Todd Yando, Dave Yacovone and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk;; Richard Keith, Chief of Police.

Guests: Alex Garvin, Amy Noyes, David Silverman, Steve Ames, Ed French and, Lynn Smith-Themann.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Agenda Changes-** Chris Demers will not be making the Branding presentation.
2. **Announcement-** Welcome aboard to Ray LaCasse. Ray is a new addition to the Highway Department. Ray was hired this summer but has been busy working on the Stagecoach road.

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. **Manor Nursing Home Request for Bonding Authority-** David Silverman from the Union Bank as well as Ed French and Lynn Smith-Themann came to request using the Town's bonding authority for a \$6.5 million bond. The Town would not be responsible for the bond in any way. The Manor would like to do this in the calendar year 2009. The Board was concerned about what the Town would be bonding for in the next fiscal year. As it stands now we would be bonding for \$1.5 million for tax anticipation, \$1.5 million for the Bridge and we will have some highway trucks that will be delivered in 2009. The municipal bonding cap is \$10 million. With the Manors \$6.5 and the Towns \$3. That leaves only \$500,000 for trucks and anything else that may crop up. The Board would like Dan, Carol and Mary Ann to look into our indebtedness further. They would also like the Manor to look into doing a split bond that would free up more of the bonding authority. Will discuss at the December 8th meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Morristown Planning Commission Appointment-** Planning Commission recommended Reeves Larson to take Lauren Traisters place for the remainder of her term which ends in 2012.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Reeves Larson to fulfill the remainder of Lauren Traisters term. Motion approved (4/0)

2. **Conservation Commission-** Dick Sargent sent a letter of interest for an open seat on the Conservation Commission. Steve Rae pointed out that terms are usually held for 4 years.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Richard Sargent to Conservation Commission for a term of 4 years. Motion approved (4/0)

3. **River Arts Request-** River Arts requested to use the Municipal Parking lot for their Last Night First Morning Celebration. They would like to drop a ball from a crane provided by

CCS. The Board was concerned with over flow traffic from the VFW New Years Eve Ball. Dan will work with Richard, Bob and Steve to make sure there will be parking available for any over flow from the VFW.

4. **Bridge Street Bridge-** Finance Department proposed using \$40,000 that is held in reserves for the Bridge reconstruction to pay for the engineering services. Once the bridge is complete and we bond for the amount necessary we would put that \$40,000 back in reserves. Board will wait until the revote time period is up.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fire Department Tanker Replacement-** Only one bid received. Will table until the 15th of December.

V. BUDGET REVIEW

1. **Highway Budget-** discussed budget expense line items. Not much change over last year. Have not added in paving as we have not devised a paving plan yet. The fuel will need to be looked at again after the first of the year. Fuel and gas was based on a 3 month average over the summer when prices were much higher. Also discussed the Highway Capitol Budget- on dump truck and one loader are on the schedule to be ordered. Discussed paving schedule and the areas that need to be addressed. Bob feels that the roads are bad enough that we would need to bomag. Dan thought that we could get away with just top coating them but it would only be a short term temporary fix.
2. **Fields & Parks-** no change in budget. Shaun had heard some concerns over the frequency of mowing the fields at the school. Bob says they are on a schedule of 2 days a week, sometimes more sometimes less depending on the growing season.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Todd Yando- None

Brian Kellogg- None

Dave Yacovone- None

Shaun- Benches on the varsity field still need to be taken care of. Elementary School has a new sign and would like to Highway Department to not plow snow in front of it. Also would like Tina to check into Flags, see if there are different kinds that will hold up better/longer and check with Water & Light to see how many need replacing.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 11/17/2008 & 11/24/2008
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (4/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:30PM. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 2nd day of December 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.