



Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Cathy Voyer, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith; Chief Wally Reeve, Roland Boivin, Michael Day and Patrick Miller

Guests: Dominic Cloud, JB McKinley, Min Cote, Naomi Hatch, Alec Tuscany, Denny DeGregorio, Donny Hill, Dot Cook and Chris Austin

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

As not all of the parties were present, the Board moved to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of November 3rd, November 6th and November 8th as presented.

Brian Kellogg questioned how the motions were written, but it was determined that they were appropriate.

BROOKLYN STREET STP WALK (4) S Amendment #3:

The Town Administrator gave a brief explanation of the need for amendment #3 to the Consultant Engineering Services Contract with Lamoureux & Dickinson.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard unanimously approved Amendment #3 for Consulting Engineering Services by Lamoureux & Dickinson for the Brooklyn Street STP Sidewalk project in the amount of \$6,132.42.

dated 11/22/04 and the Policy on Administration of Performance Management System with a change as noted on the second page of the Policy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road Foreman Roland Boivin questioned the Selectboard about the water situation at the Town Garage. He informed them that they were still hauling water. The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to line up the parties involved and they would then get involved.

GUESTS

MIN COTE – LAMOILLE COUNTY SNOW PACKERS:

An updated listing of trails and road crossings was provided for the Board's review and approval. Min Cote explained the changes to the list from last year.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board unanimously approved the Lamoille County Snow Packers trail and road crossings as presented.

When it was questioned where the Rail Trail project was at, Min stated that the State was working from Hardwick east this year and maybe in this direction next.

NAOMI HATCH – RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

USDA, Rural Development is accepting applications for the Community Facility Grant program. Grant funds are used for capital acquisition, construction or improvements to buildings and/or equipment of community facilities. The deadline for applications is January 14, 2005. Ms. Hatch explained that the Town of Morristown is eligible for a 15% grant and the Village is eligible for a 55% grant.

Ms. Hatch further informed the Board that USDA Rural Development also has a Loan program for community facilities at 1% interest available.

ALEC TUSCANY – MAPLE STREET:

Mr. Tuscany gave a brief overview of the Maple Street project thus far and asked for clarification on where the Board stood at this point.

A map of Maple Street, which depicted the proposed work consisting of sidewalk with curb, storm drains, water and sewer lines and paving, was provided. When it was asked if curbing was necessary, Mr. Tuscany explained that it was the curbing that directed the flow of storm water and kept people from parking on the sidewalk. Other discussion included: removal and disposal of the concrete, concern for the sewer lines during the removal of the concrete, sidewalks to be paved or concrete, too much money for a street that wasn't considered a major street, who would cover the costs of the various segments of the project and the manner in which to fund the project.

The Selectboard felt that the Village should be responsible for the removal and disposal of the concrete; the Town could provide the gravel and the Highway Department would

Engine Captain DeGregorio informed the Board that many man hours were spent each Tuesday night on vehicle and equipment maintenance at no cost to the Town. Other work has also been donated, such as the air brush work on the front door.

When asked about the number of calls compared to last year, the Board was informed that there were 142 calls in 2003 versus 130 so far this year.

The Capital Budget was briefly discussed. Members of the Department felt strongly that the Vehicle Replacement Schedule keep on track to avoid the need to replace more than one in the same year. Recertification of the Ladder Truck purchased last was questioned.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT – Patrick Miller, President and Dorothy Cook, Vice President of the Morristown Rescue Service reviewed their budget with the Selectboard.

Mr. Miller asked if the Rescue Facility project needed to go before the voters, or if the Selectboard made the final decision. Chair Greenia explained that it definitely did have to go before the voters at Town Meeting and a net amount was needed. Dot Cook asked what the latest date was that the final figures were needed and the TA said they were needed by mid January in order to be included on the warning. He further stated that the construction project should be in the hands of the new Town Administrator and the Selectboard, not the Rescue Department. The Chairman agreed as the building is a Town owned building. It was advised that a member of the Squad, who was a Morrisville resident, should be available at Town Meeting to discuss the project and be able to answer any questions asked by the voters.

While reviewing the various line items in the Radios/Communications section it was asked why pagers were being purchased. Dot explained that they were not pagers, but units referred to as “Minitors” which were smaller radios and easier to carry around. When the TA questioned with all of the Homeland Security (HS) Grants available, why did they need to purchase radios with tax payers’ dollars, they stated that they did purchase some new units under HS, but they are still trying to purchase enough units to outfit the squad.

Cathy Voyer shared the information from Naomi Hatch on the USDA Rural Development grants that are available.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

TSSA:

The TA rewrote the letter to Wayne Fawbush and presented it to the Selectboard for their approval. After discussing the letter, they elected to strike one paragraph.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board unanimously approved the letter to Wayne Fawbush as corrected.

Member Paige questioned one Bourne's invoice. The Administrative Coordinator will refer the matter to the Fiscal Office.

TA REPORT

The Town Administrator stated that after he has his meeting with the Social Security Administration on December 7th, he might share the same retirement date with our dispatcher.

OTHER BUSINESS

FOOD SHARE:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the letter from Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc. regarding space and Member Voyer said it was a good idea to look at along with our future plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved into Executive Session with the Town Administrator on employment issues at 9:00 PM.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Selectboard moved out of Executive Session at 9:31 PM.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of November 2004.

Barbara Lowell, Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Approved

Date

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Nov. 22, 2004

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