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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2003

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Mark Struhsacker, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith and Mary Ann Wilson, TC

Guests: Steve Rae, MCC; J. B. McKinley, Library

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard approved the minutes of October 27, 2003 as presented.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

The Town Administrator presented a letter of thanks to be sent to all members of the Municipal Facilities Committee for the Selectboard's approval. This committee has completed their work and a new joint Town/Library Building Committee Board has been established. Each of the members for the new Board can convene during regular business hours and a timetable to move forward on this project has been created.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR NEW STREETLIGHT ON FAIRWOOD PARKWAY WEST:

On November 4, 2003 Scott Corse emailed the Administration Office regarding a request to install a streetlight at 208 Fairwood Parkway West. MW&L is willing to pay for and install the light; however they would bill the Town for the electrical usage. At the request of the Town Administrator, MW&L presented their recommendation on the need for additional lighting at such location. Mr. Corse explained in his November 10, 2003 email that the street is already adequately lit; houses on either side of the one at 208 Fairwood Parkway West have utility poles in their yards with street lights on them and with this being a residential street, sees very little traffic. He also stated that Fairwood Parkway West is a U-shaped street, thus keeping the speed down to a minimum. In conclusion, MW&L has a security light option that the individual can obtain if they so choose.

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EAB – PERSONNEL POLICY INFORMATION:

The Board elected to discuss the EAB information in Executive Session.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

DOG/ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES:

Board member Kellogg informed everyone that Cindy Buckler had moved back to her house on Park Street, along with two of her dogs. He reported that she had given away all of the puppies. The Board discussed the action that had been taken at a previous meeting regarding that Ms. Buckler must keep her dogs in total control at all times. Mr. Kellogg said he was watching the situation.

WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES:

Board member Bryer reported a message had been left at his house regarding water drainage problems on Union Street.

LIGHTING AT CROSSWALKS:

Board member Paige stated his concerns of inadequate lighting at crosswalks on major streets. Also questioned was how frozen culverts were handled in the past and today. The last issue was discussed due to a drainage problem near Norm Prive's property. Chair Greenia stated that there have been stormwater issues at the Sunset Drive/Langdell Road area for some time. The TA stated that Dwight had remarked that the old Fire Truck would make a good vehicle to use for cleaning out culverts.

BUDGET INFORMATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT & TOWN:

The Town Administrator discussed his conversations with George Cormier on snow plowing of the School facilities and sharing of costs for the School Resource Officer. Member Paige questioned placing the School's plowing expenses under the Fields & Parks budget, rather than in the School's budget.

Combining the position of Fields & Parks Supervisor with that of a Highway Department employee to plow snow during the winter months was again considered. This will be discussed further during Executive Session. J. B. McKinley arrived at this time.

In general, the Board was in favor of co-sharing with the School District, but some members were not in favor of the proposed budget numbers. The Board asked the TA to request whether the School Board was in favor of the proposal for the next meeting.

Mr. Rae reported that Chuck Mitchell was working on stream stabilization at the Oxbow. Jim Pease and Dwight Denton have also looked at this.

The Town Administrator stated that there had been many issues brought to the Board for consideration and as a Board they need to take action.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION

EASEMENT AT OXBOW REVISITED:

Member Struhsacker stated he did not think that Mr. Loati was interested in signing an easement agreement for the trail across his property. The Board agreed it might be best if Mr. Loati was invited to the next meeting for further discussion.

LIBRARY BUDGET:

The Board agreed to put the Library expenditures under the Culture section of the Town budget. They further agreed that it was no longer necessary to send the Library the annual letter, which outlines instructions on budget requests, reports and date requirements for the Town Report. It will be totally up to the Library to submit the necessary information.

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS:

Chief Richard Keith reported that his department had solved all the recent burglaries, as well as the arson at the School facility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard moved into Executive Session on multiple personnel matters at 7:30 PM with the TA, AA, TC and MPD Chief in attendance.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard moved out of Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

The following actions were taken as a result of discussion during Executive Session.

WAGE INCREASE ERROR:

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized payment to Lara Killian for the error in payroll as presented by the Town Clerk.

Discussion included allowing for additional hours worked and compensation to be discussed after the pay plan is in place and it is better known what is involved.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 11th day of November 2003.

Barbara Cochran, Administrative Assistant

Minutes are to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

Minutes approved ______________________ Date ______________