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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2008

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

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

Guests: Amy Noyes, Alex Garvin, Ashton Allen and Tina Sweet.

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

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. None

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fireworks Permit for Bishop Marshall-** The School requested a fireworks permit for Homecoming on October 10, 2008. Art Mead called several of the Board members with concerns about the noise of the fireworks. He says the noise creates havoc with his animals and a lot of extra work for him. He says he is not against people wanting to have a good time, but wants citizens to know what problems can arise if his animals are spooked by the noise and get loose. He suggested having the school call area neighbors to let them know they are having fireworks, and to possibly have children do a survey after the celebration to get the reaction from the public (neighbors). The Board thought maybe a survey was something we could do at Town Meeting. It seems there is a lot of discussion when fireworks permits come before the Board.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve fireworks permit for Bishop Marshall under the conditions they notify neighbors in the Jersey Heights Development, Oak Rdige Estates, and Mac Miller Road, and to also contact art Mead. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. **Cooperative Agreement for Rt. 100 Sidewalk-** The Town was granted $500,000 in Federal Earmark dollars 4 years ago for the reconstruction of the Rt. 100 sidewalk. It was later determined that it wouldn't be enough to do the whole sidewalk. Dan has been checking into the conditions of the money with the State Agency of Transportation. Dan feels that we could do a portion of the sidewalk including the retaining wall. A Street to B Street would be the portion that would be done if the Board agreed to the Cooperative Agreement with the State. It would still be 3 construction seasons before the work could begin. We have $50,000 in reserves for the project; the Town believed the match to be 10% when it is actually 25%, so we would need to come up with another $56,000 for the match in the next three years. The Board agreed that times are tough and the economy isn't great right now, but we will

need to replace the retaining wall at some point, before it slides into the road and doing it sooner rather than later may save money in the long run.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the Town and the State. Motion Approved. (5/0)

3. **Resignation for the Morristown Planning Commission-** Lauren Traister has resigned from the Planning Commission due to medical reasons. Her term runs until 2010 so we would need to find a replacement until then. When the Board did appointments in March, they interviewed the candidates for the Planning Commission. The Board agreed that rather than interview each candidate they could have a liaison sit in on the interviews with the Planning Commission and bring back a recommendation to the Board. Bob Beeman agreed to be the liaison and will bring his and the Planning Commission's recommendation back to the Board.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to accept Lauren Traister's letter of resignation with regret. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Snow Blower/Bobcat for the Highway Department-** This was discussed at a previous meeting, the Selectboard wanted time to review the information so the item was tabled for a later meeting. Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent discussed the purchase of a Turbo Toolcat with a Snow blower and sander attached. He feels that because the blower and the sander are attached it would actually save man hours because they would be able to plow and sand at the same time and the snow blower would have the capability of blowing snow into the back of the trucks, which the current one we use doesn't. The purchase of the Bobcat with the discounts is $47,526.99. Dave Yacovone asked if leasing the machine was a possibility. We have the funds available in the Highway Capitol Equipment Replacement Fund as it was on the warning at Town Meeting last year. But rather than deplete that fund all at once if we could lease or finance the machine then the money would be in the fund if we should need it for something else. Brian felt that we could purchase a snow blower attachment which would be much cheaper that the buying a new bob cat. He would like Bob to come back with prices on the attachment, Bob mentioned that we had discussed that last year and the snow blower attachment for the machine that we have is about $5,000, but we still would not be able to sand and plow at the same time.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to purchase a Turbo Tool Cat for an amount not to exceed $47,526.99 with financing (loan or lease) to be determined. Motion approved. (4/1) Brian voted no.

2. **MRS Purchase 2 EKG Machines-** Morristown Rescue would like to purchase 2 EKG machines instead of the one that was voted at Town Meeting. Joyce gave the Board a memo as she is on vacation this week, but it was not clear as to the actual cost of the machine. The Board agreed they would like Joyce to come to a meeting and explain the cost of the Machine and the extra supplies it may need.
3. **Highway Truck Note-** The note is for 2 years with the first payment of $43,000 due in November of 2009 and the second due in 2011. The note to be signed had the wrong dates so it will need to be changed by the bank, and will need to be the next agenda.

4. **Wage Discussion-** Mary Ann wanted to discuss a wage/personnel issue and felt that she needed to do that in Executive Session.

V. TA REPORT

1. As we are in the process of setting up informational meetings for the Bridge, if the Board has any ideas on where they would like to hold them, let us know.
2. Erica did a brochure with some of the questions that might be raised by the public with pictures of the holes in the bridge. Dan felt that the biggest question out there was why won't or when will the State step in and help. If we wait for State help it could be years. The bridge won't wait that long.
3. Dan went to Town Fair- talked with a few bridge construction outfits and is getting ideas of what designs we might want. Whatever design we choose, there will need to be a maintenance plan for it.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Todd Yando- None
Brian Kellogg- None
Shaun Bryer- None
Bob Beeman- None
Dave Yacovone- Financial reports- Is there a way we can get a summary of the budget with percentages of what has been spent?

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of September 22 & 29, 2008
2. Approve & Sign Warrants
3. Approve Grant Application for Tony Hawk Skate Park Grant

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter Executive Session for Personnel issues with Town Administrator, Dan Lindley, and Town Clerk, Mary Ann Wilson. Motion approved (5/0).

Motion made by Dave Yacovone seconded by Brian Kellogg to give Catherine Killian two $1500.00 bonuses, one now and one in July of 2009. Dave, Brian, and Shaun voted in favor, Todd and Bob did not vote.

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:30PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 10th day of October 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator

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