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SELECTBOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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

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

Guests: Heidi Krantz, Cynthia Buckler, Brian Kucejko, Ann Bjerke, Scott Corse and Mary West

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

ANIMAL CONTROL HEARING

Board member and Animal Control Officer Brian Kellogg presented the Board with a list of calls and complaints from June 8, 2003 through September 25, 2003 regarding Ms. Buckler's dogs and gave a brief scenario of events leading up to the hearing.

Ms. Buckler informed the Board that when she was at home, the dogs don't bark. She further stated that "Mickey", the dog in question had had seven puppies just prior to the attack on Ms. Bjerke and had never been aggressive in front of her before. Scott Corse arrived at this time. Ms. Buckler stated she has found homes for all of the puppies and as soon as they are old enough, will all be gone. At that time she will find a home for Mickey, as she said she would not keep a dog that bites. In her opinion, the reason Mickey may have bitten Ms. Bjerke was that Ms. Bjerke was waving her hands at the dog. Ms. Buckler questioned the Town's Animal Control Ordinance, especially the section pertaining to impoundment.

Ms. Bjerke explained that the reason she was waving her hands was that the smaller dog had come after her first. When Ms. Buckler called off that dog, (later referred to as Zoey) Mickey came out of the driveway and bit her arm. When questioned if the dog was now considered a vicious dog, the Board Chair replied that once a dog has bitten someone, it was indeed declared a vicious dog. When asked if she agreed that the dog had bitten Ms. Bjerke, Ms. Buckler replied in the affirmative. Mark Struhsacker arrived at this time.

Further discussion included: enforcement of the Town's ordinance, impoundment of dogs by whom and where, confinement of *all dogs* kept on Ms. Buckler's property, issuance of tickets and fines. The Board explained that there should have been several tickets issued to Ms. Buckler during the course of these complaints. It was agreed that the Animal Control Officer would issue a $100 fine and explained the Town's waiver policy of paying $50 if not contested. It was determined that tickets could be issued via certified

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DOWNTOWN DESIGNATION – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGREEMENT:

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard unanimously approved and signed the Community Reinvestment Agreement as presented.

With the approval of the Board, the Selectboard Chair signed the Application for Downtown Designation as well.

SEWER AGREEMENT:

Mark Struhsacker gave a brief update regarding discussions on the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement. He made reference to the agreement between the Village and Town of Johnson to use as a guideline. Discussion included: MW&L (or the Village) working as the contractor; PUD or Planned Unit Development; smart growth and who is in control of planning for it; control and ownership of infrastructure (lines) in Town right of ways, i.e. the H. A. Manosh line; rights and responsibilities for maintenance i.e.; capital costs such as pump stations, and upgrading of lines etc.; difference in fees charged for the Town versus the Village; and allocation.

Heidi Krantz reiterated that Jeff Staudinger would like to meet with both parties to work out the details. The Board and Scott Corse chose October 7th at 8:00 AM in the MW&L Board room as a prospective date, time and place. Heidi thanked everyone for attending and participating in the Community Forum and stated she would check with Jeff regarding date and time to meet and left at this time.

TOWN ORDINANCES:

The Selectboard agreed to revisit the Town Ordinance revisions at the next meeting, as no one had had the time to properly review the ordinances. Discussion included the timeframe required to post the changes in order to be able to enforce the parking issues in the Municipal parking lots before too much snow flies. Chief Keith stated that even after the Motor Vehicle Ordinance was adopted, proper signage was needed at the Municipal (Copley) parking lot. Information pamphlets would also be required for landlords and tenants. The Board took the following action.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adopt Town Ordinance #0807-1 Motor Vehicle Regulations as amended.

Proper notice will be placed in the News & Citizen and copies will be available in the Municipal Offices. The Town Administrator will check on what is necessary for signage in the parking lot.

their plans one way or another. Librarian Mary West stated that the Library couldn't do anything until the Selectboard made their decision.

The Town Administrator suggested the Selectboard, Library Trustees and Judith Harris should meet as a group. Town Clerk and Facilities Board Member Mary Ann Wilson felt that a site should be chosen and move ahead. She remarked that no one came forward at the Public Forum with any other site possibility for the Town to consider. Further discussion included projected costs and the inability to establish anything other than estimates until a location is chosen. If a combined Town Hall and Library expansion project is chosen, the Town would bond for one money for the combined project.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard unanimously voted to select the Library site as the proposed location for its new Town Hall and Library complex.

Mary West and Scott Corse left at this time.

- An update on the Brooklyn Street sidewalk project given. (See attached Warrant Report #03015 for ROW/property rights payment authorization for the project.)
- The proposed Budget timeline was reviewed. The Selectboard agreed to the special October 20th *Board working* meeting (to be held in the Town's Staff Room) to discuss pertinent issues in order for the Board to establish the upcoming budget.
- Fields & Parks and its relationship with Highway operations will also be a topic for that meeting.
- The Chairman informed the Board that the Town Hall project will undoubtedly be the biggest endeavor the Town and Selectboard have ever had. Financial responsibilities should be carefully reviewed, with mention made to the Library's Trustees initial statement of not asking the Town for any financial support for their expansion project. It was strongly suggested that research should be done to see what grants are out there to help with funding.
- The TA thanked Mark Struhsacker for his help regarding the sidewalk to the Oxbow property and possible easement across the Morrisville Lumber property.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION

TAX SALE:

Town Clerk Mary Ann Wilson informed the Board of the upcoming Tax Sale scheduled for October 23rd at 10:00 AM.

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 09/29/03

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on September 29, 2003

General Fund:

Warrant #03013– PR Related Invoices from pay PPE 09/20/03	$ 8,338.30
Warrant #03014- AP Unpaid Invoices due 09/30/03	$ 131,612.22
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 09/20/03 - Pd 09/24/03	$ 27,786.20
Special Warrant #03015 – ROW/Property Rights	$ 14,800.00
Manual Check Warrant – ML-03 (September 2003)	$ 47,464.67

Other Funds:

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Brian Kucej	105 Church St. H.P.	
Mary West	E. Cherry Morris.	