

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: September 8, 1998

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, William Moulton,

OTHERS PRESENT: Wallace Reeve, David Godfrey, Hunt Blair, David Alexander.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:00 pm..

GUESTS: **Wallace Reeve**, First Assistant Chief for the Fire Department, was in attendance to discuss the bids for the **Fire truck**. Mr. Reeve has recommended to accept the proposal from Conway Associates Inc. with the corrections that have been discussed with Conway Associates. The cost is \$158,163.00 and there may be an extra cost of \$650.00 or \$700.00 for minor changes. Mr. Reeve stated that it may be best to pay for the chassis up front to save on interest charges. Maria will contact Conway Associates and ask for a written contract and inquire about payment options for the chassis. Mr. Reeve will attend the September 14 meeting at 6:30 pm.

On behalf of the Fire Department Mr. Reeve thanks the Grimes Corporation for their help with the water supply at Peoples Academy. Thank you to the Police Department for their assistance at the plane crash on Sunday.

Hunt Blair and David Alexander were in attendance to discuss **Copley Health Systems**. CHS is purchasing the Manor Nursing Home by mid October. All local permits are ok and Act 250 is in progress. Construction for a 78 bed facility should begin by Mid October. Mr. Blair discussed a request for property tax abatement for approximately five years or until full occupancy. Mr. Blair explained the financial aspects of the facility and the need for a tax stabilization for the first few years. Mr. Blair continued to discuss the levels of basic living for the facility. CHS would provide the board with updated financial reports. Brian made the motion to start a process with Copley Health Systems relative to the abatement procedure to be finalized at a later date. The motion is seconded by Lee. Discussion; Hunt Blair will be the contact person for CHS and Maria will be the contact person for the Town. Passed. Ken Grimes abstained from the vote.

MINUTES: Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to approve the minutes of the August 24, 1998 meeting. Discussion; The minutes should show that Ken Grimes abstained from the vote under New Business regarding FEMA flood mitigation. There is also no need for clarification of sick time as there is no longer an issue as the questioned time card has been corrected. Passed.

PAYROLL/BILLS: Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to pay warrant 98-06 from the Recreation department in The amount of \$475.12. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to approve check warrant ML2 in the amount of \$68105.25 and warrant 98-10 in the amount of \$429.35. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to approve payroll dated 8/29/98 in the amount of \$21254.74. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Phil to approve the bills dated 9/8/98 in the amount of \$177659.01. Discussion; Steve and Lee had a question regarding the bill from Jody Barry to the fire Dept for \$108.00, also a bill for training from Mutual Aid in the amount of \$218.21. Lee will be seeking clarification regarding the bills. The two specified bills will be held until clarified. Passed.

AA REPORT

911 Maintenance is currently being done in the Selectboard Office. Please consider where the continued maintenance should be done so that we may conclude this at the 9/21/98 meeting. The handbook for local officials for Highways & Bridges is in my office, if you would like a copy let me know. The Town Clerk has suggested that Morristown be represented at the Town Fair regarding education finance.

DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY: Bill stated that he purchased a lawn mower for the Highway Dept. The Oxbow field has now been mowed and will continue to be mowed by the Highway Dept. A Public Notice will appear in the News & Citizen September 9 regarding bids for the Garfield Road. The bid opening will be 9/21/98 @ 7:30.

POLICE: Richard stated that the Police Dept. is receiving the average amount of calls. Richard was notified of the PA Homecoming Parade which will be September 18 at 6:00. Lee advised Richard that he has received another complaint regarding excessive speeds on Congress St.

HEALTH: David has received a letter from Louis Ferris regarding the completion of a septic system at his property on Route 12. David will check on this. A representative from McDonald's was to appear before the board tonight but did not attend. David will call the state Health Dept. regarding this.