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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES JULY 19, 2004

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

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith

Guests: Buckwheat Lowe, Amy Noyes, Tina Tomlinson, Scott Corse & David Lowe

James Paige called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

The minutes were postponed until a quorum was reached. Cathy Voyer would like the record to show that she had notified the Board that she would be absent at the last meeting. James Paige pointed out that on page 4 in the first paragraph it should be contract instead of contact. Brian Kellogg arrived at this time.

JUNK ORDINANCE:

Zoning Administrator Mark Leonard had prepared a new signature page for the *Notice of Violation* letter including Cathy Voyer's name and deleting Mark Struhsacker's name for the Board to sign.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board approved the minutes of July 6, 2004. Cathy Voyer abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSAL– VT APPRAISAL COMPANY:

A proposal expressing an interest to continue working for the Town as an Assessor was received from Ted Nelson, Jr. of VT Appraisal Company. Mr. Nelson stated that if the Selectboard chose to continue handling the Lister's functions in this manner, he would prepare an agreement to reflect the proposal that was before the Board.

Cathy Voyer pointed out that there were items in the proposal that didn't make sense and should be corrected as well as punctual and grammar errors. The Town Administrator stated that he had not read the proposal for content that it had been given to the

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator reviewed his report of the last two weeks with the Board. He stated that the *Act 250 permit* should be submitted within the next two weeks. A letter regarding the Town's intent to purchase a (10) wheel dump truck needs Board approval before submitting with permit. This truck would enable the Town to haul 25,000 cu yds versus the 20,000 cu yds currently allowed with fewer trips.

Paul has also been working with the ambulance organization with their purchases under Homeland Security and also on the needs of their building.

He stated that he was not having much luck on getting the information from the Engineer regarding what type of material is needed on Maple Street.

Dave Lowe will be presenting information to the Board on the work on the steeple.

James Paige reminded everyone that as Paul has given his notice of resignation, the profile committee should meet before the next meeting.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES:

BUCKWHEAT LOWE expressed his concern with the Selectboard's decision to put an option on the Cole property. He felt the Board should have gone to the taxpayers before making any such commitment. He stated that he had heard that Morristown was behind schedule with paving and he would have preferred the money be used for that instead. Mr. Lowe further stated that if tax dollars were not spent where they were budgeted for, he would request a copy of the Town's check register to see where his tax dollars are being spent.

The Town Administrator explained where paving would be done this summer as well as other road work such as culvert replacement etc.

TINA TOMLINSON questioned if the Town had received any responses from the survey on the Municipal Facilities that had been distributed. She felt it was a very good survey, but she was also upset with the $10,000 option on the Cole property.

James Paige explained the timing of the option was not a way for the Town to continue with the proposed joint project. There were several other issues that were factors in the

The Board thanked David for all of his efforts on this project and everything else that he does on a day to day basis in keeping the clock running.

HOMELAND SECURITY – MPD:

Chief Keith presented a purchase order to purchase a low-band / high-band portable radio system that will be reimbursed at 100% with grant money for the Board's approval.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Board approved $4,742 for the purchase of a new radio system to be reimbursed by Homeland Security funds.

The original grant amount was $6,000.

FIREWORKS PERMIT APPLICATION:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Fireworks Permit application from Clifford Manosh. The notice will be put in the paper and acted upon at the next Board meeting.

Shaun Bryer stated that members of the MFD were still interested in displaying the fireworks next year at the July 4th celebration. He explained that fireworks are pre-purchased (ordered) a year in advance. Cathy Voyer asked if other towns should be asked to help support this event as people from area communities come to watch the display. Other Board members said that it had been suggested at the previous meeting as well. Cathy thanked Shaun for all of his work and effort he put into the Fourth of July celebration. Buckwheat Lowe and Tina Tomlinson left at this time.

ACT 250 PERMIT LETTER:

The Town Administrator had drafted a letter to be included with the Act 250 Duhamel Pit permit that needed the Board's approval. The letter stated that the Board would purchase a 14 cu yd dump truck and we would be able to haul 25,000 cu yds of material per year. After reviewing and discussing the letter the Board took the following action.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board approved the July 15, 2004 letter regarding the Act 250 permit application for the Duhamel Pit.

The Capital Budget was discussed and how it is affected when scheduled purchases aren't kept. A loader that was in the schedule had been taken out, now the old loader needs work as does the tractor. Shaun stated that he had had a conversation with Chief Reeve regarding the Capital Budget and felt it needed to be discussed further.

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 07/19/04

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on July 19, 2004

General Fund:

Warrant #04002-AP Unpaid invoices for 714/04	$ 2,795.81
Warrant #04003- PR Unpaid Invoices due 07/20/04	$ 29,511.91
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 07/10/04-07/14/04	$ 36,994.05

Other Funds:

Recreation: Warrant #04-02	$ 4,027.04