MORRISTOWN

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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF June15, 2009

Members Present:	Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.
Department Heads:	Dan Lindley, TA; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Charlie McArthur, Listing Coordinator and Joyce Lanpher Ems Operations Manager.
Guests:	Dean Shedd, Tina Sweet, Alex Garvin, Max Paine, Paul Griswold, Bill Henchy, Bill Rossmassler, Reeves Larson Robyn Desrochers Hanna Plante, Selina Cote and Sara Haskins.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer, Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Remove Health Officer Interview- Will not be here tonight
2. Add Warrant Item to Consent Agenda
3. Add Alex Garvin for Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Update

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Police Detail Service Charge***- Currently we charge out $36.00 for the officer and $15.00 for the cruiser based on a 4 hour minimum. This has not been updated for 7 years. Proposing to increase officer charge to $50.00 and keep the cruiser at $15.00; this is the same that the Sheriff's Department charges.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Brian Kellogg to increase the police detail service charge to $50.00 per hour for a 4 hour minimum. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. ***Town Fireworks Permit***- request received from the Fire Department to display fireworks for the 4th of July celebration, with a rain date of July 5, 2009. Fireworks are provided by Northstar Fireworks and will be displayed by the Fire Department. An ad will be placed in the News & Citizen.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve fireworks application for the Town. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. ***Lamoille Regional Solid Waste***- Shaun read letter to support Alex Garvin the Towns representative on the Supervisors Board regarding the issues with the Supervisors Board.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve letter of support for Alex Garvin. Motion approved. (5/0)

Alex gave update on the progress of the Solid Waste District- the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the Eden Selectboard asking them to sanction their representative. The Eden Selectboard chose not to sanction Mr. Whitcomb. Mr. Whitcomb has been civil in recent Board meetings. Mr. Bailey sent a letter stating that Mr. Whitcomb had not been behaving in a derogatory way. Alex is looking for direction from the Board on how to proceed. The staff was mandated to take the sensitivity training perhaps it would be a good idea that the supervisors also take the training. Bob Beeman felt that they would benefit from this as he's taken the training and it is worth it. The Selectboard feels that they should support Alex as much as possible. Shaun will contact the supervisors chair in support of Alex and suggest that all supervisors take the sensitivity training.

4. ***Tax Anticipation***- Mary Ann sent RFP's out to five banks, some did not even bid. The two best bids came from Union Bank and Community National. Her recommendation was to go with Union Bank, as they had a lower rate with a higher return on interest accrued. Community had better spread basis points, but was offering a higher rate and only interest on what we borrow not what is accrued.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to award bid to Union Bank as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

5. ***Sheriff's Department Contract***- the Sheriff's Department will provide dispatching service for police, fire and centralized support services as they presently exist at a sum of $133, 613.27.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Bob Beeman to approve contract in the amount of $133,613.27. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. PERSONAL ISSUES

1. ***Resignation from Lister Tom Williams***- Tom has moved out of Morristown and therefore can no longer be a Lister for the Town.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to accept resignation from Tom Williams. Motion approved. (5/0)

Administration will advertise for position and send Tom a thank you letter.

2. ***Listing Coordinator Position***- The Board had recently approved the Job Description for Listing Coordinator but had not officially appointed Charlie McArthur to that position.

***Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Charlie McArthur as Listing Coordinator*. Motion approved. (5/0)**

3. **Recreation Coordinator Position**- Tim Scandale has accepted the position.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone for a 1 year term. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission- Selectboard discussed the previous hearings and the comments brought up by the public in attendance. Some areas of concerns are the proposed setbacks; 200 ft on Rt. 100 and the tapered setback on Trombley Hill. This was a

compromise that the Planning Commission came up with mostly to provide a buffer to a residential area. Price for Agricultural Soil/ Land was also discussed and how it was arrived at. This is set by the Department of Agriculture and Act 250. The Selectboard feels that the amount is too low and should be set higher. This rate would give money back to the community and help the Conservation Commission preserve land. The biggest issues that were discussed were the conditional use and the retail store size limit. Some residents felt that we should be more liberal. The Planning Commission stated that the DRB can only act on the bylaws that they are provided with. If there is conditional use then the DRB can deliberate on the issue; but if the applicant completes all conditions then the permit is granted. The store size limit is proposed at 75,000 sq. ft. to keep out the big box stores, but in order to have a department store, the average size would need to be 125,000 sq. ft. Other issues discussed were the Business Office Park or the (BOP) and whether or not it should be zoned for retail or just manufacturing. The Board thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work on updating the bylaws.

2. ***Recreation Program***-discussed with the Board the plans for the summer program this year. The Co-Directors plan to provide educational and fun activities. They will be provided CPR and first aid as well as some lifeguard training to keep the kids as safe as possible; there are 9 counselors this year. Depending on the enrollment there may be more. Chris Ransom mentioned that he would like to see an educational refresher worked into the program. The recreation program is striving to be the best program they can be and are a work in progress.
3. ***Bridge Street Bridge Contract***-final copy is ready to be signed. It has been reviewed by Cliff Collins as well as an attorney.

Motion made by Todd Yando, Seconded by Bob Beeman to approved contract with T. Buck Construction in the amount of $1,086, 196.00. Motion approved. (5/0)

4. **Personnel Policy Discussion-** at the last Selectboard meeting the Board had asked the PAC to work on the language of earned time off, and the cash in lieu of benefits. They worked on ETO and came up with a proposal for the time earned throughout the year will be put into the ETO and a "sick reserve" would be established that would allow employees to bank up to 96 hours at the end of the fiscal year as an "insurance policy" for employees in case they or a family members get really sick or has a hospital stay. This sick reserve would be accruable up to 320 hours. The cash in lieu of health insurance states that employees that have access to other insurance such as through a spouse will be eligible to be paid 50% of a single plan premium. This would be paid on a monthly basis.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve ETO, use of Sick Reserve and Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance of the personnel policy. Motion approved. (5/0)

The Selectboard also discussed the insurance rate increase for employees. The Employees agreed to a 2% increase each year up to 10%. The Selectboard agreed to not let employees go backwards in pay. Since there is no COLA raise this year some employees would be going backwards in pay. There would be two increases the 2% in July and also an increase in January when the insurance premium goes up. There was an employee's meeting to discuss this and many of the employees felt that it would be an issue for them financially.

Motion made by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Brian Kellogg to freeze the 2% increase and remain at 6% for this year. Motion approved. (4/1)

V. TA REPORT

1. Fairpoint still on schedule. The bridge construction schedule is still August 1, 2009 T. Buck will be setting up staging a couple of weeks prior to road closure. The detour signs will be up 2-3 weeks before closure to get residents accommodated. AOT has approved the railroad bridge for pedestrian traffic.
2. Bypass bridge to start next construction season. This is proposed as a two year process.
3. Joint meeting with the Village Trustees and the Selectboard is scheduled for July 15, 2009
4. June 23, 2009 will be the final hearing for zoning bylaws.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- Thanks to Barbara Miller for the apology; it is appreciated.

Shaun Bryer- VFW sign- property owners have a map that shows the street and would like to share with Town Administration and Charlie. The Library would like us to demolish the old handicap ramp so they can put in a new one. Dan will talk with Mike to see if he can do this.

Todd Yando – None

Bob Beeman- None

Dave Yacovone- 4th parade – Arthur Hooper would like to borrow the Town's trash pickers. Bob will locate them and get together with Arthur. Happy Birthday to Shaun.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of 06/01/09 and 06/03/09
2. Approve & Sign Warrants including the addition of a warrant for animal control to impound a dog.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (4/0)

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Dave Yacovone to adjourn meeting at 9:00PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 16th day of June 2009
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.