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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES JUNE 9, 2003

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

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Richard Keith, Chief MPD; Wallace Reeve, Chief, MFD

Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk

Guests: Steve Bousquet, Mike Stafford, Heidi Krantz, Ken Schramm, Dr. Terry Bailey, Steve Ames, Chris Ransom, Rob and Pat Lemke

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Senior Center. At the request of Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk, the first order of New Business, Tax Anticipation Note, was moved to first item of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

M. A. Wilson distributed a memo dated June 9, 2003 containing bids for borrowing in anticipation of taxes. (See document A attached.) The process of obtaining bids for arbitrage and the comparative calculations were discussed. The bid from the Union Bank showed the least cost to borrow with arbitrage and had the recommendation of Ms. Wilson.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard accepted the anticipation note with the Union Bank as set forth in the Arbitrage memo for the year 2003-2004.

GUESTS

STEVE BOUSQUET, ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE (ERC)

Steve Bousquet, member of the ERC, reviewed with the Board the status of the Morristown Development Fund (MDF) as currently administered by the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation noting that it appeared to be underutilized perhaps due to lack of public awareness as to its availability. On behalf of the ERC he recommended the Selectboard consider a list of proposed by-law changes (See attachment "B".) with the purpose of allowing the fund to become effectively utilized, gain exposure to those businesses which could benefit and become an essential part of Morristown's vision for attracting new business and growth of existing

PAT AND ROB LEMKE – VENDOR LICENSE

Pat and Rob Lemke of Elmore have purchased and restored an old ice cream vending truck and made application to the Selectboard for a vendor's license for itinerant food sales for the summer of 2003. They will attend community events dispensing ice cream treats to the public.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard approved the application of Pat and Rob Lemke for itinerant food sales.

(Lemke's expressed their thanks and left the meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of May 27, 2003.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the minutes of May 27, 2003 were accepted as presented.

AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Lamoureux & Dickinson Consulting Engineers have presented an amended agreement for their work with the Town of Morristown for work on the Oxbow sidewalk project. The amendment increases the original contract of $8,000 by $3,900 to $12,700. Paul McGinley advised that the increase was warranted because of extra services performed under adverse conditions. The amended contract remains under all other bids.

A discussion regarding the design and placement of the sidewalk, particularly in the area of the Morrisville Lumber, ensued. Members discussed discontinuance of the project and subsequent application of the funds to other areas of need. However as pedestrian safety, access and aesthetic considerations prompted the original plan, it was concluded that the Oxbow sidewalk should be completed. C. Ransom spoke to the need for safety in the area and attention to traffic control.

(Guest Steve Ames left the meeting at this time; W. Reeve joined the meeting.)

also expressed concern regarding the noise level of glider towing aircraft and suggested the town might consider investing in decibel measuring equipment to measure noise levels.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY REPAIRS

A request from the Morristown Centennial Library for repairs to the handicapped ramp, the deteriorating cement on the front step and the roof flashing was considered. All maintenance has been planned with the exception of the roof flashing. The Selectboard authorized the Town Administrator to resolve the issue of painting the flashing.

MPC RESIGNATION

Julia Compagna, member of the Morristown Planning Commission, has submitted a letter of resignation. The Selectboard accepted the resignation with regret and instructed the Town Administrator to send a letter of thanks for Ms. Compagna's service to the community. An ad will be placed in the local papers to solicit candidates for openings on the Planning Commission.

FIREWORKS APPLICATIONS

The Board reviewed applications from the Schribers on Stagecoach Road, the Lamoille Area Cancer Network Walk and Ed Wilson of Frazier Road for permission to display fireworks.

Public notification will be submitted to the local papers to avoid complaints. Member Brian Kellogg inquired as to time constraints on the displays. Also, the next meeting is the latest one can apply to get in the newspaper before the July 4th date.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the permits of the Schribers, the Lamoille Area Cancer Network Walk and Ed Wilson for the dates specified in the applications and to a time limit of 11 pm.

JUNKYARD PERMIT APPLICATION

An application for Certificate of Approval for Location of a Junkyard has been received from Jeffrey Foss of Lamoille Kennels, Inc. to create an area to collect metal scrap for

Events as listed in the Administrator's report to the Board were also reviewed.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Chief Keith acknowledged a recent letter from Virginia Burgess regarding speed limits on Rte 100 South. The extent of warning signage has been investigated and the Chief recommended the installation of five signs designating the speed limit as 25 mph – three to the north and two south. The Town Administrator will order the signs and the Chief will advise him as to the locations of their installation.

The Chief announced the closing out of the 2001 block grant, which was designated for overtime. An amendment has been written to apply the unexpended balance of $6800 to equipment -- $2500 for a ballistic shield with a light attached to be used when entering areas of high risk and $3900 for purchase of other smaller defensive equipment.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized expenditure for a ballistic shield and other defensive equipment.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The new fire truck is in Albany for outfitting and delivery is expected on June 24. The Chief requested permission to spend $4,931 from next year's allocation for communications equipment to be installed in the truck. In addition, purchase of three pagers will be discounted if obtained at the same time. Billing for the equipment would not occur before July 1.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard authorized the purchase of radio equipment and three pagers from next year's budget allocation in an amount not to exceed $6,000.

The Chief announced his application for a FEMA grant of $232,000 for air equipment, which, if granted, would require matching funds of $23,000. Application for a DOJ grant for upgrading equipment is also underway.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 23 at the Water and Light Department and will focus on budget items and issues as well as recommendations by the Committee charged with site selection for a new administrative building.