



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF May 18, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent and Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Matt Burgess, Chris Ransom and Barbara Miller.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Add Discuss County Collaborative

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Open Sealed Fuel Bids-*** Finance Department sent out bids to 7 local fuel suppliers. We received 2 bids: one from Jack Corse in Jeffersonville, for .50 cents above wholesale cost for both fuel and propane, and one from Bourne's in Morrisville for .14 cents above wholesale for fuel and .29 cents above wholesale for propane. Bourne's also offered a fixed price of \$2.18 for fuel and \$1.44 for propane. Jack Corse did not offer a fixed price and they did not carry the required amount of Insurance coverage, which is \$2 million in General Liability. Selectboard thought it was better to go with a fixed price.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to lock in a fixed price with Bourne's for both #2 Heating Oil @ \$2.18 and Propane @\$1.44. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. ***Set wages based on CPI-U Northeast-*** April's figures for CPI-U were -.1%. The Board specified to the public at Town Meeting that raises would be based on the CPI-U. So for July 2009, the only raises will be those that are due for longevity step increase. Discussed pay plan chart. Do we decrease by -.1% or leave it alone?

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to leave pay plan as it is currently. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. ***RFP's for Front End Loader-*** Mary Ann sent out 5 RFP's for the Terex front end loader, 3 were received. We received bids from Community National, Chittenden Bank, and Union Bank. Community National was the lowest at 2.35% and the Union Bank was the highest at 2.85%.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter into an agreement with Community National Bank at an interest rate of 2.35% for 2 year fixed note in the amount of \$102,000.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to authorize Shaun Bryer to sign the note with Community National Bank. Motion approved. (4/1) Shaun Abstained.

4. Chris Ransom Concerns-

- a. Community Garden- Flowers around the Memorial Rock have been dug up and weed wacked. Chris spent \$100 putting flowers in there only to have them mowed down. Bob Melfy said that no one was taking care of it, so Fields & Parks has been taking care of it. Also, there is a ditch to the right of the gardens that keeps overflowing when it rains; it needs to have the berm raised to keep it from flooding the gardens out.
- b. Chris would also like support from the Selectboard in regards to the grant money available for work on the brown fields through the Regional Planning Commission.
- c. Dog poop in the park: would like to see dog walkers go to another location, as there are people that do not use the bags that are provided. There are kids that play in that area and could possibly contract something from the dog poop such as hook worms or lyme disease.
- d. Would like to see the voting back to the way it used be by voting for separate departments. Chris would also like to see the salaries for each Town Employee in the Town report.
- e. Public Access TV- the two cameras that we have do not cover the whole audience. Chris would like to see if we can get a 3rd camera and would also like to have all documents that are being discussed digitized.
- f. Summer Recreation Program- Chris would like to see a more educational outlook to the summer program.

III. TA REPORT

1. Bridge Street Bridge Updates-

- State Funding for the Bridge- 10% match
- Met with Cliff about suspending the fiber optic conduit bridge so that T. Buck could start earlier. It doesn't look like we will be able to do that.
- Tree by the Bridge has been taken down; the stump will come out when construction on the Bridge starts.
- State has given permission to use the railroad bridge for pedestrian traffic when construction starts on the bridge. There will need to be some minor repairs for when that happens.
- There was some stimulus money for paving but we did not have a \$300,000 project that met the criteria set forth by the State to use the money.
- Met with Bob and the skate park committee, discussed best area for the skate park.
- Recreation Committee Coordinator Interviews will be on May 26th
- Job descriptions going to Department heads for review will have updated descriptions for the Board to review.
- May 26th & June 3rd Zoning bylaw hearings.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- None

Shaun Bryer- Top of hill by Best Street is really torn-up. Bob says Water & Light did some work there and need to come back and fix properly, but he has yet to get them to commit. Dan & Bob will go out and look at it.

Bob Beeman – Fairpoint traffic control seriously holding up traffic

Todd Yando – None

Dave Yacovone- should we have our legislature amend the solid waste statute to allow the Selectboard to retract supervisors. Also, can we show the planning commission and zoning boards how to use the TV to televise there meetings?

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of 4/20/09
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **County Collaborative-** reviewed notes of the first joint Selectboard meeting to learn ways to save money by buying jointly. Each Board was to review notes and come back to the next meeting with their top two most important choices/ideas. Our Selectboard felt that sharing positions like assessor's, animal control & planner might be good ways to save the Towns money. We also need to decide how best to communicate with each other, possible idea is listserv. Next Collaborative meeting is scheduled for June 11, at 6:00 PM at the Green Mountain Tech Center. Maybe Amy Noyes can get us a spot in the paper regarding the Collaborative.

V. ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn meeting at 8:00PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of May 2009

Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.