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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES MAY 10, 2004

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

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Mary Ann Wilson, TC/T; and Chief Richard Keith

Guests: Village Trustees, Oneal Demars; Dana Wildes; Peter Bourne, Richard Tomlinson and Andrew Jensvold; Scott Corse and Jennifer Manna

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the minutes of April 26, 2004 and the Emergency Meeting of May 3, 2004 as presented.

MPC BYLAW CHANGES:

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved to accept the MPC Bylaw changes as presented.

The Board discussed the section pertaining to the storage trailers further, but agreed to approve them as they were presented.

The Village Trustees and Scott Corse arrived at 6:15 PM.

JOINT TRUSTEES & SELECTBOARD MEETING

MAPLE STREET UPDATE:

Manager Scott Corse gave a brief update on the proposed changes. Total projected cost is $1,505,119.50 for the project. The Village plans to borrow with short term loans until the project reaches a point necessary to go to Bond. He stated that if the Town didn't proceed with the project, MW&L was prepared to move ahead with their portion of the project and would then patch the road where they dug it up.

Chair Greenia felt that this was too much money for a single street project. When he polled the Board the remaining Board members gave these responses: Shaun Bryer felt that we should take all of the concrete out at one time; James Paige was worried about the price, considering the Bond on the Town Hall/Library project he felt that maybe the Town should let them do their part and patch it.

Trustee Demars pointed out that the infiltration of stormwater from the storm drains on Maple Street might influence their decision on sewer allocation. When asked what the GPD from these storm drains were, Scott stated he didn't have those figures right off the top of his head, but he estimated 5,000 GPD. The average GPD at the MWWTF was 320,000 making the 5,000 less than 2% of the total amount.

Chief Keith arrived at 6:30 PM.

Cathy Voyer was in favor of doing the combined project and Brian Kellogg also felt that the two parties should do the project together, but questioned about financing by bond. It was explained that when going to bond, the project would go before the public first.

Jim Paige asked for the future when looking at capacity how much will it be increased and how much will it cost? Scott explained that for the cost, they base it at $10 - $13 per gallon per day. As far as increased capacity, usually the size is doubled and not taken in small steps. This project is slated for 2005 – 2006 per MW&L.

As far as the Engineering expense, $45,000 has been spent thus far by MW&L and they are looking to split the Engineering costs 50/50 with the Town. The project would all be done in one year with the exception of the sidewalk, which would be completed the following year. It was questioned whether it was necessary to have a resident Engineer on the job. Trustee Demars felt a Clerk of the Works could do the job of overseeing the project, without having an Engineer and would be a costs savings.

The two Boards agreed that they should meet individually in smaller groups to discuss the financing of the project separately then both Boards will meet again on Tuesday, July 6th. The expense the Town would incur by using Town forces was discussed, as well as pushing other projects back by the amount of time this project would take. Cathy Voyer and Brian Kellogg agreed to meet for the Selectboard.

The Selectboard agreed to share the Engineering costs.

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OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

FORCIER ALDRICH PROPOSAL FOR SEWER ALLOCATION:

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard moved to enter into an agreement with FA&A for the Sewer Extension and Allocation Feasibility Study in the amount of $4,900, which is being funded by the Sustainable Jobs Program.

SENIOR CENTER STEEPLE REPAIRS REVISITED:

Gloria Wing submitted a revised estimate of $9,500 for the repairs to the roof and steeple area and requested the Town increase the amount ($3,000) previously pledged to still assume one-half of the total expense.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by James Paige, the Board authorized up to $2,000 more for the Senior Center roof and steeple area repairs.

MORRISTOWN ORDINANCES REVISED:

On a recommendation by Chief Keith, a skateboard ordinance was added to the Town's Ordinance policies. The VLCT sample ordinance was used as the basis for Morristown's.

James Paige made the motion to accept the Ordinances as presented. Shaun Bryer seconded the motion.

After some discussion, the Selectboard decided to change the 3rd offense penalty in the skateboard ordinance to include a $25.00 fine with a $15.00 waiver plus confiscation of the skateboard for three days.

Cathy Voyer moved to amend the motion to include a $25.00 fine with a $15.00 waiver plus confiscation of the skateboard for three days. Brian Kellogg seconded the motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Jim Paige stated that he had revised his letter to the editor regarding the Town Hall/Library project and would email it to the Administration Office and to the newspaper tomorrow.

MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL/LIBRARY INFORMATION MEETING:

Mary Ann Wilson reminded everyone of the Public Hearing on the Town Hall/Library revote on Wednesday, May 12th. She would like to see as many Board members present as possible.

The BCA will hold an abatement meeting the night of the revote as well. Mary Ann asked for Selectboard support.

NEW BUSINESS

FIREWORKS PERMIT LACN:

An application for a Fireworks Permit was received for approval from the Lamoille Area Cancer Network for their Cancer Walk on June 26th at the PA track. Northstar Fireworks will be handling the display.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Selectboard approved the Fireworks Permit application for the June 26th Cancer Walk.

TRUCK BIDS:

Two bids were received for the Highway Department truck purchase. They were from Lamoille Valley Ford in the amount of $21,604.64 and Hayes Ford in the amount of $23,276.00. The Board asked the Town Administrator to see if both quotes were bidding apples to apples.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved to accept the lower of the two bids pending verification from the Administrator.

BROOKLYN STREET INSPECTION SERVICE CONTRACT:

This was put out to bid with only one bidder, Dubois & King. The bid was $20,000 over estimate, but both the MPM and the State's representative have recommended we sign a contract for this service. The Town's additional cost will be $2,000, our 10% match.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard moved to enter into an agreement with Dubois & King for the Brooklyn Street Inspection Services in the amount of $70,000.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Shaun Bryer stated that he has the information requested by Chris Ransom and would drop it off to him.

Brian Kellogg stated that the MFD Volunteers would like to construct a storage facility to house the 1927 Antique Maxim Fire Truck on the lot next to the station. It would be at no expense to the Town. The Board asked for ideas on what they had in mind for a building. Mary Ann Wilson reminded everyone that that space had been allocated for possible expansion of the Fire Department when the Municipal study was done on each Town facility.

Brian further stated that he had received a complaint on trash at a Bridge Street location that was being covered up. He was advised to call the health officer.

There was a question regarding hookups on power poles on Mansfield Avenue and whether an easement was needed from the property owner when the pole is in the Town's right of way.

Cathy Voyer informed the Board that she and Chief Keith had attended a Homelessness Meeting. This was in conjunction with CVCAC of the Barre-Montpelier area. Lamoille County is the only county in the State that does not have a place for the homeless.

Shaun Bryer stated that he had heard back from Shap Smith regarding the Railroad cars and they have been ordered to be removed.

The Town Administrator noted that he had been contacted by S. T. Griswold about the Railroad cars at the Railroad Engine House Property. They are interested in making a better turn around for their operations. He advised them to talk with Charlie Miller of VTrans.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the warrants as listed on the memorandum dated 05/10/04. (Attached)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The TA Report was reviewed. When the culvert at the Small Farm was questioned, Paul informed the Board that the stay-mat was temporary. He also stated that the Community Coordinator was distributing approximately 1000 questionnaires regarding the Recreation study.

The Board asked the TA to contact the Contractor regarding the work at the Mansfield Avenue and Washington Highway intersection. The Board felt it important that Washington Highway not be totally closed due to the need for access to the hospital by all of the area ambulance services.

It was mentioned that there is a sign in the window at the prior Ellie's Deli location for a new Chinese Restaurant. Activity at the Ames location was also questioned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board moved into Executive Session on personnel matters at this time with the Town Administrator and Administrative Assistant in attendance.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:29 PM.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board accepted Judy Stewart's resignation with regrets.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board accepted Dwight Denton's verbal resignation with regrets.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board moved to advertise for a Highway Superintendent with mandatory Highway experience.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved to advertise for the Assistant Clerk position.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board adjourned from the regular Selectboard meeting at 8:35 PM and moved into the Board of Liquor Control.

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board approved the Liquor License application from Tee Time. James Paige opposed.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by James Paige, the Board of Liquor Control adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully filed and submitted this 12th day of May 2004.

Barbara Cochran, Administrative Assistant

These minutes will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Barbara Cochran 5/24/04

Minutes Approved * (with addition) see minutes of May 24th Date

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 05/10/04

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on May 10, 2004

General Fund:

Warrant #03046– PR Related Invoices from pay Pd 05/05/04	$ 1,784.66
Warrant #03047- AP Unpaid Invoices due 05/10/04	$ 32,410.42
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 05/01/04-05/05/04	$ 30,842.26
ML-10 Warrant	$ 27,254.05

Other Funds: