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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF April 20, 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, Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director, Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator and Carol Bradley, Finance Director.
Guests:	Paul Trudell, John Myer, Alex Garvin, Isaac Grahm, Robyn Derochers, Lisa Barrett, Dennis Smith.

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 Executive Session for Personnel at the end of meeting.
2. Add Board of Liquor Control After New Business
3. Remove Discuss & Approve Bridge Street Bridge Contract from Old Business

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Appointment- two candidates expressed interest. The Planning Commission interviewed both and recommended Paul Griswold be appointed.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Paul Griswold to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. Library Parking- the Morristown Centennial Library is requesting the use of the Cole property for additional parking at the request of the DRB. This would help the library be "shovel ready" should they receive the Federal Stimulus money they have applied for.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the use of the Cole property for library parking with the condition that if the Town needs to reconfigure the property it can do so. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. Skatepark Committee- the Skatepark Committee met and came up with a few property that could used for a Skatepark. The top two being the property located where the Ice Rink is currently, and the upper portion of the Oxbow. The Board felt that the Oxbow would be a much better location as it is within the village, easily accessible, there is plenty of parking and it would be easier for the Police to monitor.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the use of the upper portion of the Oxbow for the purpose of a Skatepark. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Morristown Cemetery-
   a. The Cemetery Association had been discussing Rules * Regulations with Dave Crawford, the previous Town Administrator. The Board had not seen the Rules

& Regulations previously, and would like to review and research with Gloria Wing from Pleasant View Cemetery. The Board will discuss at next meeting.

   b. Laporte Cemetery- there is an ongoing issue with the property line and the neighboring property. It seems that there is not a defined property line and the property owner is using what the cemetery feels is their property for a wood lot. The association would like the Selectboard to survey the property line. Dan feels a survey would be cost prohibitive. It is possible that our fence viewer could meet with the property owners and the Association to come to an understanding to be outlined in writing. Dan will check on the statutes of the fence viewer to clarify the role of the fence viewer. Alex Garvin will get in touch with both parties.
   c. Lakeview Cemetery- there is a tree that has fallen across the road of the cemetery. The highway department will take care of it.

2. Recreation Commission-
   a. Bylaws-the Commission has been looking at the bylaws that were originally established for the Morristown Recreation Council, they reviewed some changes they have made with the Selectboard. The goal is to disband the By-laws of the recreation Council and adopt the bylaws for the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Council would be a committee under the commission.. Heidi Krantz will make the changes and have a final draft for the Board to review for next meeting.
   b. Recreation Coordinator-reviewed the Job Description with the Selectboard. The director would oversee the entire program and report to the TA as well as looking for other funding sources to expand the program funded by the Town.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve job description for Recreation Director. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. Hyjinx- has requested police coverage for 6 hours. Would require two officers at time and half.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Hyjinx request. Motion approved (5/0)

4. Highway Truck Purchase- Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent received 4 bids for a new Highway Truck and 3 bids for a new truck body. His recommendation is to go with a Mack truck with an American Truck Equipment body. The Price would be $127,694.00; the Freightliner is $6,000 less at $72,165 with the American Truck Body. The Board felt that in light of the current economy they would like to save as much money as they can. Bob said that any of the trucks would be sufficient They had tried them all out and they are all comparable. The truck would be ordered with a purchase order but not delivered or paid for until July 1, 2009.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the purchase for a new highway truck from Charliebois with a Tarco/Viking body made by American Truck Equipment at a total price of $121,825. Motion approved. (5/0)

5. Workman's Compensation Reward program- VLCT is offering a reward program to help reduce the cost of our premium. They would offer training to staff to help improve safety and reduce the amount of workers comp claims. There would be no dollar investment for the Town to participate.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the Town's participation in the Workers Compensation rewards program provided by VLCT. Motion approved (5/0)

IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. Renewal applications for R.I.L dba Malarky's Irish Pub

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer to approve liquor license renewal for R.I.L, dba Malarky's Irish Pub.

Discussion- Richard Keith, Chief of Police stated there have been 5 incidents since January; such as over serving, patrons and congregating on the sidewalk. They have been visited by the State Board of Liquor Control due to over serving. He said they haven't had any incidents in the last 30 days and things seem to be better. He feels that from this point forward that any new liquor license applicants should meet with the Board before getting approval.

Motion approved (4/1) Dave Yacovone abstained.

2. Request to cater from Harrisons Restaurant for the purpose of a wedding on Stage Coach Road.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve request to cater from Harrisons Restaurant with the condition that they notify dispatch the day of the event and they are made aware of the noise ordinance. Motion approved (5/0)

V. TA REPORT

1. Bridge Street Bridge Update –

    a. Met with T. Buck to discuss contract. Dan is waiting for numbers to come back and should have a contract ready for signing by then end of the week.

    b. Bob has been working on detour for the bridge construction- it is estimated at a cost of $36,000 for 3 months of detour.

    c. Comcast has already moved their lines and Fairpoint is working on moving their fiber optic lines, they should be done by August 1, 2009. Bridge construction is estimated to start the third week of July.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- none

Brian Kellogg- Animal control issue has been ongoing- he feels it is more complex than normal animal control issues. He feels that it is more neighbor vs. neighbor and is turning over to Police.

Shaun Bryer-none

Bob Beeman – none

Todd Yando – Is the Loader back yet? Bob says yes it is not sure what was wrong with it. Todd wanted to know if we had a chance to sell it if we could do without it until we get the new one? Bob said they could make it work if need be.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of 3/30/09 & 4/6/09
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session at 8:00PM for Personnel Issue with Alex Garvin, to include Erica Reed, and Dan Lindley. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to exit Executive session at 9:00PM. Motion approved. (5/0) No action taken.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to adjourn meeting at 9:01PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 21st day of April 2009
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.