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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: March 22, 1999

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair; Steven G. Leach, Lee Sturtevant, Don Anderson, Maria Ward,

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Richard Keith, William Moulton, Wayne Camley, Dottie Cooke,

OTHERS: Brian Kellogg, David Lowe, Min Cote

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:32 p.m.

GUESTS: Min Cote was present to discuss a fund raiser for the local snowmobile club. Min is proposing a two day Motorcross event on the Cochran road during the next winter season. Min was advised to obtain any local permits that may be required. Min stated that he would look into traffic control as there will probably be many racers and spectators. This is an event that Motorcross would run. Min feels that this event will definitely boost our economy. The Selectboard is in favor of this event, therefore Min will keep the Selectboard informed of the schedule.

David Lowe was present to discuss the clock tower and the need for repainting and some mill work. David is asking for maintenance only at this time. David presented two bids for the painting and discussed the project. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the bid from Southgate for 11,200.00 upon proof of insurance. David Lowe is to be the Clerk of the Works. Steve would like David to do the necessary millwork. The painting and millwork is not to exceed \$12,000.00. Passed. Maria is to have Carol deduct \$3,000.00 from the Highway budget and add it to the building & maintenance fund as the excess money for the highway garage project was deducted from the building & maintenance fund. Brian made the motion that the funding for the clock tower maintenance will be from by the building improvement budget, the building & maintenance budget and if there is any money left from the \$8,000.00 set aside for the conference room improvements. Passed.

MINUTES: Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the March 8, 1999 meeting as presented. Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The Village crew is slow right now. The Town crew has been plowing & sanding. The body for Roland's truck is now on. Bill discussed the **personnel policy** regarding Holiday pay and overtime pay. As the policy states now, if the Highway Dept. has a holiday during the week and then has to work on the weekend there is no overtime pay until they have reached 8 hours to cover the holiday. Bill asked for this to be reconsidered. The Selectboard decided to re-address this issue in July before the next winter holidays.

BID OPENING FOR A PICK UP. Wilson Motor Car - \$13,890.00 after trade in.

McMahon - \$10,526.00 after trade in.

Hardwick Motors - \$13,585.00 after trade in.

The Board asked for Bill's opinion. Bill stated that he would prefer a Dodge and he feels that Hardwick Motors has the best service. Lee made the motion seconded by Brian to purchase a Dodge pick up from Hardwick Motors for \$13,585.00.

Discussion; Steve would like to buy locally and go with the lower bid. Don asked if Hardwick Motors would honor the service policy on the plow. Yes. The motion passed with Steve opposed.

BID OPENING FOR DUMP TRUCK. Clark's - (4900 Int'l) \$47,768.00 + 2,500. warranty = \$50,268.00

Grappone - (Sterling L-7500) \$49,008.00 + 2028. warranty = \$51,036.00

Don made the motion to accept the bid from Clark's for \$50,268.00 seconded by Lee. Passed. Don will sign the purchase order.

Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the comp time for Bill Moulton at 14 hours. Passed.

Don made a motion seconded by Lee to sign the **Town Highway Special Funds grant** for the work completed on the Garfield Rd. Passed.

FIRE: Wayne stated that the Fire Dept. is preparing for the VOSHA inspection. A course from VLCT regarding VOSHA requirements was attended. Wayne is working on internal respiratory procedures. Wayne would like to attend an ISO course, however he will not be able to. Lee may be able to attend. Lee asked if there are any updates on the new truck. Wayne stated that Wally has requested a serial number to begin payment. As far as the external horn at the Fire Dept. building, the Dept. members would like that to remain there.

POLICE: Richard stated that there has been about 210 calls with 1 Detox transport. The new Ford Expedition should arrive March 26 or 27th. The company offered \$1,000 for the '92 Crown Victoria. The Selectboard will agree to take \$1,250.00. The SHARP program for 1999 has begun with \$17,000.00 in grant funds for the State. Jerry B. & Ryan B. will be attending

the Police Academy for three days. Lee asked how much it is to attend the Academy for this course. Richard stated \$250.00 per person. Richard feels this is well worth the expense. Richard stated that he has revised the vehicle use policy. Steve stated that he received a complaint regarding snowmachines on the Walton Road. Richard has not received any complaints this year, however he did last year.

RESCUE: Dottie Cooke discussed the Rescue Dept. schedule. There will be a EMS Conference 4/9/99, A CPR course will be held 3/28/99, and ECA course will be 3/19/99. The Rescue Dept. is working on a 25th Anniversary celebration. Hopefully there will be publication regarding EMS week. There is an upcoming rescue plan that the Rescue Dept. will be involved in. Lee S. discussed the rescue plan as well stating that this will take place 3/30/99. This plan will involve a mock explosion at the Pratt Reed building. Dottie stated that the Rescue Dept. will try to have a representative at the Selectboard meetings once a month.

GENERAL GOVT: Lee made the motion seconded by Don to transfer \$4810.00 to the Med Ded acct. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to appoint Lee Sturtevant as Forest Fire Warden. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Cemetery and Oxbow bids were reviewed. Brian made the motion to award the Cemetery contract to Lawn Rangers for \$12,350.00 upon proof of insurance, and the Oxbow contract to Darryl Draper for \$1,100.00. There was no second therefore the motion dies. Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to award the Cemetery contract to Lawn Rangers for \$12,350.00. Passed. Lee asked Bill how much time would be involved for the Highway Dept. to maintain the Oxbow property. Bill stated at least 4 hours to mow with some weeks needing to be mowed twice. Steve asked if this would interfere with the roadside mowing. Bill said no. It was decided that the Highway Dept. will mow the Oxbow for the 1999 season. **No bids were received for the feasibility study.** Brian made the motion seconded by Lee to accept the verbal bid of \$750.00 from Silver Ridge Design. discussion; Bill asked if a chair lift had been considered. Brian stated that the stair wells are not wide enough. BG-yes, DA, SL, LS-No. Motion dies. It was stated that the conference room should go out to bid as originally discussed. The bid will be advertised with the viewing and discussion to take place 3/27/99 for 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The bids will be opened 4/5/99.

BID OPENING FOR RAYMO PROPERTY -

Ken Sweetser - Remove all structures \$500.00, garage only \$250.00

Ed Bowen Jr. - \$3500.00

Brian Kellogg - \$705.00

R.E. Vize - \$0.00

It was asked if the dollar figures were to receive payment or to give payment. The Selectboard meeting was recessed to call the highest bidder to clarify the question. It was later learned from the bidder that he wanted to receive payment. The second highest bidder was to pay the town for the bid amount. Brian Kellogg is awarded the bid.

The Liaison Officers for the 99/00 year will be Don/Police, Phil/Fire, Steve/Highway, Lee/Ambulance.

Lee made the motion seconded by Don to appoint George Robson and Sam Guy to the Planning Commission and Tom Paine to the DRB for a 4 year term. Passed.

A letter was received from Peter Snyder asking for support regarding the railroad. Brian made a motion seconded by Lee to write a letter of support for the project. SL, BG-yes, LS, DA-No. Motion dies.

LCPC drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for the Morristown Selectboard to sign regarding Project Impact. Brian made the motion seconded by Lee to sign the MOU. LS, BG-yes, SL, DA-No. Motion dies.

The July 4 committee has invited the Town Govt. to participate in the parade.

OLD BUSINESS: The turn radius for the Municipal Parking lot was discussed regarding the entrance to the parking lot. The Selectboard would like the turn radius to remain as diagramed on the map by North American Consulting co.

PAYROLL/BILLS: Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve 99.10 in the amount of \$27,801.89. discussion; Steve asked if we should continue to check into Central Surplus with the mileage expense and having to move the equipment and taking the chance of getting injured or to buy locally and have the equipment delivered. This will be taken into consideration. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve 99.09 in the amount of \$5,460.37. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by don to approve payroll ending 3/13/99 in the amount of \$23,201.79. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to approve manual Check #11 for the Recreation Dept. in the amount of \$490.00. discussion; Steve would like Maria to ask Scott if the lights at the skating rink were put on a timer. Passed.

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to suspend the Selectboard meeting at 8:56 p.m and enter into the meeting of the Liquor control Board. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the liquor and tobacco licenses for the Morristown Corner Store, the liquor license for the Oriental Station Restaurant, and the liquor and tobacco licenses for the