# SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2001

Members Present: Don Anderson, Mark Struhsacker, Brian Greenia, Jim Paige
Members Absent: Lee Sturtevant
Dept. Heads: Richard Keith, Bill Moulton, Wally Reeves, Bud Geary, Mary Ann Wilson, Ken Sweetser
Guests: Eric Dodge, Scott Corse, Mary West, Stephen Jennings, Kevin Lane, Simon Hurd, Barb Cochran, Forcier & Aldrich.

The Selectboard meeting commenced at 6:03 PM.

HIGHWAY:
The Village is busy hauling snow and patching potholes. New parts have been ordered for the sweeper. The Town crew has been busy working on banks, ditches, holes and grading. Don moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve two grant applications under the annual Bridge & Culvert Program and Class 2 Rehab. Money is available in the budget for the match on these grants. Passed.

POLICE:
The number of calls has been steady. The roof has begun leaking again at the station. Julia contacted Wayne Chase to remove the snow. Richard requested authorization to purchase a patrol rifle and scope in an amount not to exceed $998. Money is available in the budget for this item. Jim moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the purchase. Passed. Richard requested authorization to purchase a bulletproof vest in the amount of $720, half of the cost to be reimbursed by the COPS grant. Don moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve the purchase. Passed. Richard will be on vacation April 3rd through April 18th. Officers will participate in the annual Enforcers vs. PA Seniors fund-raiser for Project Graduation. The School Resource Officer has requested lights/signals to enhance safety at the Copley Ave. and Park Street intersection. Brian asked Richard to review the request and revisit the issue at the next meeting. Jim mentioned concern for speeding on Stagecoach Road raised at Town Meeting. He recommended a speed reduction to 40 mph. Brian suggested that Richard conduct a survey and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

FIRE:
The Board reviewed an estimate of repairs for the front of the station. The previous bid on this project fell through. Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to authorize the repair project in an amount not to exceed $6,000. Passed. The Department and AOT have proposed an agreement for a controlled burn at 235 Wilkins Street. Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the agreement with AOT. Wally will conduct the burn two weekends before Memorial Day. Passed. The Department will receive Thermal Imager training on 3/31 and 4/1. The Federal Fire Grant Act will provide money nationwide for equipment purchases. A 10% match is required. The Board was in favor of pursuing $350,000 for the replacement of Engine #1. Wally suggested a special town meeting vote or bond vote could authorize the required matching dollars. The Morrisville Firefighters Association now has a web page.

GUESTS:
The Board met Planning Commission appointee Kevin Lane. Forcier & Aldrich Engineering Consultants presented a summary of their sewer and storm drain analysis of the north end of town. The Selectboard directed Julia to send a letter of concern to the state District 6 and the North West Region regarding erosion problems along the ravine on Industrial Drive.

OLD BUSINESS:
Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the 3/5/01 meeting minutes as written. Passed. Jim reminded the Board that they had been asked by Ken Schramm to take a stand on Act 60. The Board declined to take a public stance on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:
Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to postpone appointing Selectboard/Department liaisons until Paul McGinley is on board. Passed. Jim suggested discussing other meeting attendance at that time as well. Brian moved and Don seconded a motion to appoint Sandra Neely as Town Service Officer. Passed. Mary Ann swore in new Selectboard members Mark Struhsacker and Don Anderson. Brian read the following lawn care bids: Robert Audet, oxbow mowing - $1800; Grass Choppers, mow 7 cemeteries - $11,700; Grass Choppers, mow oxbow - $125 per mowing; Home Owner Services, mow oxbow from May to October - $2,500; Wayne Chase, cemetery and library - $12,500;Wayne Chase, oxbow mowing - $5,000. The Board decided to postpone awarding a bid until after reviewing the information with the Cemetery Association on April 10.

PAYROLL/WARRANTS:
Jim moved and Don seconded a motion to approve Warrant 00-67 in the amount of $52,069.89 and Warrant 00-66 in the amount of $35,066.33. Passed. Don moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve payroll ending 3/10 in the amount of $30,004.44. Passed. Don moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve Rec Warrant 00-15 in the amount of $112.82, ML-11 in the amount of $25.12 and ML-9 in the amount of $50. Passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Jim moved and Don seconded a motion to go into executive session with Ken, Barb and Julia on personnel, contract, union and litigation issues. Passed. Jim moved and Mark seconded a motion to move out of executive session. Passed. Jim moved and Don seconded a motion to ratify three employment contracts with Ken Sweetser, Barb Cochran and Paul McGinley. Passed. Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to accept Planning Commission appointees Kevin Lane and Julia Compagna to the appropriate designated terms. Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:
The Board discussed long range plans for the Cemetery Association. Brian suggested turning the financial management over to the Town Fiscal Manager. Don suggested drafting new bylaws. Brian suggested electing a strong president and recommended Don