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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES MARCH 17, 2003

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Mark Struhsacker, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith and Bruce Kelley, Highway Superintendent

Guests: Leon Whitcomb, Rhoda Bedell, Mike Miller, Kelly Rogers, Kevin Lane, Billy Coster and Jennifer Edwards

Returning Selectboard member James Paige and new Selectboard member Brian Kellogg took their oath of office prior to the start of the meeting.

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

TOWN PLAN 2ND HEARING

Mike Miller reviewed changes to the Town Plan as had been discussed with the Town Administrator, Paul D. McGinley. He stated the changes made were minor.

Morristown Planning Commission member Kelly Rogers extended praise to Mike Miller for all of his efforts on the Town Plan, as well as to the members of the Morristown Conservation Commission for their guidance and assistance.

Guests Leon Whitcomb and Rhoda Bedell, who were not able to attend the first hearing, inquired about expansion of municipal water lines to their apartment buildings. In prior years, they informed the Board that municipal water service had been provided to this area, until the lines got too bad and service was discontinued. The Board stated they did not control where Morrisville Water & Light provided water service, but informed them that a committee has been established to look at where the Town and Village should look at for the future expansion of municipal water and sewer.

Mr. Whitcomb asked for a copy of the Town Plan. Mr. Miller stated that all 65 copies printed had been dispensed, but after final approval more copies would be made and available for purchase either on CD Rom or hard copy. Chief Keith arrived at this time.

Both MCC and MPC members expressed an interest in having Mr. Whitcomb serve on their respective boards when there was a vacant position.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:
On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the minutes of March 3, 2003 were approved as presented. James Paige abstained, as he was absent from that meeting as did Brian Kellogg, as he was not on the Board at that meeting.

SIGNAGE:
At the previous meeting, the Board requested MPD conduct a survey of STOP signs in Town. MPD Ptl. Garth Christensen conducted the survey and provided a list of *Intersections without STOP Signs*, along with a priority need of High, Medium or Low. Chief Keith stated the list consisted of both public and private roads. Chief Keith explained that even without a STOP sign, by State law, a motorist has the obligation to yield to oncoming traffic or before entering a public street.

The estimated cost per sign and post as well as the amount budgeted for signs were discussed. The Town Administrator suggested there should be a map with the locations of all various forms of street signs, STOP, speed signs, parking etc. Installation of the new signs will be included in the Highway Department's summer work plan. Word was received from Peter Wright of Copley Health Care Systems, that AOT had provided the necessary Hospital signs and arrows and they only needed the assistance of the Highway Department for installation.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board authorized up to $1,000 for the purchase of STOP signs and posts to be installed according to the recommendation of the Police Chief.

It was suggested that AOT should be called to see if they would provide any signs.

PUBLIC ACCESS TV:
Member James Paige acknowledged a call from Ken Schramm (Lamoille Valley TV) regarding Public Access TV, as did Shaun Bryer. Shaun recommended the Town wait for the hearings to end before addressing this issue. He informed the others that Lamoille Valley TV is registered with the Secretary of State's office and Mike Hendon provides film for air on Public Access.

Board member Kellogg also acknowledged a call from Mr. Schramm. Member Bryer will be holding an informational meeting on March 25th upstairs at the Municipal Buildings small conference room. He has informed Mr. Schramm that no decision would be made at the March 31st Selectboard meeting.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard authorized the requested funding for the Hwy 30 BR 36 and TH 6 projects as proposed.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE REQUEST:
The Highway Superintendent reviewed his written requests for equipment with the Selectboard on the following: a) Small dump truck b) Bobcat and c) Grader. The Board discussed each request and stated that no action could be taken on the request until the required 30 day waiting period from Town Meeting was met.

Discussion included specs and various options of the dump truck, warranties, color options and purchasing locally. The TA inquired of the Board's policy and what percentages were used to determine if a particular item should be bought locally. The Board Chair replied that ten percent (10%) has been used as a figure for past purchases.

Discussion on the Bobcat was tabled until a later date. The Highway Superintendent stated that in addition to the list provided for grader prices, he had received a bid from Volvo at $144,500. No action was taken on the equipment requests. They will be discussed further and a decision made by the April 14th meeting. The Town Administrator would like to have the new truck available as close to July 1st as possible, to allow the Fields & Parks crew the use of the old truck. Chief Keith left at this time.

Other Highway issues discussed included snow removal and parking lots plowed that are not Town owned. The Board requested a list of lots plowed from the Superintendent.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Zeisberg Payment - MCC member Kevin Lane inquired of the $42,000 payment to the State for the Zeisberg purchase. It was explained that the payment request was included in the Warrant Memo that would be acted on later in the meeting.

Signs at Oxbow – Member Bryer inquired of the signs and trash barrels at the Oxbow. The Highway Superintendent informed him that it was under processed along with the "Doggie bag" receptacles.

Leo Lefevre property water issue – Member Struhsacker referred to a dam or berm built on the Leo Lefevre property that was causing water problems on the Stagecoach Road. The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to handle.

Flag pole request – Chair Greenia stated that he had received a request at Town Meeting from Boomer Cleveland. The American Legion and the VFW would like to install new flagpoles at the

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:16 PM on a personnel matter with the Town Administrator, Highway Superintendent and the Administrative Assistant in attendance.

At 8:20 PM the Selectboard dismissed the Highway Superintendent from the meeting while the Board discussed contract agreements.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard approved the agreed upon salary increase of $.50/hour for Dwight Denton as recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard adjourned their meeting at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of March, 2003

Barbara Cochran, Scribe

Minutes to be approved at the next Selectboard meeting.

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Minutes Approved Date

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 03/17/03

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on March 17, 2003.

General Fund:

Warrant #01-92– PR Related Invoices from pay PPE 03/08/03	$ 4,519.27
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 03/08/03 – Pd 03 /12/03	$32,561.30
Warrant #01-93 – AP unpaid invoices due 03/18/03	$48,947.30

Other Funds:

Warrant #03-01 for Conservation Comm. / Zeisburg Purchase	$42,000.00